

## COACHING THINK TANKS

**Instructional Coaches and Curriculum Coordinators are often the unsung heroes of our schools.** They support their colleagues; study research, initiatives, and best practices; and help administrators keep in touch with teaching and learning.

...Yet, they too often work **alone**.

Our innovative Coaching Think Tanks aim to **fix this** by building **community** with coaches across schools and states, **expertise** of child and adult learning methods, and **content knowledge** across disciplines.

### What are *Coaching Think Tanks*?

#### Intimate learning. Every voice heard.

Each Coaching Think Tank is limited to only 5-10 participants. Led by an expert from *The Educator Collaborative*.

#### We meet online, yet "in person."

Online eliminates travel expenses and time away from school. Audio and video webconferencing feels like we are meeting in person. Small size means closer connections.

#### 24/7 collaboration.

In addition to monthly online meetings, Coaching Think Tank members study for 6 practice-driven assignments. They also interact on exclusive sections of our Forum site: [Community.TheEducatorCollaborative.com](http://Community.TheEducatorCollaborative.com).



## Your Registration Includes



- **Year-long support, convenient for your busy schedule.**
  - Six, one-hour sessions (**fits most prep periods**) led by an expert from *The Educator Collaborative*.
  - Off-line assignments to extend Think Tank learning.
  - **Spread throughout the school** year. Approximately one per month.
  - **PLUS**, 24/7 access to exclusive Forum Groups at our Community site.



- **Research and Application.**
  - Study classroom-proven, research-driven methods of student instruction and adult coaching.
  - Six **practical, position-driven assignments** to extend the Think Tank and put your learning into practice.
  - Connect with fellow Think Tank colleagues to share your progress.



- **A Learning Network Beyond Your School.**
  - Active, live-on-camera **face-to-face** design.
  - Think Tanks accept **only 5-10 participants**, ensuring each member is able to communicate, share, and receive tailored support.
  - Educators from **across the country** develop professional bonds and share ideas.



- **Certificate of Professional Learning Hours.**
  - Receive a **certificate or digital badge** at the end of the Coaching Think Tank acknowledging attendance and **12+ professional hours** (6 in Think Tank, 6 in study for assignments, and additional Forum collaboration).
  - *Note: We are not a credit-granting organization. Check with your administrators in advance to see how this certificate may or may not apply to learning hours or teacher evaluation domain evidence.*

## 2014-2015 Sections

Sections are designed to be intimate, differentiated, and rigorous:


- Sections are limited to 5-10 members.
- Participants will appear live on camera and video stream.

Live sessions with leaders are approximately one hour each and meet for 6 sessions.

Assignments are given at the end of each session.

Exclusive Forum Group membership aligns to strand: New, Advanced, or Technology.

*Note: Sections are available until filled, please have alternate choices ready.  
In some instances, additional Sections may be added.*

 denotes during school day (for most time zones)


 denotes weekend

### **NEW TO COACHING** (0-3 years in role), for Literacy or Technology Coaches and Coordinators


When you apply:

- Choose a focus: Grades K-5 or Grades 6-12
- Select your top 3 section options (from any "N" level sections), list by preference:

N.1 Mondays 7PM EST/4PM PST 10/27, 11/17, 1/5, 2/9, 3/16, 5/4

 N.2 Thursdays 11AM EST/8AM PST: 10/23, 11/20, 1/22, 2/26, 3/26, 4/30


N.3 Thursdays 6PM EST/3PM PST 10/2, 11/13, 12/4, 1/15, 2/5, 4/2

 N.4 Fridays 9AM EST/6AM PST 10/17, 11/17, 12/12, 1/23, 3/6, 5/15

### **ADVANCED COACHING** (3+ years in role) for Literacy Coaches and Coordinators or Technology Coaches with a strong literacy background

When you apply:

- Select your top 3 section options (from any "A" level sections), list by preference:

 A1. **Close Reading with Young Readers: Studying Joyful (Not Dreadful) Emergent Practices, K-2**  
Fridays 9AM EST/6AM PST 10/10, 11/14, 1/16, 2/13, 3/13, 4/17, Christopher Lehman

A.2 **Build a Play-Based Curriculum to Support Literacy Growth and Engagement, K-2,**  
Thursdays 6PM EST/3PM PST 10/9, 12/18, 1/29, 2/21, 3/12, 3/19, Kristi Mraz

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## 2014-2015 Sections (continued)

**A.3 Structures for Studying Our Impact as Coaches and Keeping Energized All Year, 3-8,**  
*Wednesdays 7PM EST/4PM PST 10/8, 11/12, 12/10, 2/4, 3/11, 5/06, Elizabeth Lacy*

**☀️ A.4 Digital Reading Workshop: Organizing, Tracking and Growing with Online Tools, 6-8,**  
*Saturdays 11AM EST/8AM PST: 10/18, 11/8, 12/6, 2/7, 3/21, 5/16, Brian Sweeney*

