



NYS Teacher Center Online Academy (OLA)



All OLA courses are 15 in-service hours. OLA Course Fee: \$150 per course

Register using MyLearningPlan at <http://rockteach.org/>

If you already have a MyLearningPlan ID, register at www.mylearningplan.com

Check the OLA catalog <http://eeznt3.nyiteez.org/olacatalog/> for detailed descriptions, course requirements and expectations before registering!

July 7, 2016 – August 19, 2016

[Balance the Mind and Heart: Creating Resilient Schools that Address the Social, Emotional, Ethical, and Academic Needs of Students](#)

Instructor: Cecile Wren

Grade level K-12

This online course will allow educators the opportunity to create resilient schools that meet the social, emotional, ethical, and academic (SEAL) needs of students. Participants will explore the research-based skills and competencies that have a positive impact on the organizational structure of their school, the delivery of instruction, and student performance.

[Digital Resources to Complement Learning Styles](#)

Instructor: Denise Lewis

Grade level K-12

The primary goal of this course is to acquaint educators with 21st century tools to differentiate instruction for diverse learners. Participants will be able to customize and upgrade lesson plans with digital tools and web-based resources that will address the unique needs of students. Digital Resources to Complement Learning Styles will provide teachers with the knowledge and skills to connect students with standards-based curriculum through easy to use Web tools.

[Using Literature Circles to Enhance Reading](#)

Co-Instructors: Kerri Crawford and Emily Peterson

Grade level K-8

The common core is asking us to assess text complexity. We must consider qualitative, quantitative, and reader and task. Course participants will examine the criteria for selecting text when conducting their literature circles. Literature Circles add an exciting dimension to a student's literacy experiences. These discussion groups encourage students to be positive members of a literate classroom community while capitalizing on how they personally respond to literature. This course will help the participant explore the various roles of the literature circle and select roles appropriate for their students - regardless of reading level or ability. Participants will conduct and record literature circles in their own classrooms.

[Volcano Hunt: An Expedition to Improve Critical Thinking](#)

Instructor: James McAndrew

Grade level 5 - 12

This online course will give participants a positive and rewarding experience through our interaction as you complete projects, reflect on professional readings, and create iPad labs and activities for your own classroom. There will be an emphasis on using critical thinking skills when you plan your projects. This course will be a fun online adventure to several famous volcanoes around the world. As you make your way from one volcano to the next using easy to follow longitude and latitude coordinates, you will participate in creative journaling of your experience as you travel through foreign countries. Are you ready for the adventure of your life?

August 1, 2016 – September 13, 2016

[Using Google Tools for Collaboration, Enrichment and Differentiation of Instruction](#)

Instructor: Dorit Eilon

Grade level K-12

This fun and engaging course offered by a Google Certified Educator is designed to provide information and examples of various Google tools available to enhance the learning experiences of different learners. Participants will explore Google Earth, Google Docs (collaborative presentations, spreadsheets, documents and forms) Google Apps and Google SketchUp. Examples of how these tools can be integrated with different subject areas that are aligned to national and NYS standards will be shared.

- All courses require internet access and a comfort level with email, Microsoft Word and uploading documents. Some require knowledge of other technologies or programs.
- Participants are expected to log in and work with the class site **at least** 3 times each week.
- Scholarships may be provided through your local NYS Teacher Center.
- Please secure approval from your home district, if needed, in advance.
- Syllabi, Road Maps and Course Policies can be found on the OLA catalog <http://eeznt3.nyiteez.org/olacatalog/> along with the Standards for Online Learning, FAQ's, and other useful information.
- No refunds will be issued after the start of the OLA courses.

NYSTC OLA is administered by Rockland Teachers' Center, 65 Parrott Road, West Nyack, NY 10994.

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