

The PD Plan - Kent ISD

Below is a list of upcoming professional learning courses that Kent ISD is planning to offer in the upcoming school year. If the course title is blue, click for more information and enrollment. If the course title is black, it may still be in the planning stages. Please check back often for updates to this list. If you have any questions about the courses listed below, please email pdhub@kentisd.org

May 2021

Educators IN Industry (formerly Teachers IN Industry) ON DEMAND (Business Partner TBD) (5/17/2021)

An opportunity for educators to hear from local employers & connect classroom content to real-world contexts.

21HE0519: MERT CPR & First Aid Skills Check (5/19/2021)

AHA Heart Saver CPR & First Aid Skills Check ONLY ***must have completed online modules

21KCTC0324: Youth Mental Health First Aid (5/20/2021)

Youth Mental Health First Aid equips adults with knowledge & skills to help youth who may be experiencing a mental health challenge.

21HR0520: Teaching the African American Child (Early Childhood- 3rd Grade Focus) (5/20/2021 - 6/10/2021)

Personal bias has a way of showing up in the spaces we occupy.

21HR0413: Lab: Designing Systems for Equity- Part 2 (5/25/2021)

This 2-hour session is designed for District Leadership Teams to reflect on their vision and leadership in ensuring the success of EACH student in their district.

21HE0525: Health Ambassador Meeting (Panel Presentation for Trending Health Topics) (5/25/2021)

Become an Informed Health Ambassadors & Advocates for Your School and Students

21SE0526: FBA/PBSP Office Hours (5/26/2021)

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June 2021

CEL's 5D+ Evaluation 1 Day Refresher 2021 (A refresher for evaluators and teacher-leaders focusing on the 5D)

No description available

21ET0606: Google Certified Educator - Level 1 (6/7/2021)

Would you like to level up your teaching skills and become a Google Certified Educator? This course will not only help prepare you for the exam, but will introduce you to new resources that will support technology-enhanced learning.

21ET0607: Level Up Your Teaching with Interactive Projectors (6/7/2021)

Do you have an interactive projector in your classroom and you aren't quite sure how to use it or want to utilize features more effectively? This self-paced micro-PD course will help familiarize you with best practices using your audio/visual set up.

21CUR0608: Math Recovery - AVMR 1 (Grades K-2) (6/8/2021)

Add+VantageMR® Course 1 (AVMR1) is foundational learning of whole number topics such as number words and numerals, structuring numbers, addition and subtraction, and topics that affect the development of future mathematical understanding.

21SE0609: "Can I do that?" "Can I say that?": Ethical Dilemmas in School Social Work (Can I do...in teaser) (6/9/2021)

An interactive experience to aid participants in identifying and processing social, legal, and ethical dilemmas.

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21HR0610: CEL's 5D+ One Day Refresher with Colin Ripmaster (A refresher for evaluators using the 5D rubric) (6/10/2021)

This PD is designed for administrators and teacher leaders looking to refresh their knowledge and application of CEL's 5D+ teacher evaluation tool.

21MS@K0614: MySchool@Kent Summer School Enrollment Form (2021) (6/14/2021)

Summer school with MySchool@Kent gives you all the flexibility and freedom of regular MySchool classes and the ability to learn anytime, anywhere.

21KCTC0614A: Ultimate Gearhead (Session I) (6/14/2021 - 6/17/2021)

This is no ordinary summer camp! You will work on cars and find out what it is like to know what the pros know.

21KCTC0614: Young Chefs (Session I) (6/14/2021 - 6/17/2021)

Future chefs, this camp is for you!

21KCTC0614B: Sweet Genius (Session I) (6/14/2021 - 6/17/2021)

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21KCTC0614D: Graphic Communications, Design and Printing (Session I) (6/14/2021 - 6/17/2021)

Turn your creative design into something you can use!

21KCTC0614C: From the Ground Up (Session I) (6/14/2021 - 6/17/2021)

More than just plants! Agriscience is exciting and expanding.

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21KCTC0621C: Future Teachers (Session II) (6/21/2021 - 6/24/2021)

What does it take to be a teacher? You will find out all of the behind the scenes work that goes into being a great teacher.

21KCTC0621E: Graphic Communications, Design and Printing (Session II) (6/21/2021 - 6/24/2021)

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American Perspectives: Stories from the American Folk Art Museum (All Grades) (6/22/2021 - 6/25/2021)

Ever considered teaching with folk art objects in your classroom?

