

Here's a Sunny Opportunity . . .

Teachers at all stages of their work lives need professional development in order to keep up to date and keep from growing stale. Observing other teachers as they teach is one of the best ways to learn new teaching methods. Presenting a lesson for other teachers is a great opportunity to grow as a teacher leader as well. This kind of teaching sharing and dialogue is believed by many experts to alleviate such problems as teacher burnout and lack of teacher effectiveness. In the "Teaching FACS with the Brain in Mind" seminar, we will schedule three to six mini-lessons to be presented by teachers attending. The lesson presenters will be chosen on a first-come, first-serve volunteer basis. Each lesson will be presented three times in succession to one-third of teachers attending at a time. Thirty minutes will be allowed per lesson. Lessons will be taught to small groups of teachers who are role-playing middle or high school students. We recommend planning 20 minutes of teaching-learning activities and leaving 10 minutes for question and answer time.

You are encouraged to volunteer as a model lesson presenter for the Brain in Mind workshop or for Summer Conference. You need to select a lesson topic from a middle or high school FACS course for which you will demonstrate a creative teaching strategy. Prepare handouts and materials, if needed. Bring with you any special equipment you may need, including a drop cord for electrical hookups. Let Dr. Meek know if you will need any AV equipment. You will have 30 minutes for the mini-lesson. We recommend that you plan a 20-minute lesson so that you will have 10 minutes left for questions/discussion. Plan to deliver the same mini-lesson three times in succession while small groups rotate from lesson to lesson.

To volunteer to be a mini-lesson presenter, you should send the following information at least four weeks prior to the seminar to Dr. Janis Meek at Jmeek@dpi.state.nc.us. If you have questions, you may call her at 919.807.4014 or 252.456.2664. The first six volunteers who are registered with NC-DPI for the seminar and who send this form to Dr. Meek will be our model lesson presenters. The next three volunteers will be listed as alternates in the event of subsequent changes. All volunteers will receive a reply confirming the list of presenters and alternates. Thanks for your willingness to be a teacher leader!

Yes, I volunteer to present a FACS model lesson!

Name _____ E-mail Address _____

School _____ Home Tel. _____

Title or Topic of Model Lesson _____

Remember to send your replies as soon as possible for a better chance of being on the presenter list.

You can be a FACS teacher leader!