



I Teach NYC Bulletin: Educator Opportunities December 2014 - January 2015

About this Edition

This edition of the *I Teach NYC* bulletin includes the latest career development and professional learning opportunities for educators. You'll also discover resources and information on grants and financial support for teachers. Click on each opportunity in the table of contents below for more information and links to applications and registration pages. Would you like to receive the *I Teach NYC* bulletin via another email address? Sign-up [here!](#)

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Please note:

- Attendance at events and workshops that occur during school hours requires your principal's approval. Please coordinate the necessary approvals and classroom coverage with your principal prior to registering.
- Hyperlinks to web pages on the DOE intranet require readers to log in with their DOE ID and password.

Career Development & Leadership Opportunities

Inspired by a Great Teacher? Nominate a Colleague for the Big Apple Awards



- **Open To:** All teachers
- **Opportunity at a Glance:** The Big Apple Awards celebrate the hard work and dedication of all New York City public school teachers. Each year, after a Citywide call for nominations and a thorough review process, the DOE recognizes a select group of educators with this prestigious award, based on their instructional practices, impact on student learning, and professional contributions to the community. Last year's recipients were honored at a ceremony at Gracie Mansion, received a classroom grant and are spending the 2014-15 school year advising senior DOE leadership on educational practice across the city as Big Apple Fellows.
- **Deadline:** Monday, January 19
- **Application:** [Visit](#) the Big Apple Awards webpage to nominate a teacher.
- **For more information:** [Visit](#) the Big Apple Awards webpage, or [email](#) the Teacher Excellence team.

Discover Promising Practices at a Showcase School Visit



- **Open To:** All teachers
- **Opportunity at a Glance:** The Showcase Schools Program promotes collaboration and sharing of promising practices. Seventeen schools will host educators from across the City to demonstrate and discuss strong structures and strategies in a specific area of learning, as well as the processes behind their development. Educators are invited to attend a visit and be part of this unique learning opportunity.
- **Event Date:** Visits occur through March 2015
- **Registration:** Click to [register](#) for an upcoming school visit.

- **Deadline:** Register early as space is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- **For more information:** [Visit](#) the Showcase Schools web page.

Become a Microsoft Innovative Educator and Facilitator



innovative educator
program

- **Open to:** All teachers interested in integrating technology tools and sharing them with 75 or more educators annually
- **Opportunity at a Glance:** The Microsoft Innovative Educator PD program will help you integrate technology tools to enhance teaching and learning in the classroom. This free workshop will certify you as a Microsoft Innovative Educator who can deliver training to your colleagues about the range of free Microsoft tools available to teachers and students.
- **Event Date:** Tuesday, January 13 and Wednesday, January 14 (Lunch will be provided)
- **Registration:** Click to [register](#) for the training workshop.
- **Location:** Manhattan
- **For more information:** [Visit](#) the Microsoft Innovative Educator website.

Interested in additional upcoming opportunities?

Check out the NYCDOE's [Leadership Pathways](#) website and visit the "Leadership Development Opportunities" section.

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Teacher FYIs & Updates

Last Chance to Save Information in ARIS

- As of **Thursday, January 1**, the NYCDOE will no longer use [ARIS](#) or **ARIS Parent Link**.
- Here is what you need to know:
 - Download all content you wish to save from **ARIS Connect**, including resources in public spotlight communities and saved reports from the 'Reports' page, and save them to a separate location by **Wednesday, December 31**.
 - After **ARIS** closes, you will be able to view your students' data in [STARS Classroom](#).
 - **ARIS Learn**, a professional development platform distinct from **ARIS**, will continue to be available under a new name.
 - Parents will be provided with alternate ways of retrieving their students' information until a new system is developed to replace **ARIS Parent Link** by September 2015. (More information about alternate methods for parents will follow in 2015.)



Try out the Inter-Visitation Toolkit this Winter

- Peer inter-visitation are teacher-facilitated, non-evaluative classroom visits focused on the collaborative development of instructional knowledge and skills.
- [The Inter-Visitation Toolkit](#) in **ARIS Learn** contains resources including protocols, planning tools, and professional learning activities to support teachers in implementing inter-visitation structures that support their professional growth and the needs of students. The Toolkit is also available on [Advance Intranet](#).
- **For more information:** [Email](#) the Teacher Effectiveness team.



Free Flu Shots for all Teachers through December 31

- Now is the time to protect yourself before the height of the flu season. City employees who are currently enrolled in City health benefits are eligible to receive the flu shot through the Flu Vaccination Campaign [#GotMyFluShot](#).
- This campaign will allow you to get a free flu vaccination:
 - At the doctor's office
 - At [a participating pharmacy](#)
 - At [an Advantage Care Physician facility](#)
- Wherever you go to get the shot, it is a good idea to bring your agency ID and your health plan card as you may need them to receive the shot.



Interested in additional resources?

