

# Charter School Specialists Professional Development Catalog

2023-2024 Catalog



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## Workplace Literacy: A Schools Forward Convening

As part of CSS's School Forward Initiative, CSS will host a workplace literacy convening designed to focus on workplace literacy and help dropout prevention and recovery schools better prepare their students for the literacy requirements of the workplace.

When: November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Where: Columbus State Community College  
Time: 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

The workshop is intended for school leaders, academic leaders, and teachers from dropout prevention and recovery schools sponsored by CSS.

For more information about the Workplace Literacy event and any other trainings listed in the catalogue, email Molly Chase at [MChase@Charterschoolspec.com](mailto:MChase@Charterschoolspec.com).

## Ongoing Opportunities Available

Science of Reading Workshops  
Presenters: Jennifer Heyman and Dr. Dee Morgan  
(Available Upon Request)

The School Improvement Team at Charter School Specialists is offering workshops to schools on the Science of Reading and building common understandings and vocabulary for developing literacy for all learners. Prior to the workshops, a needs assessment is completed to allow for the workshop to be customized to the school's needs. For more information, or to set up a time to meet in person or virtually, please reach out to the School Improvement Team.

Graduation Requirements  
Presenters: Kerry Jupina and Andrea Dobbins  
October 31, 2023  
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM  
(Virtual)

The School Improvement Team at Charter School Specialists is offering workshops to Dropout Prevention Recovery schools on Ohio's graduation requirements. Participants will get an overview of the State of Ohio graduation requirements as well as examples of successfully implemented pathways and credentials for all schools to assist students in meeting requirements for graduation. For more information, or to set up a time to meet in person or virtually, please reach out to the School Improvement team.

## Mission

Charter School Specialists will be a high-performing sponsor that employs a team of qualified customer service-oriented professionals dedicated to increasing access to high-performing schools by expanding educational opportunities, improving school performance and ultimately lifting student achievement.

## Presenter Highlights

### Andrea Dobbins

- Online Instruction
- Student Engagement
- Data-driven decision making

### Barbara Murphy

- Teaming for results
- Urban education
- English learner students

### Buddy Harris

- Community engagement, policy, and data
- Strategic planning
- Leadership development

### Daniel Willenborg

- Leadership development
- School Improvement processes

### Dr. Dee Morgan

- Standards and Deconstruction
- Evidence-based practices
- School Improvement
- Leadership development

### Jennifer Heyman

- Leadership development
- Packing guides
- PBIS and Restorative Justice Plans
- OIP
- RTI and MTSS and more!

### Kerry Jupina

- College and Career Readiness and Dropout Recovery
- SEL
- Business Engagement

### Nannette Sherman

- Federal programs and funding
- Co-teaching
- Special education
- EMIS
- CCIP

## Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

### Academic Vocabulary: An Essential Tool for Closing the Achievement Gap Presenter: Barbara Murphy (Available upon request)

Educational research clearly concludes that explicit academic vocabulary instruction is an imperative for closing the achievement gap. Students have expressed that their lack of vocabulary comprehension has been an impediment when testing. The workshop will provide teachers instructional strategies that will enhance vocabulary comprehension across disciplines and build student confidence and performance on high stakes tests.

### Deconstructing Learning Standards Workshops Presenter: Jennifer Heyman (Available upon request)

A solid understanding of content standards is critical for student outcomes. This workshop focuses on deconstructing content standards and building common understandings and vocabulary. Prior to the workshop, a needs assessment is completed to allow for the workshop to be customized to the school's needs. For more information, or to set up a time to meet in person or virtually, please reach

### DOPR/E-School: "Meet Me in the Virtual Staff Lounge" Presenters: Kerry Jupina and Andrea Dobbins Dates: December 13, 2023 February 14, 2024 April 10, 2024 June 5, 2024

Changes continually happen in the DOPR and E-Schools space. Participants will have an opportunity to engage with CSS staff, network with each other and have time to answer questions relative to school needs. Topics of discussion may include but are not limited to: Student engagement, student attendance, staffing needs and issues, legislative updates /clarifications, 12 point ICO, CCP, workforce readiness etc. Participants : DOPR schools, DOPR E-Schools, Building Leaders, Academic Coaches, Counselors, CTE advisors, etc.

### Leadership: Achieving Results by Team Problem Solving Presenters: Barbara Murphy and Daniel Willenborg Fall 2023

Historically schools have operated in silos that are compartmentalized and departmentalized. Teachers are not aware of the academic challenges they share in common across disciplines. Research suggests that cross curricular teams that make connections are very effective in solving academic issues. The teams are comprised of administrators, vertical teacher teams, academic coaches, SPED teachers and other staff members as applicable.

### Leadership: Principal Shadow Presenter: Daniel Willenborg (Available Upon Request)

The Principal Shadow PD is intended to provide encouragement and support through an in-person shadowing visit by a CSS School Improvement Team member. It is not intended to be evaluative in any manner but will provide the school leader with another set of eyes and ears while navigating the many complexities of school leadership. The learning framework will emphasize respectful interactions, team-building, collaborative leadership, instructional focus, and personal reflection.

