

Get Going with SLC's!

Attending a Design Studio is a great way to jump start smaller learning communities work in your school or district.

Teams leave with new ideas and an action plan for implementation.

Upcoming Dates

October 7-9, 2009

October 21-23, 2009

March 31-April 2, 2010

April 28-30, 2010

Cost: \$2300 for a team of 5.
Additional participants can be added at \$500/ person. Teams of less than 5 will be charged the full registration fee.

To register please call

207 676-2843 option 6

For more information about Noble please visit our web page

<http://knight.noble-hs.sad60.k12.me.us/>

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Smaller Learning Communities

Design Studio 2009- 2010

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Noble High School, a community of learners, believes that we are all capable of success. Through a rigorous curriculum, we foster the academic and personal growth of life-long learners. We value small

What is a Design Studio?

How can it help us with SLC's?

A studio is the working place of an artist. While learning is a lifelong pursuit, educating is an art, and educators are perpetually in the midst of on-going research, inquiry, and reflection about their craft.

Our process puts educators at the center of their own learning. Each Design Studio provides opportunities for participants to conceptualize and draft a plan for changing their own educational environment in a collaborative setting. Teams will leave invigorated and ready to move forward with SLC implementation.

Teams will use Noble High School as the laboratory. They will see and hear the work of Noble High School, then consider how to apply key elements in their own school. As they work toward establishing and strengthening smaller learning communities.

The purpose of our Design Studio is to immerse you in the experience of being a visiting team trying to learn enough about Noble's work-in-progress to apply key elements to your own ongoing strategic planning and smaller learning communities work. You will also have the opportunity to network with other educators and share the learning you have experienced through your own school's transformation journey.

Design Studio Agenda

Below is a sample agenda for the three day event:

Day 1:

Arrival/ Welcome

Sharing Journey Maps

Student Introduction to Noble

Student Led Tour

Presentation: Phases of School Transformation

Teams begin planning with facilitator

Day 2

Classroom Observations

Presentation: School Data and Decision Making

Roundtable Discussions on various topics

Presentation: Designing an Adolescent Literacy Program

Teams begin designing action plans with facilitators

Day 3

Collaborative Assessment

Facilitated Gap Analysis Process

Sharing of Action Plans

Planning for Ongoing Support

About Noble...

Noble High School is a rural, public high school in southern Maine serving approximately 1,200 students. While we have a good deal of socio-economic diversity, 98% of students who attend Noble are white and 2% are African American, Latino or Asian. Listed below are several critical practices that have helped us progress toward our goal of a personalized, rigorous high school experience for all students.

Key Features:

- ✦ Teaming grades 9-12
- ✦ 3 Vertical Learning Academies
- ✦ Heterogeneously grouped
- ✦ Member Coalition of Essential Schools
- ✦ Block Scheduling
- ✦ Graduation by Senior Exhibition
- ✦ Portfolios
- ✦ Grade Level Exhibitions
- ✦ Project based learning
- ✦ Rigorous core curriculum for all
- ✦ Comprehensive Literacy Program

Participants will see how Noble has developed Smaller Learning Communities and embraced the practices above.

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