Check out the [Teacher Page](#) for the latest opportunities and resources

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Professional Learning Opportunities

Learn Strategies to Increase Reading Achievement

- **Open To:** Grades 3-8 ELA teachers
- **Opportunity at a Glance:** As students become proficient in determining key ideas and citing text evidence, they are ready to take the next step in their comprehension work - analysis of author's craft and structure. In this session, you will learn practical, research-based strategies for increasing reading achievement that you can implement in your classroom.
- **Event Date:** Monday, January 12 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., breakfast and lunch will be provided.
- **Location:** Manhattan
- **Registration:** [Click](#) to register.
- **For more information:** [Email](#) Nicholas Kuroly or [email](#) Rebekah Nelson.



Source: *NYS P-12 Common Core Learning Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy*

Save the Date! February 2nd is the Annual Citywide LOTE Conference

- **Open To:** All teachers of Languages Other Than English (LOTE)
- **Opportunity at a Glance:** The annual Citywide LOTE Conference is a full-day professional learning opportunity for teachers of languages other than English. Taking place during the Chancellor's Conference Day (for High Schools), this conference will focus on instructional strategies specific to LOTE teachers.
- **Event Date:** Monday, February 2
- **Location:** Queens
- **Registration:** Click to [register](#).
- **Deadline:** Register by Thursday, January 15
- **For more information:** [Visit](#) the Department of English Language Learners and Student Support website and [sign up](#) for the News and Opportunities for Educators of ELLs weekly newsletter.



Support Your Students with Disabilities



- **Open To:** All teachers, administrators and related service providers
- **Opportunities at a Glance:** You are invited to participate in a variety of [PD opportunities](#) presented by the Special Education Office, including:
 - **Multisensory Language Education:** The Orton-Gillingham Approach is a comprehensive multi-sensory methodology for teaching foundational literacy skills. You will gain an understanding of using this approach as a teaching strategy for literacy and ongoing assessments of students.
 - Dates: Thursday and Friday, January 8 & 9
 - Location: Manhattan
 - Registration: Click to [register](#) for Day One and for Day Two.
 - **Understanding Dyslexia:** Explore the current research and best practices for successfully teaching reading to students with dyslexia and related learning disabilities.
 - Dates: One-day workshop on Thursday, January 15 and a two-part workshop on Friday, January 23 and Friday, January 30
 - Location: Manhattan
 - Registration: Click here to [register](#) for the January 15 one-day workshop and click on the following hyperlinks for the two-part workshop: [January 23](#) and [January 30](#).
 - **Meeting the Needs of Diverse Learners (Elementary):** A two-part workshop series that helps schools develop classroom programs that include all the students in their community.
 - Dates: Wednesday, January 28 and Thursday, February 26
 - Location: Brooklyn
 - Registration: Register here for [January 28](#) and register here for [February 26](#).
- **For more information:** For more details on these and other PD opportunities, [visit](#) the Fall 2014 PD Catalogue (DOE log-in required) or [email](#) the Special Education Office Instructional Team.

Join the Tech Facebook Group: Interact with Colleagues to Leverage Technology in the Classroom



- **Open to:** All teachers
- **Opportunity at a Glance:** [The NYCDOE Tech Facebook Group](#) is a place for teachers who want to share ideas and build their personal learning networks to connect and converse about technology. Recent topics include: Using Google forms to track exit slips, creating QR codes with students, using Twitter to build classroom and school culture, and much more.
- **Location:** Online on [Facebook](#).
- **For more information:** [Email](#) the NYCDOE Tech Team.

Analyzing Student Data or Creating Student Assessments? Schoolnet Can Help



- **Open to:** All teachers
- **Opportunity at a Glance:** Schoolnet supports your efforts to track student performance by creating assessments and generating student assessment reports from multiple data sources. Upcoming trainings will support your instructional planning efforts by familiarizing you with the tool and giving you the opportunity to practice your data analysis and assessment creation skills.
- **Registration:** Click to [register](#).
- **Event Dates:** Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 12, 13 and 14, and Friday, January 16. Most days feature two sessions: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Some days feature "Intensive" PDs, which allow educators to cover all PDs in one day.
- **Location:** Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens

- For more information: [Check out](#) the Periodic Assessment Guide (page 7) or [email](#) Florence Noel.

Interested in additional resources?

Check out the [Teacher Page](#) for up-to-date events and learning opportunities.

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Grants & Financial Supports



Apply for the Prestigious Sontag Prize in Urban Education

[The Sontag Prize](#) recognizes outstanding teaching in Mathematics, English Language Arts and other disciplines. The opportunity provides motivated and successful educators from across the nation the chance to share best practices with their fellow awardees. Awardees will lead classes, receive an honorarium, and participate in professional development at Harvard University. [Applications](#) accepted until **Friday, January 2**.



Apply for Funds to Pursue Self-Designed PD

[The Fund for Teachers](#) provides resources for educators to pursue self-designed professional learning experiences that positively impact student learning and achievement. Individuals may apply for up to \$5,000 and teams may apply for up to \$10,000. [Applications](#) accepted until **Thursday, January 29**.

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Newsletter Header Image:

The teacher featured in the [I Teach NYC](#) header image is Stephen Jackson. Stephen teaches 7th and 8th grade Science at P.S./M.S. 278, the Paula Hedbavny School, in Manhattan. To read more about Stephen, check out the [Big Apple Awards website](#).