



**SPARK CURIOSITY**

*Unleash Potential*

**SMSD DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

*Schedule & Session Descriptions*

August 5-9, 2024

# Professional Development Schedule

August 5-9, 2024

Monday, August 5, 2024		
Campus	AM	PM
Stafford Early Childhood Center	Convocation	Team Building
Stafford Elementary School		Campus PD: Report to Campus
Stafford Middle School		Campus Orientation/Team Building/Department Meetings
Stafford STEM Magnet Academy		Campus PD: Report to Campus
Stafford High School		Campus PD: Report to Campus
Tuesday, August 6, 2024		
All SMSD staff must attend a Safety Training. Attendees must enroll to attend the sessions. No Walk-ins allowed. Grades 3-12 all core teachers + Dual Credit/Early College teachers must attend MyAccess! Foundations (AM1 or PM1) or My Access! Data & Analytics (AM2 or PM2).		
Campus	Track 1	OR Track 2
All Campuses (All SMSD staff must attend a safety training.)	<a href="#">Safety Training AM</a> (Civic Center)	* <a href="#">My Access! AM1</a> & Spark Curiosity Unleash Potential AM (SHS)
	* <a href="#">My Access! PM1</a> & Spark Curiosity Unleash Potential PM (SHS)	Spark Curiosity Unleash Potential AM (SHS) & * <a href="#">My Access! AM2</a>
	Spark Curiosity Unleash Potential PM (SHS) & * <a href="#">My Access! PM2</a>	<a href="#">Safety Training PM</a> (Civic Center)
Wednesday, August 7, 2024		
Campus	Track 1	OR Track 2
Stafford Early Childhood Center & Stafford Elementary School	<a href="#">TRTW AM</a> (Max 75) (SSMA Cafeteria)	Spark Curiosity Unleash Potential AM (SHS)
	Spark Curiosity Unleash Potential PM (SHS)	<a href="#">TRTW PM</a> (Max 75) (SSMA Cafeteria)
Stafford Middle School & Stafford STEM Magnet Academy	<a href="#">TRTW AM</a> (Max 60) (MS Cafeteria)	Spark Curiosity Unleash Potential AM (SHS)
	Spark Curiosity Unleash Potential PM (SHS)	<a href="#">TRTW PM</a> (Max 60) (MS Cafeteria)
Stafford High School	<a href="#">TRTW AM</a> (Max 60) (SMSD Board Room)	Spark Curiosity Unleash Potential AM (SHS)
	Spark Curiosity Unleash Potential PM (SHS)	<a href="#">TRTW PM</a> (Max 60) (SMSD Board Room)

## Thursday, August 8, 2024

Campus	AM	PM
Stafford Early Childhood Center	TTESS Refresher???  UnTapped Genius (Curriculum Overview & Instructional Practices)	Campus & District Initiatives, Implementation Structures & Integration (CHAMPS/Kagan/TRTW/Fueling Brains/MTSS/PBIS/STEM/Technology)  Meet & Greet
Stafford Elementary School	Campus PD: Report to Campus	Campus PD: Report to Campus
Stafford Middle School	Data Review/SPED, 504, ESL, MTSS Training	Rotations – (C.H.A.M.P.S., Classroom Management, Parent/Student Relationship Smarts)
Stafford STEM Magnet Academy	Cultural Sensitivity, Diversity, and Inclusion Workshop	CHAMPS/Kagan Refresher, Student Behavioral Management, PBIS, MTSS  Meet & Greet
Stafford High School	Campus Orientation	CHAMPS/Kagan Refresher

## Friday, August 9, 2024

Campus	AM	PM
Stafford Early Childhood Center	TTESS Refresher???  Campus Orientation	STEM & EDP
Stafford Elementary School	Campus PD: Report to Campus	Campus PD: Report to Campus
Stafford Middle School	EDP Integration with STEM	T-TESS/SLO Update and Opening Procedures
Stafford STEM Magnet Academy	Student Data Review SPED/504/EB Review TTESS Refresher	Opening Procedures
Stafford High School	SPED/504/ESL Review	Department Meetings

# Spark Curiosity Unleash Potential Day 1 (8/6/24)

Click on titles to enroll in courses for each session. Attendees must enroll to attend the sessions/workshops. No walk-ins allowed.

