

Professional Development

Introduction to *Understanding by Design*

We invite all MS educators interested in learning more about this project to join us for one of three regional one-day workshops in late October.

Intensive UbD Design Training

A two-day workshop in curriculum design in the UbD model, for those interested in continuing with the project. This training is highly recommended for unit and lesson-plan designers.

District Training

Mississippi districts with a deep interest in this project can host in-district training sessions for their staff. Please contact Penny Wallin for information.

Additional Training Sessions

As interest develops, we will offer additional training workshops throughout the 2006-07 school year.

Webcasts

We will offer three webcasts for project team members and three additional webcasts for staff in their lending districts, to supplement local training and provide professional development in design and teaching for understanding.

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THE MISSISSIPPI CURRICULUM GUIDE PROJECT



*educating the children
of Mississippi for the
21st Century*

Please join us...

You are invited...

...to join a team of outstanding educators from inside Mississippi and across the United States to craft a model Curriculum Guide based on the Mississippi Curriculum Framework.

The Curriculum Guide will offer unit designs and lesson plans in Language Arts, Reading, and Mathematics for grades K-12. Designed to replace curriculum materials lost in Hurricane Katrina, the Guide will be made available on line to any Mississippi district that chooses to use it.

Grant Wiggins, co-author of *Understanding by Design* and his team from Authentic Education will direct this project. We will be joined by such educators Carol Tomlinson, Heidi Hayes Jacobs, and your colleagues from across the country to create a Curriculum Guide that will serve the children of Mississippi and become a national model.

We hope that you will join us, too.



How to join us...

We invite you to contribute your talent, your experience, and your enthusiasm to this project in any of these roles:

UNIT DESIGNER

Design curricular units in the *Understanding by Design* (UbD) curriculum model to align learning goals, assessments and classroom activities to meet Mississippi Competencies.

LESSON PLAN DESIGNER

From unit drafts, create daily lesson plans to build student knowledge, skill, and understanding. Design student materials and write teacher instructions.

UNIT REVIEWER

As units and lessons are completed, review the resulting work to identify strengths and weaknesses and to ensure that the pieces will work in your school, for your students

UNIT PILOTER

After units are reviewed and revised, pilot these units in your classroom or a classroom in your district, providing feedback on successes and challenges.

Because we value your help...

...we are committed to treating team members like the professionals that they are. We are proud to offer:

- an honorarium for designers, reviewers, and pilots
- reimbursement to districts lending staff to the project, to cover such expenses as substitutes and administrative record keeping
- intensive professional development for educators and lending districts, through local workshops and webcasts



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