



The Power of Comprehension

Curriculum & Instruction Professional Learning Conference
San Antonio Independent School District, August 2007

FAQs for Teachers, Counselors, CICs, Librarians, and Administrators

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1. When and where are the professional learning sessions scheduled?

ELEMENTARY AND ELEMENTARY ACADEMIES: Teachers (regular, bilingual, MRTs, and special education teachers) assigned to elementary grade levels, whether in an academy or elementary school, will report to four ½ day content sessions on August 17 and 20 and one ½ day planning session on August 21. Teachers should report to the campuses as noted below and carpool from their assigned elementary campuses. Specific session room numbers are available [online](#) and through the campus principal.

Dates	Time	Grade	Campus (Session Location)
Friday, August 17 (all day)	Morning Session: Sign-in at 8:00 AM Session Begins at 8:30 AM Session Ends at 11:30 AM Lunch 11:30-12:45 – on your own Afternoon Session: Sign-in at 12:45 PM Session Begins at 1:00 PM Session Ends at 4:00 PM	PK-K	Highlands HS 3118 Elgin St./78210 Tel. 333-0421
		First	Rhodes Middle School 3000 Tampico/78207 Tel. 433-5092
Monday, August 20 (all day)		Second	Harris Middle School 325 Pruitt Avenue/78204 Tel. 226-4952
		Third	Irving Middle School 1300 Delgado Street/78207 Tel. 734-2937
Tuesday, August 21 (AM session only)		Fourth	Lowell Middle School 919 Thompson Place/78226 Tel. 223-4741
		Fifth	Page Middle School 401 Berkshire Avenue/78210 Tel. 533-7331
		Counselors	Navarro Academy 623 S. Pecos St /78207 Tel. 224-5700
		MRTs	Various Locations

LIBRARIANS, COUNSELORS, SOCIAL WORKERS, PE & SPECIAL EDUCATION (BAC, LS, TLC, SSP)- REFER TO SECONDARY SCHEDULES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES

Please refer to the Power of Comprehension Conference website at <http://www.saisd.net/ADMIN/curric/power/index.html> for the most up-to-date information.

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SECONDARY AND SECONDARY ACADEMIES: Teachers (regular, special education, and electives) assigned to middle schools or high schools will report to 2 full day sessions, August 17 and 20, and one ½ day planning session on August 21. English Language Arts teachers will meet for 3 full-day sessions. Teachers should report to the campuses as noted below. Specific session room numbers are available [online](#) and through the campus principal.

Dates	Time	Content	Campus (Session Location)	Carpool Parking for Secondary Campuses
Friday, Aug 17 (all day) Monday, Aug 20 (all day) Tuesday, Aug 21 (AM session; PM session return to campus)	Morning Session: Sign-in at 8:00 AM Session Begins at 8:30 AM Session Ends at 11:30 AM Lunch 11:30-12:45 – on your own Afternoon Session: Sign-in at 12:45 PM Session Begins at 1:00 PM Session Ends at 4:00 PM	ELA/ELA GEC ESL/ESOL Journalism ELA Electives ELA MRTs	DAY 1: Friday, August 17 Davis Middle School 4702 E. Houston/78220 Tel. 662-8184 DAY 2 & 3: Monday & Tuesday August 20 & 21 Region 20 Service Center 1314 Hines/78208 Tel. 370-5200	DAY 1: Additional parking available at Sam Houston (4635 E. Houston St.) DAY 2 & 3: Region 20 Service Center (sufficient parking available)
		LOTE	Day 1: Friday, August 17 with ELA; Day 2 & 3: Monday & Tuesday August 20 & 21 with LOTE Davis Middle School 4702 E. Houston/78220 Tel. 662-8184	Additional parking available at Sam Houston (4635 E. Houston St.)
		Math GEC	Lanier HS 1514 W. Durango/78207 Tel. 223-2926	Additional parking available at Tafolla MS (Carpool from neighboring elementary schools)
		Science	Edison HS 701 Santa Monica/78210 Tel. 733-9147	Additional carpool parking available at the Alamo Convocation
		Social Studies	Fox Tech HS 637 N. Main/78205 Tel. 226-5103	Additional carpool parking available at the Alamo Convocation
		CTE & GO Center Staff ROTC/ Freshmen Prep	Jefferson HS 723 Donaldson St./78201 Tel. 736-1981	Additional carpool parking available at the Alamo Convocation
		Fine Arts	Brackenridge HS Music Facility 400 Eagleland/78210 Tel. 533-8144	Adequate parking available