## Session 1 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Session Title	Location
<a href="#">Overview of MTSS - Secondary</a>	SHS F125
<a href="#">From Chaos to Calm: Conquering Classroom Management</a>	SHS G115
<a href="#">Math for Every Mind: Unlocking Student Potential Through Differentiation</a>	SHS G110
<a href="#">Eduphoria for Data</a>	SHS G112
<a href="#">Empowering Excellence: Effective Strategies in Academic Intervention</a>	SHS G114
<a href="#">CHAMPS</a> *Mandatory for New Teachers	SHS Criminal Justice Room

## Session 2 9:35 AM – 11:05 PM

Session Title	Location
<a href="#">Overview of MTSS - Elementary</a>	SHS F123
<a href="#">Mastering the Middle &amp; High School Classroom: Effective Strategies for Grades 6-12</a>	SHS G117
<a href="#">AI for Everyone: Unleash Your Creative Potential</a>	SHS F110
<a href="#">From One to Many: Unleashing the Power of Differentiation in Elementary Literacy</a>	SHS G104
<a href="#">From Analysis to Action: Leveraging STAAR Insights for Classroom Impact</a>	SHS G106
<a href="#">CHAMPS</a> *Mandatory for New Teachers	SHS Criminal Justice Room

## Session 3 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Session Title	Location
<a href="#">Overview of MTSS - Secondary</a>	SHS F125
<a href="#">From Chaos to Calm: Conquering Classroom Management</a>	SHS G115
<a href="#">Math for Every Mind: Unlocking Student Potential Through Differentiation</a>	SHS G110
<a href="#">Eduphoria for Data</a>	SHS G112
<a href="#">Empowering Excellence: Effective Strategies in Academic Intervention</a>	SHS G114

## Session 4 2:05 PM – 3:35 PM

Session Title	Location
<a href="#">Overview of MTSS - Elementary</a>	SHS F123
<a href="#">Mastering the Middle &amp; High School Classroom: Effective Strategies for Grades 6-12</a>	SHS G117
<a href="#">AI for Everyone: Unleash Your Creative Potential</a>	SHS F110
<a href="#">From One to Many: Unleashing the Power of Differentiation in Elementary Literacy</a>	SHS G104
<a href="#">From Analysis to Action: Leveraging STAAR Insights for Classroom Impact</a>	SHS G106

## Workshop 8:00 AM – 11:05 PM

Session Title	Location
<a href="#">The ARD Process and the Role of the Case Manager/ Department Chair</a> *Mandatory for all SPED personnel	MS Cafeteria

# Spark Curiosity Unleash Potential Day 2 (8/7/24)

Click on titles to enroll in courses for each session. Attendees must enroll to attend the sessions/workshops. No walk-ins allowed.

## Session 1 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Session Title	Location
<a href="#">Math Lesson Cycles Gr. 6-8</a>	SHS D101
<a href="#">RLA Lesson Cycles Gr. 9-12</a>	SHS G115
<a href="#">Why They're Crying Out: Understanding the Internal Pain Your Student Faces Daily</a>	SHS F132
<a href="#">Dual Language Essentials PK-K</a>	SHS F123
<a href="#">iTeach Gaming</a>	SHS G104
<a href="#">Accountability System- Teacher Version</a>	SHS G112

## Session 2 9:35 AM – 11:05 PM

Session Title	Location
<a href="#">Math Lesson Cycles Gr. 9-12</a>	SHS D101
<a href="#">RLA Lesson Cycles Gr. 6-8</a>	SHS G115
<a href="#">Dual Language Essentials Gr. 1-2</a>	SHS F123
<a href="#">Integrating STEM: It's a Vibe! (PK-5)</a>	SHS G106
<a href="#">AI for Everyone: Unleash Your Creative Potential</a>	SHS F110

