



# Somerville Public Schools

## COLLABORATIVE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING ACADEMY SUMMER 2010

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GROWTH • CHANGE

The Somerville Public School district promotes ongoing student achievement through purposeful, research-based professional growth experiences during which teams of educators collaborate in professional learning communities. Colleagues combine a shared vision and focus on results with a dedication to inquiry, problem solving, and reflection as they work with peer coaches and administrators to analyze and improve student learning.

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**Training in Crisis Intervention: Grade-level teams/cohorts**

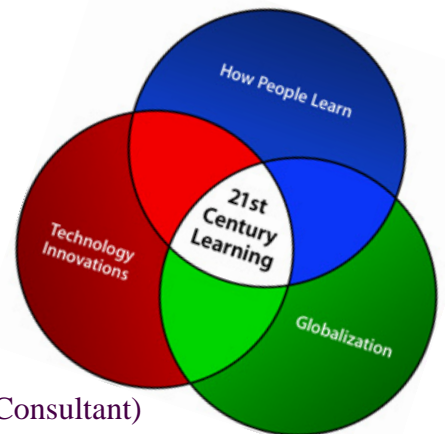
Date: August 9, 10, 11, and 12, 2010  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Location: VDV, Room TBA  
Presenter: Karen Tovi-Jones (Somerville School Social Worker)  
# of Sessions: 4  
Credit Hours: 8



Learn the principles and techniques that have proven effective in resolving highly-charged situations. Team building focuses on effective communication among team members that aids in handling a wide range of behavioral issues and critical events. Work together with colleagues to train in methods that support one another in the maintenance of a safe and productive work environment. It is recommended that participants register in teams and wear comfortable clothing.

**Excitement for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners: PreK-12**

Date: Wednesday, August 4, 2010  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Location: SHS, Room 105  
Presenter: Beverly Plein (New Jersey Department of Education Consultant)  
# of Sessions: 1  
Credit Hours: 1



Work with Beverly Plein, the expert in technology at the New Jersey Department of Education, to learn of the *free* technology resources available for all teachers to use in their classes, regardless of level or curricular area taught. This exciting presentation is unique to the Somerville Public Schools and provides opportunities for collegial collaboration to ensure that all students are prepared for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Bring a laptop if you have one. Computers are available as needed.

*Growth*

## SMART Boards - Beginners: PreK-12

Date: Tuesday, August 24, 2010  
Time: 1:00 p.m.  
Location: SMS, Room 115  
Presenter: Allison Lyon-Parajon (Somerville Middle School Teacher)  
# of Sessions: 1 (additional sessions added as needed)  
Credit Hours: 1

Jump start the school year with a 21<sup>st</sup> century skill! SMART Board technology may be applied to all curricular areas. It is easy to use and a wonderful tool to take students around the world and to develop conceptual understanding. This session introduces the SMART Board functions and expands the user's knowledge to create lessons that incorporate meaningful technological applications!

*Vision*



## SMART Boards - What's Next?: PreK-12

Date: Thursday, August 26, 2010  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Location: SMS, Room 115  
Presenter: Allison Lyon-Parajon (Somerville Middle School Teacher)  
# of Sessions: 1 (additional sessions added as needed)  
Credit Hours: 1

Continue use of the SMART Board in extended applications. Designed for those who have some preliminary experience with the SMART Board, this workshop helps to advance the use of this valuable technology. Bring lesson plans, ideas, and needs to the facilitator and receive personalized advice to help in class implementation of SMART Board use.

*Intention*

## Spanish Communication: PreK-12

Dates: Monday, August 23, 2010  
Wednesday, August 25, 2010  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Location: SHS, Room 100  
Presenter: Danielle Tarvin (Somerville High School Teacher)  
# of Sessions: 2  
Credit Hours: 1 per session



Beginners welcome! Start off the school year with a new and valuable tool—the ability to communicate in another language! Join colleagues to prepare for the challenge of communicating with our Spanish-speaking students and their families. Bring “going home” documents, notices, and letters to collaborate on translation.



*Purpose*

## Parent Portal and Effective Communication with Parents: PreK-12: Limited to Somerville Staff

Date: Thursday, August 19, 2010  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Location: SHS, Room 105  
Presenters: Gerard Foley (SHS Assistant Principal for Guidance and Special Services)  
Katherine K. Neary (PreK-12 Supervisor)  
# of Sessions: 1  
Credit Hours: 1

The Parent Portal is a new and easy-to-use tool that enhances communication with parents about their childrens’ progress. A demonstration of how it is used is included in this session. Research-based strategies that promote educator-parent communication and provide ways to deal with difficult situations are included in this “how-to” session.

Academy sessions are available to Somerville district teachers and support staff.  
Out-of-district educators are welcome to enroll in sessions subject to space availability.

**[Register online by clicking here.](#)**