



An exciting professional development initiative for Grades 3-5 educators!

NFTI Science for Grades 3-5 is a two year professional development opportunity designed to deepen your content knowledge in science and increase student achievement through the use of nonfiction text and engaging inquiry learning experiences.

Who should apply?

NFTI Science is for teachers in grades 3-5. Priority is given to teachers from high-needs buildings who are currently teaching science. Teachers who do not teach science but are willing to implement lessons that integrate nonfiction text and inquiry science are welcome to apply. Each site will accommodate up to 25 teachers, so selection criteria may apply. All applicants will be notified about participation in the program by mid-May.

Why should you attend?

Join grades 3-5 educators and experience integrated units focused on the use of nonfiction text in inquiry-based science. During PD sessions, you will experience several Earth & Life Science units that focus on:

- using the learning cycle to plan a cohesive set of learning experiences for students
- student misconceptions
- how to integrate nonfiction text and inquiry based instruction to support student learning
- the connection between Ohio's Learning Standards in Science and English Language Arts

What are the expectations for participating in the NFTI program? NFTI is a two-year professional development initiative. Detailed information about the program requirements for Year 2 is outlined on the next page.

NFTI Science Year 1

Benefits : 4 semester hours of graduate credit and a \$1,125 stipend for full participation in Year 1
(Please see below for distribution of credit and stipend during Year 1)

Summer 2016: Attend a five day summer session in your area (June or July 2016) Session locations are listed on the next page.

Benefits:

- 2 semester hours of graduate credit upon successful completion of the summer session (cost of credit is covered by grant funds)
- A stipend of \$500 for attendance and full participation all five days of the summer session
- Resource Books



School Year 16-17 - (PENDING FUNDING):

- Attend two school year sessions (Early November 2016 and Late February 2017)
- Participate in online professional development throughout the school year (no more than 2 hours/month)
- Attend a 2-day Text Set Conference (June 2017)
- Receive 2 semester hours of graduate credit. One semester hour of credit (covered by grant) with the option to purchase an additional credit for successfully completing the school year sessions and online PD. One semester hour of credit for attending the Text Set Conference (cost covered by grant)
- Reimbursement of substitute costs for school year sessions
- A total stipend of \$625 which is distributed by completing the online professional development (\$400) and attending the Text Set Conference (\$225)

NFTI is funded by an Ohio Mathematics Science Partnership grant, a federal MSP initiative which is awarded and administered by the Ohio Department of Education. Partners for the NFTI professional development program include the Ohio Resource Center, the Teaching & Learning Collaborative and Capital University.



Where will NFTI sessions be held? The 5-day summer sessions will be held from 8:30am-4:00pm at the following sites.

| June 6-10, 2016 8:30am-4:00pm | June 13-17, 2016 8:30am-4:00pm | June 20-24, 2016 8:30am-4:00pm | July 25-29, 2016 8:30am-4:00pm | August 1-5, 2016 8:30am-4:00pm |
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| Gahanna Jefferson Public Schools | Buckeye Valley Local Schools | South Western City Schools | Hillsboro City Schools ** | South Western City Schools |
| Teays Valley Local | Centerville City Schools | Teaching & Learning Collaborative | Hocking College ** | |
| Wapakoneta City Schools | Darke Co. ESC | | Northwest Local School District ** | |
| | | | Struthers City Schools ** | |

**** Please note the school year sessions for the sites held the week of July 25-29 will be on Saturday. All other sites will be during the school week with reimbursement of substitute costs up to \$110/session. There will be an additional stipend of \$220 for attending a site with Saturday sessions.**

Year 2 Program Information

2017-2018 School Year (Pending Funding)

Year 2 NFTI Science Program requirements:

- Attend two school year sessions during the 2017-2018 school year to continue to develop grade level specific text sets
- Attend a five day PD session in June 2018 on Physical Science content

Benefits:

- Receive 2 semester hours of graduate credit upon successful completion of the summer 2018 session (costs covered by grant)
- A stipend of \$500 for attending all five days of the Summer 2018 session.
- Resource Books
- Reimbursement of substitute costs for school year sessions (or a stipend for Saturday sessions)

TO REGISTER:

By applying for the NFTI Science program you are agreeing to attend both Year 1 and Year 2 requirements as outlined above. To register for this opportunity, please complete the online registration form by May 10, 2016. Participants will be notified about their participation by mid-May. A confirmation letter will be sent 2-3 weeks prior to the session.

Register online at: <http://bit.ly/NFTIScience2016>

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