## 3-Hour Workshops 8:00 AM-11:05 AM

<a href="#">Tap Into Your Superpowers: Strategies for Building Community and Student/Teacher Relationships – Let's Circle Up!</a>	SHS Criminal Justice Room
<a href="#">TEA Science Safety for Middle/High School</a>	SHS F111
<a href="#">Curiosity Unleashed: Illuminating Potential with Plans</a>	SHS F125

## Session 3 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Session Title	Location
<a href="#">Math Lesson Cycles Gr. 6-8</a>	SHS D101
<a href="#">RLA Lesson Cycles Gr. 9-12</a>	SHS G115
<a href="#">Dual Language Essentials Gr. 3-4</a>	SHS F123
<a href="#">Integrating STEM: It's a Vibe! (PK-5)</a>	SHS G106
<a href="#">Accountability System- Teacher Version</a>	SHS G112

## Session 4 2:05 PM – 3:35 PM

Session Title	Location
<a href="#">Math Lesson Cycles Gr. 9-12</a>	SHS D101
<a href="#">RLA Lesson Cycles Gr. 6-8</a>	SHS G115
<a href="#">Why They're Crying Out: Understanding the Internal Pain Your Student Faces Daily</a>	SHS F132
<a href="#">Dual Language Essentials Gr. 5</a>	SHS F123
<a href="#">iTeach Gaming</a>	SHS G104

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# Courses

Session 1: 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Session 2: 9:35 AM – 11:05 PM

Session 3: 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Session 4: 2:05 PM – 3:35 PM

AM Workshops: 8:00 AM – 11:05 AM

PM Workshops: 12:30 PM – 3:35 PM

## Accountability System- Teacher Version

**Location:** SHS G112

**Presenter(s):** Dr. Kadir Almus

**Targeted Audience:** ALL

This session is designed to provide teachers with a practical understanding of the state accountability system and its critical components. Participants will delve into the key elements that impact classroom instruction and student outcomes. The session aims to equip teachers with the knowledge necessary to align their teaching strategies with the accountability standards, ensuring that their instructional practices not only meet but exceed the benchmarks set forth by the state. By the end of this session, educators will have a clearer picture of how state assessments and accountability metrics influence their daily teaching and how they can adapt their methods to foster an environment of excellence and continuous improvement in student learning.)

## AI for Everyone: Unleash Your Creative Potential

**Location:** SHS F110

**Presenter(s):** Stephanie Jernigan

**Targeted Audience:** ALL

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is not new but is quickly becoming a prominent part of education and society as a whole. In this course, we will review some basic concepts of AI like its definition, history, ethical implications, and how it can be used to enhance teaching and learning. Leave feeling more comfortable using AI and unlock your creative potential as an educator.

## CHAMPS

**Location:** SHS Criminal Justice Room

**Presenter(s):** Dr. Harper, Consultant

**Targeted Audience:** All New to SMSD Teachers

Teachers will learn how to establish a vision for their classroom, organize classrooms for student success, prepare for the first month of school, specify classroom behavioral expectations, motivate even the most uncooperative students, monitor and revise classroom behavioral plans, and correct specific misbehaviors.

## Curiosity Unleashed: Illuminating Potential with Plans

**Location:** SHS F125

**Presenter(s):** Keosha Cole-Gallow & Michelle Benson

**Targeted Audience:** ALL

Curiosity Unleashed: Illuminating Potential with Plans is our vibrant professional development program that equips

educators with the skills to create engaging and effective lesson plans tailored for student success. Join us in unleashing creativity and maximizing potential through the art of lesson planning!

## Dual Language Essentials

**Location:** SHS F123

**Presenter(s):** Dr. Mecuri, Consultant

**Targeted Audience:** Dual Language Teachers

Participants will examine the research-based instructional strategies that foster that facilitate student engagement, biliteracy development, language transfer, and content mastery. Additionally, the elements of the classroom environment that foster biliteracy will be discussed during the session. *This is a required Districtwide Training. Please bring your Dual Essentials book to this session.*