21CUR0623: MiELA Network Institute (6/23/2021 - 6/24/2021)

MiELA Network - Registration/Other Information: <http://mielanetwork.weebly.com/registration.html>

July 2021

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From Start Up to Shark Tank (Grades 9-12) (7/12/2021)

How do you launch and run a new business? All you need is a great idea and a plan—a business plan. In this course we will use the Canva Business model to get your awesome ideas on paper now, then develop them so later you could be on Shark Tank.

Spanish Language Support (Grades 9-12) (7/12/2021)

This course is for those who would like some tools to support their current Spanish-language skills. Grammar points, thematic vocabulary, and general language-learning skills (reading, writing, speaking, listening) will be reviewed and supported.

Art and Nature and Poetry (Grades 6-12) (7/12/2021)

This course will introduce artists, poets, and activities that combine art and nature. Some photography will be required, plus drawing and painting.

Japanorama 2021 (Grades 9-12) (7/12/2021)

Let's take a panoramic look at the fascinating country of Japan. Over two short weeks, we will check out the Japanese culture and lifestyle.

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21PD0712F: SAT Test Prep, Intro to Math & English Questions (Grades 9-12) (7/12/2021)

This course will introduce the structure of the questions in mathematics and both English sections, focusing on strategies that increase understanding.

21PD0712G: Science Experiments and Writing (Grades K-2) (7/12/2021)

In this course we will be doing fun, simple, hands-on science experiments that anyone could do with the items you have at home. We will be watching videos, getting messy and adding in some writing.

World History - The Rise and Fall of Empires (Grades 6-12) (7/12/2021)

This course is a general introduction and overview of the development of early human society, the rise of civilization and cities, the history and development of classical empires.

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Passport to Social Studies (Grades 3-8) (7/12/2021)

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Students will learn to code utilizing the Google CS first curriculum, with different themes like sports, art, and game design.

21PD0712D: STEM Explore - CAD (Grades 6-12) (7/12/2021)

Get creative as you expand your STEM knowledge in Computer-Aided Design (CAD)! Design and create your own virtual 3D object, convert your design to Lego or Minecraft blocks, design your dream house, and much more!

Resist (chapter book) Influential People in History (Grades 3-5) (7/26/2021)

"You may only be one person, but you have the power to change the world. Before they were activists, they were just like you and me.

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West Michigan, a great place to do business! (Grades 9-12) (7/26/2021)

West Michigan...you live here but how well do you know the businesses that call West Michigan home and the many resources and opportunities around us?

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Exploring Japanese Food, Language and Pop Culture (Grades 9-12) (7/26/2021)

Anime, manga, music, cinema, gaming, and fashion, school life... These are all possible topics for this course. It depends on the interests of individual students' interests.

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21PD0726F: Introduction to the Rhetorical Analysis Essay (AP Language, SAT focus) (Grades 9-12) (7/26/2021)

Students will understand how to approach a rhetorical analysis timed writing essay based on the AP Language format, similar to the SAT format.

21PD0726G: Phonics Fun (Grades K-2) (7/26/2021)

In this course will go over the foundational reading skills to help beginning readers learn to sound out and read those challenging words. This will be great for kindergarteners going into 1st grade.

Environmental Science (Grades 6-12) (7/26/2021)

This is a general overview course in the field of Environmental Science. We will look at the history of the Earth (aka 'deep time'), the Earth's Atmosphere, the Oceans and Ocean life, and Ecosystems.

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Biology: NextGenStorylines Unit Training

Need a High School Life Science Resource? Use the All 3 Life Science Storyline Units to Cover a Year of Bio, or Pilot 1-2 Units this coming year.

NGSX: The Next Generation Science Exemplar Learning System for Science (8/3/2021 - 9/20/2021)

NGSX in Kent County

Chemistry: iHUB Unit Resource Training (8/9/2021 - 8/10/2021)

Chemistry Units are FREE and are HERE!

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September 2021

21HR0914: Leading While Female: A Culturally Proficient For Gender Equity (Community - Part I) - VIRTUAL (9/14/2021 - 10/12/2021)

This virtual professional community is open to any P-12 educator interested in participating in a professional community leading to taking individual and collective action around gender equity.

21HR0923: Culturally Proficient Leadership (A road map for navigating the journey!) (9/23/2021 - 11/4/2021)

"Culturally Proficient Leadership" is a road map for navigating the journey!

October 2021

Secondary Science Assessment Revisions (10/5/2021 - 10/6/2021)

3D Assessments are challenging to write. Bring a group of teachers to engage in alteration of parts of your current assessments, or start fresh!

November 2021

21HR1116: Playing Big: Practical Wisdom for Women Who Want to Lead (Part II) (Hiring, Retention, Attraction) (11/16/2021 - 1/11/2022)

Strengthening the educator pipeline