



Smart from the Start: **NEW TEACHER ACADEMY**



***SMART FROM THE START:* A NOVICE TEACHER'S TOOLKIT FOR THE START OF SCHOOL**

This workshop serves to complement a district's new teacher induction program to prepare new teachers for the beginning of the school year. The workshop integrates practical tools from the newly released ASCD book, *Smart from the Start* (Stronge, Straessle, & Xu, 2023), and is designed to prompt productive discourse about how to survive and thrive in the school year ahead. With the support of practical application activities, new teachers will learn how to create a welcoming, structured, and supportive classroom.

Format Options: In-Person, Full Day or Half Day
Virtual, Half Day



***SMART FROM THE START:* CULTIVATING THE CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT**

This workshop is designed to support novice teachers in creating and sustaining a learning environment that supports optimal student learning. Topics include: the physical arrangement of the classroom, preserving academic learning time, proactive classroom management, antibullying strategies, and increasing joy in the classroom. Through a series of relevant activities, participants will reflect on, discuss, and apply strategies to support a safe, productive, and effective learning environment.

Format Options: In-Person, Full Day or Half Day
Virtual, Half Day



***SMART FROM THE START:* QUALITY INSTRUCTION FOR QUALITY LEARNING**

This workshop is designed to support new teachers in the process of delivering quality instruction and engaging students in learning. Sample topics include: motivating students to learn, keeping your students engaged, providing effective student feedback, making homework actually work, and engaging students with classroom discussions. Teachers will expand their instructional toolkit to include research-based, easy-to-implement strategies that optimize student learning.

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Virtual, Half Day



SMART FROM THE START: MEANINGFUL MENTORSHIP THAT MATTERS

This workshop provides practical tools and techniques to support mentor teachers as they prepare for the critical role of supporting novice teachers. Additionally, the workshop is designed to prompt reflection and encourage mentors to support novice teachers by building capacity, focusing on relationships, connecting them with available resources, providing feedback, and following up with them regularly to provide optimal support to ensure a successful school year.

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INTERACTIVE LEARNING TOOLS TO SUPPORT ENGAGING INSTRUCTION

The Interactive Learning Tools (ILTs) are web-based, multimedia training modules that can be completed by individuals or groups synchronously or asynchronously. A number of instructional strategies are introduced in the *Smart from the Start* book and expanded upon within the ILT, and others represent new topics for further exploration. These 21st century interactive tools are designed to be a deeper dive into research-based practices that support effective teaching and learning.



VIRTUAL COACHING

The Virtual Coaching option offers flexible, ongoing support for novice teachers and/or mentors. Schools and school districts may pre-select topics for virtual coaching sessions or the sessions can be oriented around the needs of participants based on their feedback. Sessions may be used to discuss integration of research-based strategies, to apply tools from *Smart from the Start*, and/or for Q&A based on the needs of participants.



VIRTUAL BOOK STUDIES

To provide ongoing support to novice teachers and/or mentors, schools and school districts may support teachers' participation in an ongoing book study. Participants will explore topics and tools from ASCD's book, *Smart from the Start*.

All workshops can be customized to meet the needs/interests of your district.

Contact us for more information.

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