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SHESC Tidbits

2019 CTE ANNUAL FEBRUARY CONFERENCE

Hosted by the Kansas Association of Education Service Agencies (KAESA), the annual February CTE Conference is the premier CTE Conference in Kansas offering timely and practical sessions and workshops for any teacher, counselor and administrator. Last year's conference included over 500 attendees from 140 school districts and colleges in Kansas, our highest numbers to date.

This year's conference will feature keynote speaker Warren Martin, Executive Director of Kansas Strong. Pre-conference will begin February 11, 2019. Main conference is February 12 & 13, 2019. The conference will be held at the Manhattan Conference Center, at the Hilton Garden Inn. College credit will be available through Pittsburg State University.

Register: Visit www.smokyhill.org for a registration link.

Visit:

<https://kaesa.org/career-technical-education/2019-cte-annual-february-conference/> for more information regarding this year's conference.

VIRTUAL ACT PREP

The ACT® is a national college admissions examination that consists of subject area tests in English, Mathematics, Reading and Science. The ACT® Plus Writing includes the four subject area tests plus a 30-minute writing test. ACT® results are accepted by all four-year colleges and universities in the US.



At Smoky Hill Learning Center, we offer an on-line ACT® Prep course via Odysseyware that covers:

- Modules on English, Math, Reading and Science
- Includes orientation to the ACT® Prep Test
- 4 practice tests, each with 215 assessment items with rationales

This preparatory course is for **ANY STUDENT** in Kansas who is looking to prepare for the ACT® Test. All you need is a computer/tablet and an internet connection and you can prepare for the ACT® *anytime, anywhere and at your own pace*. The cost of this preparatory course is \$150.

For questions regarding the ACT® Prep course, contact the Smoky Hill Learning Center staff at 785-825-0435 or tmarseline@smokyhill.org.

Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities!

Dec. 4—Technology Cadre (Salina & Hays, facilitators at both locations)

Dec. 5—LETRS Module 9: Teaching Beginning Spelling & Writing (Salina)

Dec. 5—Recruiting and Retaining Millennials (Hays)

Dec. 5—Instruction Designed to Prepare Students for an Ever-Changing World (Hays)

Dec. 6—LETRS Module 9: Teaching Beginning Spelling & Writing (Hays)

Dec. 6—Strategies for Building Resiliency in Elementary Students (Salina)

Dec. 7—Medic First Aid (Salina)

Dec. 11—Focus! Choosing and Evaluating a Manageable Number of Initiatives (Salina)

Dec. 11—Strategies for Building Resiliency in MS/HS Students (Hays)

Dec. 12—Strategies for Building Resiliency in MS/HS Students (Salina)

Dec. 13—Strategies for Building Resiliency in Elementary Students (Hays)



VISIT: www.smokyhill.org for more information (detailed descriptions, times & availability of college credit) as well as links to register for these events!

Follow us on Twitter for our latest happenings @SmokyHillEd



SPOTLIGHT FEATURE: SHESC LEARNING CENTER

Do you have students needing credit recovery? Is your district looking for a way to increase graduation rates? The SHESC Learning Center has options available to help you and your district.

Increase your graduation rate and keep students on schedule to graduate with their class or help students graduate early with a Smoky Hill Credit Recovery account. You can save your district money and run your own on-site credit recovery program through Smoky Hill Learning Center's Odysseyware account for only \$100 per semester course.

If that option is not possible, with prior approval from school officials and verification of class(es) a student needs to recover, you can also send students directly to the Smoky Hill Learning Center to recover failed or incomplete credits to work virtually with Smoky Hill teachers for \$200 per semester course. For more information, call 785-825-0435 or e-mail Troy Marseline at tmarseline@smokyhill.org.

***May your holidays be filled with love, joy and laughter
this Christmas season. —the staff at SHESC***

Smoky Hill Volume Purchasing

Did you know that the SHESC Volume Purchasing program offers winter supply needs, such as ice melt?

School Specialty is our vendor for this product and provides great prices and service!

For information regarding our current, discounted price for ice melt, email Vicki Eustice, veustice@smokyhill.org or (785) 825-9185.

Start saving your district money today!



***Summer 2019
Leadership and
Improvement Institute
Featuring:
Dr. Bret Church***



It's widely accepted that leadership and continuous improvement is essential to creating the school systems that we want for our communities. While we have an abundance of strategies that will lead to the types of schools we desire, we struggle to execute those strategies and to commit to them long enough to see the intended benefit.

The Leadership and Improvement Institute will focus on three components that, when executed, can result in high impact improvement.

Join Dr. Bret Church this summer to learn more about:

- * Creating a Culture of Improvement*
- * Utilizing Feedback to Build Capacity*
- * Choosing and Evaluating a Manageable Number of Initiatives*

Visit www.smokyhill.org for the latest on all workshops and special events offered by Smoky Hill Education Service Center. Watch for more information to come for the Leadership and Improvement Institute!