

American Association of Christian Schools

Summer Professional Development Training



The AACS National Office announces an exciting new format for professional development for teachers and administrators!

Four sessions of training will be offered. Training will be presented in a webinar format using the Elluminate platform. Teachers at any AACS school with a computer and a broadband internet connection may participate. Larger groups will require a display or digital projector and speakers. Each training session will include ten hours of interaction and will be eligible for one AACS CEU (ten contact hours) of continuing education credit. The training sessions are live (not recordings) and participants will interact with the instructor as they would in a virtual classroom or presentation. Training sessions will meet from 11:00 AM to 4:30 PM EST on two consecutive days. Two classes are offered this summer and both classes are offered at two different times.

2011 Summer Training Activities

Understanding and Effectively Using Standardized Achievement Tests

Instructor:	Dr. Jeff Walton
Dates:	July 7-8 11:00 AM – 4:30 PM EST
	August 8-9 11:00 AM – 4:30 PM EST

Free Technology Tools for Educators

Instructor:	Mr. Joey Harmon
Dates:	June 27-28 11:00 AM – 4:30 PM EST
	July 18-19 11:00 AM – 4:30 PM EST

Costs

Costs are for *each class*. Reduced costs are for multiple participants *in the same class*.

One participant from a school - \$60

Two to five participants from a school - \$40 each participant

More than five participants - \$200 plus \$10 for each participant above five

Equipment Requirements

Participants must have access to a computer and a broadband internet connection. To check that your system meets minimum requirements, simply go to the Elluminate website at elluminate.com. Click on “first time users” under “Support” on the left-hand side of the home page and follow the prompts. The system wizard will check that your equipment meets requirements and will direct you to a free Java download if your system does not include the required software. It’s that easy!

Other Information

Participation must be at an AACS school. Home participation is not permitted for these sessions. A school official will be responsible for certifying attendance and active participation.

Each training is offered at two times and is complete in a two-day period. For instance, the July 7-8 training for Standardized Achievement Tests is complete in those two days. The August 8-9 class is another offering of the same material.

All communication regarding the class and all materials for the class will be communicated electronically (email) to one designated recipient at the school. That person will be responsible for distributing information and course materials to participants.

The Elluminate platform will not require any registration or licensing at the participant end. Each participant location will be required to log in to a test two weeks before the class session. The test will ensure that equipment and connections function properly and that the person who will be responsible for the equipment at the user location understands how to connect and operate the equipment. The platform is very intuitive and easily used.

Understanding and Effectively Using Standardized Achievement Tests

Instructor: **Dr. Jeff Walton** holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Bob Jones University, a Master of Education degree from the University of Richmond, and a Doctor of Divinity degree from Virginia Baptist College. He has served in Christian education as a teacher, school administrator, state association director, and Bible college administrator. He currently serves as the executive director of the AACS.

Course Description

This session will introduce participants to several topics related to standardized testing. The focus will be those issues that directly affect teaching and learning: the content of standardized tests, interpreting score reports, identifying student needs and planning instructional strategies for intervention.

Free Technology Tools for Educators

Instructor: **Mr. Joey Harmon** is a graduate of an AACS-member school and has been working in Christian education for 17 years. His post-graduate work includes an M.S. in Educational Administration from Pensacola Christian College and an M.S. in Curriculum & Instruction with a concentration in Educational Technology from the University of Florida. His experience includes serving as a classroom teacher, school administrator, and assistant executive director of AACS. Currently, he is the administrator of Berean Academy in Hixson, TN.

Course Description

This session will cover a wide variety of technology tools that are available to teachers at no cost. Among the tools presented are collaborative and sharing tools, curricular tools, productivity tools, and presentation tools. Participants will come away from this presentation with resources and tools to effectively integrate technology in grades K-12.

A registration form follows. If you are interested, please complete and return the initial registration form so that organizers can plan appropriately. Additional information and a more detailed registration form will be sent upon receipt of the initial form.

For more information contact the AACS office.

AACS National Office, 602 Belvoir Avenue, East Ridge, TN 37412

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2011 Initial Registration Form

Name _____ Position _____ Date _____

E-mail _____

School _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Final registration and fees will be due two weeks before the training date.

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