## Eduphoria for Data

**Location:** SHS G112

**Presenter(s):** Dr. Kadir Almus

**Targeted Audience:** ALL

Unlock the full potential of Eduphoria with our dedicated session on data analysis. This session is designed to empower educators with the knowledge and skills necessary to extract valuable insights from their data. Participants will learn efficient methods to retrieve data, enabling them to make informed decisions that enhance instructional quality. Through hands-on strategies, teachers will discover how to utilize Eduphoria's tools to their fullest, ensuring that data analysis becomes an integral part of their instructional planning process. Join us to transform data into actionable teaching strategies and elevate the educational experience. (Note: Participants need to bring their own laptops to this session)

## Empowering Excellence: Effective Strategies in Academic Intervention

**Location:** SHS G114

**Presenter(s):** Courtney Butler

**Targeted Audience:** Elementary

In this session focused on student interventions, educators delve into evidence-based strategies to support diverse learners. Participants explore goal-setting, workload analysis, and self-reflection techniques, empowering them to tailor interventions to individual student needs. By emphasizing metacognitive skills and fostering a growth mindset, this session equips teachers with practical tools to elevate student engagement and achievement.

### **From Analysis to Action: Leveraging STAAR Insights for Classroom Impact**

**Location:** SHS G106

**Presenter(s):** Dr. Jennifer Warford

**Targeted Audience:** ALL

Looking to turn data into action? In this professional development session, educators will explore the power of STAAR data analysis to inform instructional decisions. Participants will learn how to interpret assessment results, identify student strengths and areas for growth, and tailor teaching strategies accordingly. From targeted interventions to differentiated instruction, this session equips teachers with practical tools to enhance student achievement. Join us as we bridge the gap between data analysis and effective classroom practices!

### **From Chaos to Calm: Conquering Classroom Management**

**Location:** SHS G115

**Presenter(s):** James Sherwood

**Targeted Audience:** Elementary

Feeling overwhelmed by noise levels or struggling to keep everyone engaged? This professional development session will equip you with powerful strategies for creating a calm, focused, and FUN learning environment in your elementary classroom. We'll delve into proactive techniques for establishing clear expectations, routines, and procedures. Discover how to build positive relationships with your students, foster a sense of community, and address challenging behaviors effectively. Leave the session feeling empowered and excited to implement these practical tools that will transform your classroom into a well-oiled machine where learning thrives!

### **From One to Many: Unleashing the Power of Differentiation in Elementary Literacy**

**Location:** SHS G104

**Presenter(s):** Stacy Lee & Aisha Atkinson

**Targeted Audience:** Elementary Literacy

Calling all literacy champions! This session will supercharge your ability to meet the diverse needs of your young readers and writers. We'll explore the power of differentiation in elementary literacy, focusing on how to adjust content, process, and product to ignite a love of learning in every child. Discover how to strategically group students, scaffold instruction, and provide engaging activities that cater to different reading levels and learning styles. Leave the session brimming with ideas to transform your classroom into a differentiated wonderland, where all students can flourish as confident and enthusiastic readers and writers.

### **Integrating STEM: It's a Vibe!**

**Location:** SHS G106

**Presenter(s):** Johanna Chesser

**Targeted Audience:** PK-5

Are you interested STEM? Come join the hype with STEM to Go! STEM is everywhere! The session is designed to show you how to integrate STEM on a budget in every subject. The presenter will show quick unplug strategies that are aligned to the Engineering Design Process. These strategies are geared to keep your students engaged and eager to learn daily.

### **iTeach Gaming**

**Location:** SHS G104

**Presenter(s):** Tiffany Fondal & Colt Berry

**Targeted Audience:** ALL

Are you ready to transform your lesson plans into engaging adventures? This course unlocks the power of games to boost student motivation, social-emotional learning (SEL), and academic achievement. Gamers already know the secret: Practice, perseverance, and strategic thinking are essential for success. In this course, you'll discover how to harness these skills to create dynamic lesson plans aligned with your state's curriculum standards (like TEKS!). No prior gaming experience is necessary!

