



Wit & Wisdom PD Event: Aurora, CO July 22-24, 2019

Vista PEAK Exploratory 24551 East First Avenue Aurora, CO 80018

July 22: Launch Wit & Wisdom (Grades K-8)

Launch *Wit & Wisdom* introduces teachers, coaches, and school leaders to the curriculum's learning design, including:

- the framework teachers and students use to access, understand, and analyze complex texts;
- the questioning structure that guides student learning;
- the role of knowledge-building;
- how student learning is assessed in modules and lessons; and
- module and lesson instructional components.

July 23: Writing in Wit & Wisdom (Grades K-8)

Writing in Wit & Wisdom introduces K-8 users to the curriculum's approach to teaching informative, opinion/argument, and narrative writing, including:

- expectations for student writers for each writing type
- the importance of deep content knowledge to effective writing
- the framework teachers and students use to learn the craft of writing
- the role of writing models in scaffolding writing instruction
- the power of an integrated approach to writing instruction

July 24: Module & Lesson Study (Grades K-8)

Module and Lesson Study builds on Launch *Wit & Wisdom*, engaging participants in pedagogical and practical strategies to support their preparation and teaching of the curriculum. Educators build understanding of

- what productive struggle is and why it matters across areas of ELA,
- why deep preparation is essential to effective teaching of Wit & Wisdom,
- the role of Module 0 in creating a classroom culture supportive of success across all ELA areas, and
- an approach to module and lesson preparation that leads to successful implementation.

For more details on the PD sessions, please review the session agendas on <u>GreatMinds.org</u>.

DAILY SCHEDULE	
8:30 AM	Building Access and Check-in
9:00 AM	Morning Session Begins
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch Break (estimated times)
4:00 PM	Session Concludes

*Note: Lunch is the responsibility of the participant.

WHAT TO BRING

- Day 1: For Launch: Module 1 Teacher's Edition, Student Editions and assessment Pack (if participant does not have access to the digital access of the modules) and one set of Module 1 core texts for their grade level.
- Days 1-3: an internet-capable laptop or tablet, for referencing online resources and completing an online evaluation at the conclusion of each session

HOW TO REGISTER

To participate in this event, please ensure you have secured a spot by using the link to register <u>here</u>! The registration deadline is **July 8, 2019**. Payment may be made by purchase order, check, credit card, or wire transfer. Full instructions are located on the payment page of the registration portal. On-site registration is not permitted.

Wit & Wisdom PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Wit & Wisdom PD is designed for all educators, from those involved in daily classroom instruction to the teams and administrators supporting that instruction. The material in each session will benefit new, current, and seasoned implementers of *Wit & Wisdom*. Attendees typically include the following:

- Classroom teachers
- ELA leads and coaches, special educators and interventionists
- Curriculum directors, school or district administrators

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE



Launch *Wit & Wisdom*, Module & Lesson Study and Writing in *Wit & Wisdom* are part of the multiyear sequence of professional development for implementers of *Wit & Wisdom*. We recommend that early implementers participate in foundational sessions—the critical coursework that anyone implementing *Wit & Wisdom* should experience.

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