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Grant Wood Area Education Agency

September 2024

Cost: \$125/person (each day)

Registration opens late Spring.

If you would like an email reminder to register for Katie Novak's sessions, please complete this short google form:

<http://gwaea.org/novak>



Katie Novak

Katie Novak, Ed.D., is an internationally renowned education consultant, author, graduate instructor at the University of Pennsylvania, and a former Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Massachusetts. With 20 years of experience in teaching and administration, an earned doctorate in curriculum and teaching, and fourteen published books, Katie designs and presents workshops both nationally and internationally focusing on the implementation of inclusive practices, Universal Design for Learning (UDL), multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS), and universally designed leadership. Novak's work has impacted educators worldwide as her contributions and collaborations have built upon the foundation for an educational framework that is critical for student success.

Dr. Novak is the author of the best-selling books, *UDL Now! A Teacher's Guide to Applying Universal Design for Learning in Today's Classrooms*, *Innovate Inside the Box*, with George Couros, *Equity by Design*, with Mirko Chardin, and *The Shift to Student-Led* with Catlin Tucker.

Day 1: September 24, 2024

A Unified Journey for Educators and Leaders

We invite district and school-based teams including teachers, support staff, and leaders to join us for a session that emphasizes action and collaboration. This day is dedicated to mastering the application of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) across various educational contexts.

In this interactive session, your team will not only learn to implement UDL principles in classroom instruction, but also discover strategies for differentiating instruction to meet individual learner needs. Additionally, you'll gain insights into crafting individualized support sessions and creating more engaging, inclusive professional learning and faculty meetings. The focus is on practical, hands-on application, ensuring that each participant, regardless of their role, leaves with actionable tools.

Objectives:

- Delve into how Universal Design for Learning principles intersect with different roles in education, focusing on practical application in varied settings and scenarios.
- Gain insights into the complementary relationship between UDL and differentiated instruction, emphasizing strategies to address the diverse needs of all learners effectively.
- Apply UDL principles in transforming a lesson, meeting, or support session, aiming for impactful outcomes in both student learning and educator practices.

Day 2: September 25, 2024

Advanced Leadership Strategies in UDL and MTSS

After a dynamic first day focused on collaborative learning and practical application of UDL principles, Day 2 is designed specifically for leaders to deepen their expertise in leading and supporting the integration of UDL within Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS). In this advanced session, leaders will explore the nuances of driving change and sustaining progress in their educational settings. The focus will be on equipping leaders with the skills and strategies necessary for effectively guiding their teams through the complexities of integrating UDL with MTSS. This includes understanding both the technical and adaptive aspects of this transformative process.

Objectives:

- Explore the intricacies of merging UDL principles with MTSS framework, focusing on both the practical (technical) and behavioral (adaptive) aspects.
- Learn strategies for guiding and supporting educators in implementing UDL within MTSS, emphasizing addressing challenges and fostering continuous improvement.
- Equip yourself with the tools to develop and implement effective action plans that lead to meaningful outcomes in student learning and educator development.



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