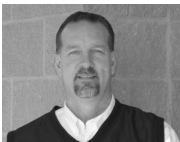




aha! network - Innovative Virtual & Blended Professional Learning Opportunities

Thank you for choosing to learn more about innovative virtual & blended professional learning opportunities that are changing the way we learn in Falcon School District 49! The target objective of this presentation is to offer you some fresh ideas to consider as professional development continues to evolve in your district.

District 49 is engaging teachers and leaders in innovative & creative ways in the Pikes Peak region to improve instruction. The aha! network is the District 49 Professional Development hub created to facilitate the Model Classroom Project, full virtual & blended PD courses, Coursera, Schoology, professional collaboration and other PD opportunities. We will share how we use these projects and resources to leverage time, talent, teaching and resources in our school district and beyond.



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Pre-Conference Activities

Aha! Network Scavenger Hunt

The Aha! Network scavenger hunt is a chance to explore the resources and layout of District 49's professional development hub.

- ! Click on this [link](http://www.ahanet.org) (www.ahanet.org) to access aha! network
- ! Use the tabs on the top of the website to navigate through the various pages & sections
- ! "Where in the world is "!" (locate and count only the red exclamation marks)
 - o Several ! will be scattered through out the website. See how many you can find.
- ! Explore the Course Catalog
- ! We provide statewide CDE approved Evaluator Training - locate this page to learn more on the Leadership tab then choose Evaluation Practices.
- ! "Aha! Moment"
 - o Click on the "Aha! Moments" tab then locate the "comments" link at the bottom of the page and post a brief educational "Aha! Moment" you experienced. Please keep it short and sweet.
- ! Model Classroom video
 - o Find the Model Classroom page, view some video samples and prepare to offer feedback during the conference on how these could be best used to improve instruction.



Schoology Activities

Schoology is the learning management system we use in District 49 to leverage teaching, time, talent and resources. You will be asked to create an account if you do not already have one and join a course and group created for this conference. You are also asked to complete a few tasks in each as well. Please email me at bgreen@d49.org if you are having any technical issues joining the course or group.

- ! Create a "free" account or use your current account or use your current Schoology account.
 - o Go to www.schoology.com
 - o Sign up as an instructor - you can skip the step(s) that asks for school
- ! Join Course and Group
 - o After logging into your Schoology account click on "Courses" then "join" and type in this access code: **PZR4J-J9HBJ**
 - o After logging into your Schoology account click on "Groups" then "join" and type in this access code: **458TT-FVZPH**
- ! Notification Setup in "Courses & Groups"
 - o Click on "notification" and choose when you would like to be notified by email
 - o Click on the arrow to the right of your name & click on account settings and explore
 - o Set up notifications in BOTH course and group
 - o Optional Account Settings Activity: click on the little arrow by your name (upper right hand corner of course or group) and select account settings. Here you can create a quick/short bio, add a photo, etc. It's a better experience to communicate with a colleague that has their photo appear in posts.
- ! "Getting to Know You" activity in Groups
 - o Click on the "Groups" tab in your Schoology account and select CBOL - Innovative Virtual & Blended Professional Learning Opportunities group
 - o In the post box share w/ everyone in the group a little about your self - where you work - your job description/title - anything else that would be useful to know about you. You can also post links-files-media with that posting if you have something you want to share.
- ! Discussion threads in Groups
 - o Click on the "Groups" tab in your Schoology account and select CBOL - Innovative Virtual & Blended Professional Learning Opportunities group
 - o Please post comments in the two discussion threads. The link to the threads can be found on the left side of the group landing page
- ! Schoology Survey in Courses
 - o Click on the "Courses" tab in your Schoology account and select CBOL - Innovative Virtual & Blended Professional Learning Opportunities course
 - o Take the "Pre-conference Survey"
 - o While your here feel free to explore this course and other things at your disposal in Schoology