

## ***Literacy Across the Curriculum***

We would like to invite applications for the following professional development program for educators from schools participating in the Southeast Regional Network of Michigan Middle Start, an educational reform program focusing on middle grades schools. We encourage applications and nominations for participation from educators at these schools who are engaged in school improvement efforts with their colleagues, and may be able to facilitate study groups or other professional development focusing on literacy across the curriculum.

Many middle school students find reading increasingly challenging. Secondary content teachers assign increasingly complex and larger amounts of text for students to read on their own. Teachers, versed in their content areas, do not view themselves as literacy specialists. Students need to have these content processing skills embedded in the teaching of the content.

The Southeast Regional Network of Michigan Middle Start is offering this workshop series for up to 25 teachers from the participating schools. This workshop series will qualify for CEU credit, and is also being offered as a graduate course through the University of Michigan School of Education for the Fall 2005 semester at a significantly reduced tuition, for those who wish to receive such credit.

The course will focus on content literacy professional development. Teachers from all four content areas (math, science, ELA, social studies) in different schools will come together to study strategies for teaching content literacy. Each teacher will be required to implement scientifically based content literacy teaching strategies in his/her classroom and to document and study the process of their teaching. Ultimately, these teachers will be prepared to offer professional development in their school/district and may even be qualified as the type of literacy coach called for in pending legislation at the federal level.

If more than 25 teachers indicate interest in the course, we will select teachers based on the following criteria:

- content area mastery
- stability of teaching assignment
- range of teachers from all four content areas
- geographic distribution

Dates for the course are: February 16, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 29, September 21 and two additional dates to be determined by participants in the course. These will be from 8:30am to 3:30pm at the Teacher Center in the South Redford Administration Building (26141 Schoolcraft; near I-96, between Inkster and Beech Daly Roads). Lunch will be provided.

The course will be taught by Dr. Elizabeth Birr-Moje, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor of Literacy, Language, and Culture, at the University of Michigan School of Education. For more information about the course, contact Stephen Best ([sdbest@umich.edu](mailto:sdbest@umich.edu)).

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Educator Application

Educators wishing to participate in the Literacy Across the Curriculum workshop series sponsored by the Southeast Regional Network of Michigan Middle Start should complete the following form, and mail or fax the form to the address at the bottom of the page by February 7. Participants accepted to the workshop series will be contacted shortly thereafter.

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Current School \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_ Years in this position \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_ Subject area \_\_\_\_\_

College degrees, college, and date (example: MA in Science Education, Wayne State, 2002):

Degree	Concentration	College/University	Year (of degree)
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Are you currently enrolled in a graduate program? (If so, state location and program) \_\_\_\_\_

Teaching Certifications (include subject area and grade level) \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Teaching Positions (include school, subject/grade, and years taught) \_\_\_\_\_

Will you want to take this workshop series for graduate credit? \_\_\_\_\_

Please send to Michigan Middle Start, c/o Stephen Best, 4047 School of Education, 610 E. University, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1259 or FAX to 734-615-5245 (attention Steve Best).