

The 2020-2021 Illinois SMART School Academy

Description and Objectives



Description: The SMART School Academy is a step-by-step, hands-on, guided learning experience that takes participants through the SMART School Improvement Process, a data-driven, collaborative process focused on improving student achievement. At each step, participants learn tools and methods for engaging their colleagues in research-based professional practices. The Academy provides individuals with the time, support and coaching in the skills and knowledge needed to facilitate the SMART School Improvement Process.

Objectives: Participants will leave the Academy ...

KNOWING HOW TO:

- Determine a school's greatest area of need (GAN)
- Write a SMART school-improvement goal
- Use SMART targets for progress monitoring
- Use a variety of templates and graphic organizers to focus collaboration in their districts and schools

BEING ABLE TO:

- Lead the SMART School Improvement Process
- Support schools in the development of action plans for carrying out school-wide improvement strategies
- Coach teams and individuals in the use of SMART tools, templates and methods
- Facilitate job-embedded professional learning

WITH NEW SKILLS IN THE AREAS OF:

- Coaching
- Team leadership
- Data analysis
- Collaboration
- Communication
- Goal management