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LIBRARIANS, COUNSELORS, PE, ATHLETICS & SPECIAL EDUCATION (BAC, LS, TLC, SSP)

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Friday, August 17 (all day)	Morning Session: Sign-in at 8:00 AM Session Begins at 8:30 AM Session Ends at 11:30 AM	Librarians (all levels)	Johnson Center 1811 S. Laredo St./78207 Tel. 227-4330	N/A
Monday, August 20 (all day)	Lunch 11:30-12:45 – on your own	Special Education Resource Teachers (GEC) - Information updated 7/31	Same as Secondary Content Area	Same as Elementary
Tuesday, August 21 (AM session; PM session return to campus)	Afternoon Session: Sign-in at 12:45 PM Session Begins at 1:00 PM Session Ends at 4:00 PM	VI, AI teachers, Speech Therapists, Braillists, Sign Language Interpreters (all levels)	Cooper MS 1700 Tampico/78207 Tel. 223-9031	Parking available at Cooper MS
		Behavior Academic Curriculum (BAC), Lifestrades (LS), and Total Learning Curriculum (TLC) teachers	Wheatley MS 415 Gabriel St./78202 Tel. 227-3921	Carpool from neighboring elementary schools
		Student Support Personnel (SSP) – para professionals, except those who support the Pre-School Program for Children with Disabilities (PPCD) and TLC SSPs	Connell MS 400 Hot Wells/78223 Tel. 534-6511	Carpool from neighboring elementary schools
Friday, Aug 17 (all day)	Same	Counselors (Middle & High Schools)	Navarro Academy 623 S. Pecos St /78207 Tel. 224-5700	Parking available at Navarro Academy
Monday, Aug 20 (report to home campus)				
Tuesday, Aug 21 (AM session; PM session return to campus)				
Aug 17, 20 & 21	N/A	Social Workers	Report to your campus	N/A
Aug 17	Morning Session: Sign-in 8:00 AM Session Begins at 8:30 AM Session Ends at 11:30 AM Lunch: 11:30-12:45 – on your own	PE/Health	Hawthorne Academy 115 W. Josephine/78212 Tel. 733-1321	Carpool from neighboring elementary schools
Aug 17	Afternoon Session: Sign-in at 12:45 PM Session Begins at 1:00 PM Session Ends at 4:00 PM	Athletics Coaches	Burbank HS 1002 Edwards/78204 Tel. 532-4241	Parking available at Burbank HS; carpooling is recommended
Aug 20 (all day)	Morning Session: Sign-in at 8:00 AM Session Begins at 8:30 AM Session Ends at 11:30 AM			
Aug 21 8:30-11:30 AM only	Lunch 11:30-12:45 – on your own			
	Lunch: 11:30-12:45 – on your own	PE/Health	Hawthorne Academy 115 W. Josephine/78212 Tel. 733-1321	Carpool from neighboring elementary schools
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2. Are we required to attend the sessions?

Yes, these are required SAISD professional learning sessions and all teachers are expected to participate. Attendance will be collected and provided to the campus administrators.

3. Do I need to register for the session?

All teachers (regular, bilingual, elective, MRTs, and special education) are pre-registered and will **NOT** have to register through e-path. You have been assigned to a specific professional learning session based on your grade level or content area. This information is available [online](#) or through your campus principal. Only campus administrators and CICs will need to register on e-Path to ensure session availability on a first come first served basis.