**🏠 A.5 Do Our Classrooms Reflect All Learners? Supporting Gender, Race, and Multi-cultures, 6-12**  
*Thursdays 1:00pm EST/ 10:00 am PST: 10/23, 11/20, 1/22, 2/26, 3/26, 4/30, Dana Stachowiak*

**A.6 Classrooms in a Connected World: Harnessing Technology to Support Literacy, Engagement, and Agency, 6-12**  
*Tuesdays 8PM EST/5PM PST 10/7, 11/11, 12/9, 1/06, 2/10, 3/10, Meenoo Rami*

**Student Informational Writing for the Internet Age: Journalism, Blogs, Tumblr and Twitter, 6-12,**  
**2 sections offered:**

**☀️ A.7 Sundays 4PM EST/1PM PST: 10/19, 11/9, 12/7, 2/8, 3/22, 5/17, Brian Sweeney**

**A.8 Wednesdays 8PM EST / 5PM PST: 10/8, 11/12, 12/10, 2/4, 3/11, 5/20, Brian Sweeney**

### **ADVANCED COACHING FOR TECH IN ED: Literacy and Technology Coaches and Coordinators**

**When you apply:**

- **Select your top 3 section options (from any "A" level sections), list by preference:**

#### **K-5: Tech That! Marrying Pedagogy with Digital Tools to Transform Learning**

**2 sections offered:**

**A.9 Thursdays 5PM EST / 2PM PST: 10/30, 11/20, 12/11, 1/8, 2/12, 3/12, Kristin Ziemke**

**🏠 A.10 Tuesdays 11AM EST / 8AM PST: 10/21, 11/18, 12/9, 1/20, 2/24, 3/24, Kristin Ziemke**

#### **6-12: Tech That! Marrying Pedagogy with Digital Tools to Transform Learning**

**2 sections offered:**

**A.11 Thursdays 5PM EST / 2PM PST: 10/30, 11/20, 12/11, 1/8, 2/12, 3/12, Laura Fleming**

**🏠 A.12 Tuesdays 11AM EST / 8AM PST: 10/21, 11/18, 12/9, 1/20, 2/24, 3/24, Laura Fleming**

## 2014-2015 Registration Information

**To Apply:** Online only, visit [TheEducatorCollaborative.com/register](http://TheEducatorCollaborative.com/register)  
Mailing List Priority Date: August 15th  
Public: August 20th  
No fee to apply.

### Get Your First Choice!

Tip: Our Mailing List will receive  
priority application before the general public!

Visit [TheEducatorCollaborative.com/contact-us](http://TheEducatorCollaborative.com/contact-us) to join our mailing list.

**Admittance Notices:** Beginning Sept 2nd and rolling basis until Oct 1st.

**Registration:** Acceptance and Payment due within 15 days of notice.  
No cancelation or substitutions after 20 days from first session,  
prior to this a \$105 cancelation fee will be assessed in all cases.

**Registration Fee:** \$1485 per seat (*less than a typical consultant's one-day fee!*)

Sections are designed to be intimate, differentiated, and rigorous:

- Sections are limited to 5-10 participants, plus the group leader.
- Only one participant per seat, must attend all sessions.
- Participants will appear live on camera and video stream.
- *Please see our website for "Technical Requirements."*

### Payment:

- **Schools/Organizations:** Credit Card (Preferred), Purchase Order (US schools only, Term: Net30)
- Payment processed online, link sent with Admittance Notice.
- *Please see our website for "Terms and Conditions."*



## Technical Requirements

**Participants must have:** Headphones with built-in microphone (such as those that come with smart-phones); working web-camera (built in or external); a free Google+ account; open access to all Google products from the network you will be using (e.g. your school cannot block Gmail, Google Hangout, Google Drive); a working email address.

**Browser:** Chrome, IE, Firefox, Safari - current version back to previous 2 releases

**Operating System:** OS X, Windows, Chrome, Linux - current version back to previous 2 releases

**Processor:** any 2 GHz dual core processor or greater

**Bandwith:** Minimum: 300 k/ 300 k (outbound/inbound); Ideal: 2.6 mbps/4.0 mbps

## Terms and Conditions

Please see our website for full and updated Terms and Conditions.

No fee to apply. If application is accepted and participant is admitted, total registration payment due within 15 days of Addmittance Notification (Credit Card or Purchase Order as applicable). Unpaid registrations will be canceled.

Only one participant per seat. No cancelation or substitutions after 20 days from first session (including, but not limited to, non-attendance), prior to this a \$105 cancelation fee will be assessed for any cancelations or substitutions.

All application decisions are private and final.

## Questions

[TheEducatorCollaborative.com/contact-us](http://TheEducatorCollaborative.com/contact-us)

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