### **Mastering the Middle & High School Classroom: Effective Strategies for Grades 6-12**

**Location:** SHS G117

**Presenter(s):** Zenikka Nichols

**Targeted Audience:** Secondary

Feeling overwhelmed by classroom management in grades 6-12? This engaging professional development course provides practical strategies and techniques to cultivate a positive and productive learning environment. You'll learn: Effective classroom setup and routines to streamline lessons and minimize disruptions. Proven strategies for promoting student engagement and fostering a love of learning. Positive discipline techniques to address common classroom behavior issues. Differentiation strategies to meet the diverse needs of middle and high school students. Communication skills to build positive relationships with students and parents. Whether you're a new teacher or a seasoned veteran, this course will equip you with the tools you need to create a thriving classroom where students can excel.

### **Math for Every Mind: Unlocking Student Potential Through Differentiation**

**Location:** SHS G110

**Presenter(s):** Tierra Martin

**Targeted Audience:** Elementary Mathematics

Energize your math lessons and reach all your learners! This professional development session will delve into the art of differentiation in elementary mathematics. We'll explore strategies to tailor content, process, and product based on students' readiness, interests, and learning styles. Discover creative ways to challenge advanced learners, provide targeted support for those needing extra help, and keep everyone engaged with the magic of math. Leave equipped with practical tools and inspiration to transform your classroom into a dynamic learning environment that celebrates the unique potential of every student.

### **Math Lesson Cycles**

**Location:** SHS D101

**Presenter(s):** Jerry Stephens

**Targeted Audience:** Secondary Mathematics

Participants will walk-through a math lesson cycle using Carnegie Math and Stafford curriculum resources. Participants will leave with lessons that will be used in the math classroom.

### **Overview of MTSS**

**Location:** SHS 125 & 123

**Presenter(s):** Dr. Jennifer Warford, Donald Riggs, Dr. Diana De La Rosa, Dr. Melissa Earls

**Targeted Audience:** ALL

This training will provide an overview of the Stafford MTSS framework; outline the benefits of MTSS; and describes the three tiers of MTSS, including common and differentiated components of the tiers.

### **RLA Lesson Cycles**

**Location:** SHS G115

**Presenter(s):** Michelle Devonish-Sanchez

**Targeted Audience:** Secondary RLA

Participants will experience a lesson using Stafford curriculum resources. Participants will leave with a lesson that could be used in RLA classes.

### **Tap into Your Superpowers: Strategies for Building Community and Student/Teacher Relationships – Let's Circle Up!**

**Location:** SHS Criminal Justice Room

**Presenter(s):** Dr. Hester, Consultant

**Targeted Audience:** All Teachers \*Mandatory for New Teachers

Educators are struggling more than ever in finding ways to connect with students through a pandemic pedagogy. Restorative Discipline Practices is a research-based approach designed to teach educators how to build, strengthen, support, and sustain a foundation of relationships with each other and their students. Discover

the power of utilizing Restorative before engaging in much-needed lesson-based curriculums that require teachers to lead discussions surrounding students: social and emotional needs, diversity, cultural differences, and student trauma. This interactive workshop will assist educators in formulating a proactive, intentional connection plan that purposefully focuses on embedding relationship-building into the instructional day thus creating a moment of genuine connection between students and teachers. When the whole school is infused with restorative strategies, it becomes easier to address issues faster and respond in a thoughtful way because the caring and supportive culture is already present.

### **TEA Science Safety for Middle/High School**

**Location:** SHS F111

**Presenter(s):** TEALearn

**Targeted Audience:** 6-12 Science

Required safety course for all secondary science teachers.

### **The ARD Process and the Role of the Case**

**Manager/ Department Chair Location:** SHS G117

**Presenter(s):** Shaunte Norris

**Targeted Audience:** Mandatory for all SPED personnel

This course is designed to provide special education teachers with an in-depth understanding of the Admission, Review, and Dismissal (ARD) process. Participants will explore the critical roles and responsibilities of special education teachers within this framework, ensuring they are well-equipped to effectively support students with diverse needs.

### **Why They're Crying Out: Understanding the Internal Pain Your Student Faces Daily**

**Location:** SHS F132

**Presenter(s):** Michael Lewis

**Targeted Audience:** 6-12

This course/training will discuss new ways to understand today's Youth/Student and how to establish the necessary rapport to influence self-learning and build the student's self-image.