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## 2011-2012 WESTERN REGION ADMINISTRATORS TRAINING (WRATI)

9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. (LUNCH PROVIDED)

ENTIRE INSTITUTE: \$150 PER SESSION: \$35

We are pleased to announce the 2011-2012 Western Region Administrators' Training Institute for principals and assistant principals. We have offered this training for several years so that administrators can complete their contact hours for license renewal in a convenient location with session topics aligned with the current standards for principals. Upon completion of the training, participants will have earned 30 contact hours toward license renewal. Register and find session information online at [www.wresa.org](http://www.wresa.org). If you have questions, please contact Jan Webster at [jwebster@wresa.org](mailto:jwebster@wresa.org) or 828.418.0011, ext. 21. If possible, please register by September 1, 2011. Session topics and dates are listed below.

September 26, 2011	<b>Human Resource Leadership: Professional Learning Communities</b>
October 5, 2011	<b>Instructional Leadership: Effectively Using Walk-Throughs to Promote Quality Instruction</b>
November 2, 2011	<b>Managerial Leadership: Legal Update/Teacher Working Conditions Survey</b>
December 5, 2011	<b>Strategic/Distributive Leadership: Making the Most of School Based Personnel</b>
February 1, 2012	<b>School Climate</b>
March 7, 2012	<b>Strategic Leadership: Best Practices for Improving Your School</b>

**2011 Western Region Fall Leadership Conference— September 27, 2011**  
**More Information To Come!! Mark Your Calendars!!**

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS JUNE 2011 – SEPTEMBER 2011

June 13,15, 17, 23 & 24 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Math Foundations Training (5-Day Training) Grades K-6</b> Presenter: Renee Peoples, Swain County Schools NBCT & Western Region TOY      Registration Fee: \$125 Registration Deadline: 6/6/11
June 14 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Podcasting Made Fun and Easy</b> Presenter: Dr. Karen Sumner, Western Region Education Facilitator      Registration Fee: \$35      Registration Deadline: 6/5/11
June 16 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Active at School: Learning Through Movement (Grades K-12) (To be held at UNC-Asheville)</b> Presenters: Susan Tumbleston, ASU; Laurie Stradley, UNC-A; Ann Wiggan, Macon County Schools; and Megan Brown, Jackson County Schools      Registration Fee: No Registration Fee Required      Registration Deadline: 6/1/11
June 17 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Addressing the Science Essential Standards with Agriculture in the K-8 Classroom</b> Presenter: Dr. Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator      Registration Fee: \$35      Registration Deadline: 6/3/11
June 20 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Reading Strategies to Explore the Real World in Literature and News</b> Presenters: Tom Tuffs, Educator and Author & Sandra Cook, NIE, NC Press Foundation      Registration Fee: \$50 Registration Deadline: 6/6/11
July 19 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Why Gender Matters: How Understanding Gender Differences Impact the 6-12 Classroom</b> Presenters: Dr. Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator & April Spencer, Secondary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$35      Registration Deadline: 7/8/11
July 28 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	<b>Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Instrument Training</b> Presenters: Dr. Karen Sumner, Western Region Education Facilitator & Dr. Jan Webster, WRESA Director Registration Fee: \$35      Registration Deadline: 7/20/11
August 1 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Teacher Evaluation Instrument Training for Teachers</b> Presenter: Dr. Karen Sumner, Western Region Education Facilitator      Registration Fee: \$35      Registration Deadline: 7/20/11

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August 10 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>I-Touch the World and Engage My Students</b> Presenters: Dr. Karen Sumner, Western Region Education Facilitator & April Spencer, Secondary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$35 ( <i>WNC EdNET districts -- Haywood, Jackson, Swain, Graham, Clay, Macon Cherokee, and Cherokee Central -- will have registration fee paid by grant.</i> ) Registration Deadline: 7/29/11
September 7, 8, 15 & October 4 & 11 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	<b>Reading Foundations Training (5 day training)</b> Presenter: Lynn Bailey, Literacy Consultant, DPI Registration Fee: \$25 Registration Deadline: 9/1/11
September 8 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Reading and Writing Make It and Take It: Engage Them with Bookmaking (Grades K-8)</b> Presenter: Dr. Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$50 Registration Deadline: 8/26/11
September 12 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Digital Storytelling (Grades K-8)</b> Presenters: Dr. Nancy Luke, WCU and Dr. Russell Binkley, WCU Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 8/29/11
September 13 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Early Planning for Successful Retirement</b> Facilitators: Bob Byrd, School Improvement Coordinator & April Spencer, Secondary Education Coordinator Presenter: Robert Ayers Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 9/1/11
September 14 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Get Out (Outside, That Is)! Introduction to Using GPS Devices – Grades 5-12</b> Presenter: Michelle Benigno, Science House Registration Fee: \$45 Registration Deadline: 9/1/11
September 15 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Century Teaching and Learning (Grades K-12)</b> Presenters: Dr. Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator; April Spencer, Secondary Education Coordinator; Dr. Karen Sumner, Western Region Education Facilitator Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 9/5/11
September 19, October 4 & October 18 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>What's Up with the New Essential Standards for Social Studies? (Grades 6-8 – 3 Day training)</b> Presenter: Steve Pierce, NC Geographic Alliance Registration Fee: \$75 Registration Deadline: 9/2/11
September 20 & 29 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Mentor Training (2 Day Training)</b> Presenter: Dr. Karen Sumner, Western Region Education Facilitator Registration Fee: \$50 Registration Deadline: 9/15/11
September 20 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>More With Your GPS (Part II) – Grades 6-12</b> Presenter: Michelle Benigno, Science House Registration Fee: \$45 Registration Deadline: 9/15/11
September 22 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Student Presentations for the Digital Age</b> Presenters: Dr. Jan Webster, WRESA Director; Dr. Karen Sumner, Western Region Education Facilitator; Tina Joyner, Technology Coordinator Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 9/15/11
September 23 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>S is for Story! The Art of Engaging Students in Reading and Writing Through Stories (Grades K-6)</b> Presenters: Dr. Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator; Dr. Charlotte Hamlin, President of NC Storyfest Registration Fee: \$60 Registration Deadline: 9/15/11
September 26 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>A Guide for Implementing PLCs</b> Presenter: Dr. Parry Graham, Principal, Lufkin Road Middle School Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 9/15/11
	<b>ONLINE COURSES – Registration Fee: \$35 (<i>online classes may require the purchase of a book</i>)</b>
July - September	<b>Online Book Study: Motivating the Un-Motivated Student</b> Instructor: Dr. Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator (Fee plus book purchase)
June 15-July 30	<b>Can Technology Enhance Student Engagement?</b> Instructor: Jason Rhodes, West Henderson High School Registration Deadline: 6/10/11 ( <i>WNC EdNET districts -- Haywood, Jackson, Swain, Graham, Clay, Macon Cherokee, and Cherokee Central -- will have registration fee paid by grant.</i> )
Throughout the Year	<b>Computer Classes</b> (Listing available on our website – <a href="http://www.wresa.org">www.wresa.org</a> ) Instructor: Charles George, Technology Coordinator



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