## Upcoming P.D. Opportunities Continued

**Leadership: Responsible for Everything; Dependent on Everyone: How to Survive and Thrive in a Results Environment**  
**Presenters: Daniel Willenborg and Barbara Murphy**  
**Fall 2023**

School administrators are often overwhelmed with the scope of their responsibilities and often confuse successful school management with leadership. The challenge to serve as counselor, therapist, lawyer, security expert, financial accountant, judge, and communications director, let alone as an instructional leader, is a daunting task. During this workshop, we will review the many aspects of leadership with an emphasis on the work of the Ohio Leadership Advisory Council and the work of Mike Schmoker and his emphasis on simplicity, clarity, and priorities. Our goal will be to transition school managers into school leaders who are focused on results.

**Long-Term Substitutes: Preparation for a Successful Teaching Experience**  
**Presenter: Barbara Murphy**  
**(Available upon request)**

Long-term substitutes play a critical role in many of our schools. This training will help long-term substitutes have a successful teaching experience. We will explore how to connect with students, staff and parents to establish positive lines of communication. Topics such as classroom organization, procedures, establishing daily expectations and creating a class climate of order and respect will be addressed. Further, key staff members who can assist with the familiarization of standards, curriculum and lesson planning will be identified.

## School Climate and Culture Workshops

**Presenter: Jennifer Heyman**

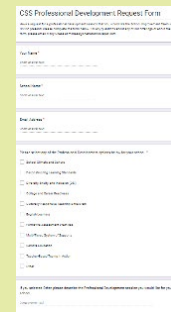
The School Improvement Team is offering School Climate and Culture Workshops that can be tailored to the individual needs of schools. Prior to the workshops, a needs assessment is completed to allow for the workshop to be customized to the school's needs. Coaching sessions are also available at the School Leader/Dean level of support.

**Strategies for Effective Online Learning**  
**Presenter: Andrea Dobbins**  
**Coming Fall 2023**

In this webinar, you will learn about strategies and best practices to foster positive online learning environments for both students and teachers. Participants will engage in discussions regarding student engagement, communication, and effective instruction in an online delivery platform.

**\*CSS provides training for individual schools and networks upon request.**

Have a request for a Professional Development presentation that your school would like CSS to present? Click the icon to the right to complete a request form:



Looking for suggestions for additional resources for your school? Please reach out to the School Improvement team.

## Recent Presentations

**Dyslexia Requirements Overview with Sherine Tambyraja from the ODE**

May 1, 2023  
[Click here to watch this presentation](#)

Audience: (K-12 Teachers, Administrators)

This session provides an overview to schools of the dyslexia support laws as outlined in ODE's dyslexia guidebook and going into effect starting with the 2023-2024 school year.

**Youth Culture Power**  
**Presenters: Jason Rawls and John Robinson**

December 13, 2022  
[Click here to watch this presentation](#)

Audience: (K-12 Teachers, Administrators)

Based off the presenters' book *Youth Culture Power: A #HipHopEd Guide to Building Teacher-Student Relationships and Increasing Student Engagement*, the presenters discuss student engagement through the Youth Culture Pedagogy approach, which uses students' cultural experiences to assist learning.



## School Improvement Series (Archived)

The SI Team hosted a training series on the core elements of school improvement planning. The series was designed to help schools leverage data, utilize root cause analysis, and develop actionable goals aligned to student and adult performance.

### Session 1: Big Picture Overview and Setting the Purpose Presenter: Porsche Chisley

March 31, 2022

[Click here to watch this presentation](#)

### Session 2: Data Analysis Presenters: Jennifer Heyman and Andrea Dobbins

April 14, 2022

Email [mchase@charterschoolspec](mailto:mchase@charterschoolspec) for access to this presentation.

### Session 3: Root Cause Analysis Presenters: Jennifer Heyman and Dr. Dee Morgan

April 7, 2022

Email [mchase@charterschoolspec](mailto:mchase@charterschoolspec) for access to this presentation.

### Session 4: Goal, Action Steps, and Adult Implementation Indicators Presenter: Porsche Chisley

April 7, 2022

Email [mchase@charterschoolspec](mailto:mchase@charterschoolspec) for access to this presentation.

## Other Archived Presentations

### Additional Trainings Presented in Partnership with the Ohio Department of Education

The SI Team hosted a series of trainings, in partnership with the ODE, pertaining to the local report card changes beginning in the 2022-2023 school year.

### Local Report Card Overview with Marianne Mottley from the ODE

June 24, 2022

[Click here to watch this presentation](#)

This session discusses the upcoming reforms to Ohio's school report cards starting with the 2022-2023 school year. Topics covered during this training include an overview of the component calculations, overall calculations, an overview of report only data, proposed ratings, and next steps.

### Report Card Overview: Understanding the Early Literacy Component

October 25, 2022

[Click here to watch this presentation](#)

This session, presented in partnership with the ODE, provides a comprehensive breakdown of the Ohio Local Report Card's Early Literacy component and how scores are calculated starting in the 2022-2023 school year.

## Available Upon Request

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)
- College and Career Readiness
- Culturally Responsive Teaching & the Brain
- Deconstructing Ohio's Learning Standards
- English Learners
- Formative Assessment Practices
- Multi-Tiered System of Supports
- Remote Education
- Teacher-Based Teams in Action
- and more!

## About Us

Our team at Charter School Specialists is dedicated to providing high-quality professional development opportunities for our sponsored community schools. We thoughtfully design our offerings to meet the needs of our school leaders, teachers, and board members. We encourage you to reach out to us to request personalized trainings for your specific needs. We would be happy to provide web-based trainings, one-on-one support or in-person sessions.