



Norfolk Public Schools
Monthly Professional Development
Support Sessions

Date	Time	Course Title	Learning Target
9/27/2025	8:30a.m. – 12:30p.m.	Effective Classroom Management Strategies to Support Instructional Delivery	You will not want to miss our game-changing session on "Building Powerful Classroom Connections!" Discover the secret to unlocking the full potential of your students through the magic of meaningful relationships. Learn proven strategies to master classroom management and create a harmonious learning environment that fosters student engagement and academic excellence for EVERY student.
10/25/2025	8:30a.m. – 12:30p.m	Teaching with Connection: Building Relationships That Last	Come discover practical strategies to grow strong, thriving classroom communities where every student feels seen and valued. This dynamic session explores how to spark trust, nurture belonging, and model positive communication, while also weaving relationship-building directly into daily instruction. Teachers will learn how to plan lessons that include meaningful student check-ins, opportunities for collaboration, and smooth, community-centered routines. With interactive practice, supportive coaching, and intentional goal setting, participants will leave equipped and confident to bring these strategies to life—and to sustain them through ongoing reflection and peer support. Attending teachers need to bring their pacing guides and corresponding instructional materials to support lesson plan strategy implementation.
11/15/2025	8:30a.m. – 12:30p.m	Beyond the Answer. Harnessing the Power of Questions	In this interactive session, teachers will unlock the power of purposeful questioning to spark deeper student thinking, promote metacognition, and gather meaningful formative assessment data. Participants will explore strategies for crafting questions that move beyond recall toward analysis, reflection, and problem-solving, while also creating space for student voice and ownership of learning. Through modeling, practice, and coaching, teachers will learn how to weave questioning techniques seamlessly into instruction, guiding students to process more deeply, make connections, and reveal their understanding in ways that inform next instructional steps Attending teachers need to bring their pacing guides and corresponding instructional materials to support lesson plan strategy implementation.
1/31/2026	8:30a.m. – 12:30p.m	Switch it Up! Small Groups and Brain Breaks for Increased Engagement	This session equips teachers with practical strategies for remediation, small-group instruction, and the use of interactive brain breaks to energize students and build community. Participants will learn how to design small-group experiences that address diverse needs and foster meaningful interaction, while also exploring how brain breaks can prime the brain for learning, sharpen focus, and strengthen connections. Through modeling and practice, teachers will leave with a ready-to-use toolkit of strategies and activities to boost engagement, belonging, and learning outcomes.

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2/28/2026	8:30a.m. – 12:30p.m.	Thinking Up: Elevating Learning with Higher-Order Strategies	<p>This session helps teachers design learning experiences that push students to the highest levels of Bloom’s Taxonomy, encouraging analysis, synthesis, and creation while making meaningful connections to prior knowledge. Participants will explore practical strategies to promote deeper thinking, then apply them directly through lesson planning time and implementation coaching. Teachers will leave prepared to challenge students’ minds while strengthening engagement and understanding.</p> <p>Attending teachers need to bring their pacing guides and corresponding instructional materials to support lesson plan strategy implementation.</p>
3/21/2026	8:30a.m. – 12:30p.m	Prep for Success! End-of Year Strategies That Work	<p>This session provides teachers with practical strategies to prepare students for state and end-of-course assessments. Participants will learn effective approaches to review content, build student confidence, and target individual needs. With dedicated time for lesson planning and implementation coaching, teachers will leave ready to guide students through meaningful preparation that maximizes success at the end of the year.</p> <p>Attending teachers need to bring their pacing guides and corresponding instructional materials to support lesson plan strategy implementation.</p>

Please Note:

All sessions will be hosted in person at The International Welcome Center, 1330 Branch Road, Norfolk, 23502