

Improving the Academic Vocabulary and Content Comprehension of English Learners and Struggling Readers in Grades 4-12

Description:

Recent research-based instructional strategies and best practices have been shown to accelerate the development of academic language and content knowledge for older students reading at primary levels. Join Dr. Margarita Calderón for an engaging, interactive session in which she will explain and demonstrate effective instructional techniques for language arts and content-area teachers. Information will also be shared about the standards-based assessment and instruction of low-performing secondary students in urban areas around the country.

Participants will:

1. Learn strategies that help adolescents develop literacy, language, and content knowledge simultaneously.
2. Learn effective techniques for teaching academic vocabulary and content comprehension to intermediate, middle school, and high school students.
3. Discuss the effective integration of curriculum, instruction, and professional development in providing comprehensive solutions for older ELs and struggling readers.

Presenter:

Dr. Margarita Calderón has been working with New York City's Department of Education since 2006 on the training of middle and high school teachers who have low-performing ELs in their classrooms. Dr. Calderón is a professor at the Johns Hopkins Graduate School of Education and is a member of the National Literacy Panel on Language-Minority Children and Youth. She has also developed RIGOR, the new intervention program for students in Grades 4-12 who are reading at PreK-Grade 3 levels. Dr. Calderón's latest publication is the book entitled, *Teaching Reading to English Language Learners, Grades 6-12*.

Target Audience:

Administrators and Teacher Leaders

Registration Deadline: Monday, October 13, 2008

Date:
Wednesday, October 22, 2008

Time:
4:00-7:00p.m.

Location:
Santa Clara County Office of Education
Gilroy Room
1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, CA 95131

Register at: <http://santaclara.k12oms.org/eventdetail.php?gid=200&id=16339>

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