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Lateral Entry Website Now Available!

http://www.gcsnc.com/HR/lateral/index.htm

Start the Year Off Right: LE Buddy Tips for Success

The Lateral Entry Buddies are GCS educators who have successfully completed the lateral entry requirements and who have volunteered to assist current LE teachers. Below are tips for success based on their own experiences:

Join a professional educators association to take advantage of the resources, support, networking, and professional development opportunities to assist you in your career.

Build good relationships with your colleagues to encourage and support each other. Network with positive, successful employees.

Apply for grants as you learn of options available to you to help fund classroom projects or special supplies.

Send home a monthly newsletter to inform parents of class information.

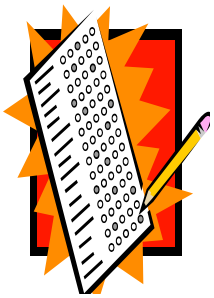
Save receipts for classroom purchases for a tax deduction of up $250 for classroom supplies.

Be consistent with your classroom management plan. Let your students know they can count on your management skills to provide the best learning environment.

Keep a notebook of daily notes and class handouts along with your students. Students can check this sample notebook when they return from an absence or when they need to check notebook organization.

Hold a class meeting to address concerns, brainstorm solutions, and to set new goals for the improvements and success in the classroom.

To learn more about the lateral entry buddies or to access the list of current LE buddies, visit **http://www.gcsnc.com/HR/lateral/buddy.htm**



Praxis II Preparation Sessions
for all Content Areas

Co-sponsored by NCAE and the Lateral Entry Resource and Advising Center

Session I option: Saturday, March 7, 2009, 9 AM –12 noon
Session II option: Saturday, April 6, 2009, 9 AM –12 noon

Priority Registration for NCAE Members—Watch your e-mail for details!

Upcoming Events

January 2009

10	GCS ACT Frameworks: 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM
16	Block HS Exam Schedule
19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
20	Presidential Inauguration: Regular School Day
21-23	Block HS Exam Schedule
23	End of Quarter 2 / End of Semester I
26	Protected Teacher Workday
27	LE Networking Event: 5 – 6:30 PM at J. Butler's Bar & Grille, 3815 Tinsley Drive (near Hwy 68 and Wendover Ave) in High Point
31	GCS ACT Frameworks: 8:30 AM-3:30 PM

February 2009

19	Early Release --Professional Development
20	District Mandated Workday
21	GCS ACT Frameworks: 8:30 AM--3:30 PM
24	LE Networking Event: 5 to 6:30 PM at Elizabeth's Pizza on Lawndale Drive, GSO

Get Connected!

Save the date! Join us on **Tuesday evening, January 27, from 5 to 6:30 PM** for our next lateral entry professional networking event at **J. Butler's Bar and Grille** on Tinsley Drive near the intersection of Eastchester Drive and Wendover Avenue in High Point.

Our featured guests for this event include **Monica Walker,** GCS Diversity Officer**,** and the GCS New Teacher Coaches from the Department of Induction and Success, including **Jan Nelson, Susan Phillips, Karen Cannon, Leslie Kinard, Tammy Taylor, Linda Zenns, Sharon Reddick, Donna Allen,** and **Jane Higgins.**

Join us for a fun evening as we network for professional support! See you there!

Need information on the PRAXIS II? Visit www.ets.org/praxis

Need help? Lateral Entry BT2's and BT 3's can request ON DEMAND SUPPORT! For more information, go to http://www.gcsnc.com/HR/lateral/ondemand.htm

Frequently Asked Questions

I've heard about the transfer application period. Am I eligible to transfer to another school for the 2009-2010 academic year? If so, what do I need to do?
Because contracts for lateral entry teachers are for the current academic year only, you do not complete a transfer application. Lateral entry teachers are licensed employees who hold a temporary contract; therefore, you are free to explore other options and seek employment at another school for the next school year. You will need to search job vacancies and submit your resume and letter of interest to the principal for consideration. Regardless of any possible change in school, you still need to make sure you are meeting the state requirements for continued employment, including completing the six credit hours per year of approved licensure coursework and taking and passing the Praxis II exam listed on your NCDPI letter by the deadline. Please be cautious as you make decisions about transfers and keep lines of communication open with your current principal.

Where can I get help preparing for the Praxis II exam?
You can learn about the different areas covered on the tests and complete many practice Praxis II exam questions by visiting the Praxis II website for NC teachers. Click on the test you will be taking to view the 'Test at a Glance' information and to access the practice test questions. There are some Praxis II preparation books and CDs available in the Lateral Entry Resource and Advising Center. Preparation books are also available for purchase through your local bookstore. NCAE and the LERAC will co-sponsor Praxis II preparation workshops. Please also see the additional information sent through e-mail.

Professional Networking

The Lateral Entry Professional Networking Events have been a great success! Lateral Entry BT1's, BT 2's, and BT 3's have come together to meet each other and to share ideas on classroom instructional strategies, organization, classroom management, time management, work-family balance, Praxis II, licensure programs, and more! In addition, LE teachers have had the opportunity to learn more about Guilford County Schools and services offered to teachers by mingling with our invited guests. In December at Greensboro's downtown Natty Greene's, lateral entry teachers talked with special guests including Superintendent "Mo" Green and representatives from our Human Resources Department including Shirley Morrison, Peggy Thompson, Alison Yates, Stephen Foster, Amy Holcombe, Cheryl Lowe, Melissa Harrelson, Patty Kinkade, Crissi Lester, Lindsay Yarbrough, Terrik Higgins, Beverly Neal, Landy Gilkerson, Janet Chandler, Tina Johnson, and Pamela Herndon.

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