What is the Kansas Migrant & ELL Academy?

The Kansas Migrant & ELL Academy is a professional development opportunity for teachers, paraprofessionals, and administrators in need of information on how to effectively instruct the migrant and English language learning students in their district. This Academy is divided into four cohorts of educators: middle school, high school, elementary school, and a special cohort for paraprofessionals. Beginning with middle school teachers in the summer of 2009, the Migrant and ELL Academy will also provide cohorts of educators with pre and post face-to-face institutes. In between institutes, educators participate in online training.

What are the Migrant & ELL Academy Institutes?

The Kansas Migrant & ELL Academy Institutes are the face-to-face training sessions that occur at the beginning and the end of each cohort. The pre-institute consists of a two-day training workshop and the post-institute is a one-day workshop, with the second day optional for a “trainer of trainers” session. There is one calendar year between the pre and post institutes, to give participants the opportunity to complete the online units. The institutes are divided into the eastern and western regions of the state, enrolling two hundred combined participants, with 100 educators attending each regional institute.

How Do I Register?

Register online at www.KMEAcademy.org

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<td>Middle school teachers and/or administrators from any school with a migrant program</td>
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Last day to register is April 30, 2009
Limit of 15 teachers per district

Dates and Locations:

**June 11-12, 2009**
Wheat Lands Hotel & Conference Center
Garden City, KS

**July 8-9, 2009**
Capital Plaza Hotel
Topeka, KS

Both dates and locations are hosted by Emporia State University and The University of Kansas.

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The Academy Will Address Five Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Migrant Students and English Language Learners (ELLs)
- What is a migrant student?
- What is an English language learner?
- What are the Federal/State laws and requirements?
- What types of programs are there?

Module 2: Understanding Language
- How is second language acquisition different from first language?
- What are the stages of second language acquisition?
- What are differences between social and academic language and how are they learned?
- What factors affect language acquisition and how can teachers modify their speech?

Module 3: Understanding Culture
- What is culture?
- How are culture and teaching/learning intertwined?
- What are some cultural characteristics of Kansas migrant learners and ELLs?
- How can teachers create a culturally sensitive and empowering classroom?

Module 4: Methods and Research in Literacy for ELLs
- What does research tell us about effective practices in literacy instruction for ELLs?
- What are exemplary strategies for reading and writing instruction?
- What are some ideas for differentiating instruction for varying English proficiency levels?
- What strategies can ELLs be taught to improve vocabulary acquisition?

Module 5: Assessment of ELLs
- What are current state and federal regulations for assessing ELLs?
- How can educators develop fair and accurate assessments for ELLs?
- What are appropriate assessments for ELLs when considering SPED referrals?
- How can educators assign fair grades to ELLs?

Who Should Attend?
- Teachers of migrant students and ELLs from targeted middle schools as identified by the Kansas State Department of Education.
- Middle school teachers in Kansas schools that want to learn more about scientifically based migrant and ELL instruction.
- Administrators of migrant students and ELLs.

What are the Benefits of Attending the Migrant & ELL Academy?
The Kansas Migrant & ELL Academy provides schools with the opportunity for high-quality professional development in scientifically based knowledge essential for effectively teaching migrant students and ELLs. The only expense to the district/participants is mileage to and from the institutes.

Benefits for participating teachers include:
1. Training stipend
2. Increased knowledge in research-based ELL methods
3. Hotel room is provided for participants who live more than 30 miles from the nearest Academy site
4. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided daily during the Academy
5. A certificate of completion

What Time Does the Academy Start and End Each Day?
Sessions are from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM daily.