4. What will be covered in the professional learning sessions?

The sessions are customized for each content area and grade level and will include:

- Increase depth of understanding of the TEKS to support achievement and the execution of the SAISD Scope and Sequence
- Improve student literacy by incorporating comprehension processes and writing for learning in the content areas
- Enhance instruction through differentiated strategies and best practices
- Provide and model relevant hands-on lessons that can be replicated in the classroom
- Improve instruction through Level 5 planning processes

5. From where should we carpool?

Parking is very limited and no district transportation will be provided. You will need to make arrangements to carpool. See parking guides [online](#) or contact your campus principal for parking recommendations for secondary schools. Elementary schools and academies should plan to carpool from their home campuses.

6. Will breakfast, snacks and/or lunch be provided?

Each morning, juice and coffee will be provided and lunch will be on your own. A restaurant guide for the area will be available onsite and [online](#).

7. What should I bring to the sessions besides a notepad and a pen/pencil?

Subject	Elementary	Secondary
PK-K	All will be provided at the session.	All will be provided at the session.
ELA		ELA Elective Teachers - Bring your State adopted TE SpringBoard Year 1 & Year 3 - Bring your SpringBoard Teacher's Edition SpringBoard Year 3 - Bring your State adopted literature book
Reading/Writing	Scott Foresman Teacher's Edition, Vol. 1, for the planning session Tuesday, Aug. 21 at 8:30 AM. Teachers in grades K-3 should also bring Unit 1 of Links to Reading First	
Math	Teacher's Edition for the planning session Tuesday, August 21 at 8:30 AM	Teacher's Edition for the planning session Tuesday, August 21 at 8:30 AM
Science	Teacher's Edition for the planning session Tuesday, August 21 at 8:30 AM	Teacher's Edition for the planning session Tuesday, August 21 at 8:30 AM
Social Studies	TBA	TBA
CTE & GO Center Staff		Scope and Sequence/TEKS/Syllabus
ROTC		All will be provided at the session.
Freshmen Prep		Freshman Prep Binders
LOTE	N/A	Scope & Sequence for the 1 st nine weeks
PE/Health	All will be provided at the session.	High School PE Coaches will need their Pocket PCs – August 17, 20, and 21 High School Health teachers will need the Teacher's Edition – August 17, 20, and 21
Fine Arts	All will be provided at the session.	Band Directors will need the Teacher's Edition for August 20 and 21
Librarians (all levels)	TBA	TBA

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Behavior Academic Curriculum (BAC), Lifestrides (LS), and Total Learning Curriculum (TLC) teachers	All will be provided at the session.	All will be provided at the session.
Student Support Personnel (SSP) – para professionals, except those who support the Pre-School Program for Children with Disabilities (PPCD)	All will be provided at the session.	All will be provided at the session.

8. What happens if I have an emergency and will be late or cannot attend the session(s)?

Please make arrangements with your campus administrators on how to best communicate with each other during the conference days as the host campuses and registration areas will **not** be able to relay messages to your campus principal. Contact your campus principal. Attendance will be communicated to principals.

9. Will I receive a certificate for having attended the session?

Yes. You will receive a Continuing Professional Education (CPE) certificate at the end of each session during the conference days. If you arrive late, after the attendance sheets have been collected, you will **not** be provided with a certificate for that session. Your principal will determine how much credit you will receive for any session in which you did not have full attendance.

10. What is the professional dress attire for the conference?

This is a professional meeting and all attendees are expected to dress professionally. We do recommend that you wear comfortable shoes in the event that you may need to park at a distance. The following attire is considered inappropriate:

- Skorts, shorts, knee length pants
- Jeans
- Beachwear sandals, Crocs or similar type footwear
- T-Shirts, spaghetti straps, muscle shirts, sundresses or similar tops

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