

Assistive Technology Professional Development Courses for 2019-2020

(Please register in My Learning Plan)

Microsoft Learning Tools: Accessibility for All - This professional development will highlight the accessibility features of the Windows computer operating system and Microsoft Learning Tools available in Office 365 applications within the MDCPS Student and Employee Portals. Tools such as Dictate (speech to text/speech recognition), Immersive Reader, picture dictionary, real time subtitling (captioning) and real time translation in many languages are just some of the features/tools that will be demonstrated. Strategies to assist all learners (and to help teachers) will be explored. *Participants will need to bring a wifi enabled device (phone, tablet, laptop) in order to benefit from hands-on learning.

- 9/30/2019, 8:30am - 11:30am @Ruben Dario MS

Assistive Technology Assessment & Implementation - This professional development will outline the legal requirements and M-DCPS procedures for the provision of assistive technology (AT) tools and services to students with disabilities in ESE and/or general education settings. School-based Assistive Technology Contacts (ATCs), ESE Teachers, and support staff will learn how to use the Assistive Technology Assessment and Implementation Plan (ATIP) to: identify low/mid/high tech tools for struggling students, collect and evaluate data from trials to determine efficacy, and document assistive technology tools, strategies and services on the Individual Education Plan (IEP). *Participants will need to bring a wifi enabled device (phone, tablet, laptop) in order to benefit from hands-on learning.

- 10/9/2019, 8:30am-3:30pm @Oak Grove ES

Technology in the Inclusive Classroom - Assistive technology and instructional technology are becoming increasingly aligned. Tools that were once considered specialized or adaptive are now embedded in everyday technology. Teachers can take advantage of this trend to create classrooms that are dynamic, engaging and inclusive of all learners. Participants in this PD will learn, through hands-on practice, how to implement classroom tools and technologies that make both teaching and learning easier. Bring your questions, curiosity, and enthusiasm and you'll leave with a virtual toolbox filled with digital tools! *Participants will need to bring a wifi enabled device (phone, tablet, laptop) in order to benefit from hands-on learning.

- 10/9/2019, 8:30am-3:30pm @Oak Grove ES
- 10/25/2019 8:30am-3:30pm @ Bowman Ashe Doolin K8 (Middle School Bldg., Room 707)

Technology Experience (in partnership with FDLRS and MTSS-Technology and Learning Connections) Participants in this mini technology conference will rotate through 4 dynamic sessions featuring educational and assistive technology tools. Experiences include: Virtual Reality in Education, State AT-UDL Loan Library, Stealth Tech, and Reading in The Digital Age. *Participants will need to bring a wifi enabled device (phone, tablet, laptop) in order to benefit from hands-on learning.

- 11/4/19, 8:30am-3:30pm @Bowman Ashe Doolin K8
- 2/19/20 8:30am-3:30pm @Center for Professional Learning

Reading in the Digital Age **Participants will need to bring laptops to participate in PD activities.** - This PD will explore how digital/online reading tools and portable technology have revolutionized the learning environment. The focus of this PD, through hands-on activities and lecture, is: finding and using digital text materials, audiobooks, and read aloud web resources to support students with reading disabilities and other struggling readers. Through lecture and online exploration, participants will gather tools, resources and implementation strategies for inclusive instruction. *Participants will need to bring a wifi enabled device (phone, tablet, laptop) in order to benefit from hands-on learning.

- 10/25/19, 8:30am-3:30pm @Bowman Ashe Doolin K8
- 11/27/2019, 8:30am-3:30pm @Norwood E

Stealth Tech: Assistive Technology for the Reluctant User

Assistive technology can be invaluable for our students who require it to access their education, but many students are unwilling to use AT in a classroom due to the fear of looking different from their peers. This PD will focus on digital tools, apps, devices and strategies that blend invisibly into the classroom environment, allowing students to comfortably, discretely, use the technology they need. *Participants will need to bring a wifi enabled device (phone, tablet, laptop) in order to benefit from hands-on learning.

- 11/27/2019, 8:30am-3:30pm @Norwood ES
- 4/10/20 , 8:30am-3:30pm @Bowman Ashe Doolin K8