



SOUTHTOWN TEACHERS CENTER

Summer News & Course Offerings

Summer 2025

STC will continue with a format of Synchronous/Asynchronous courses this year, as well as some face-to-face options. Delivery method will be indicated. To register for a course using a Google Classroom platform, you will need a personal gmail account. They are free and easy to set up.

Fine Print

Summer Courses are FREE. In the Fall fees will be at a reduced rate for 2025-2026 school year at just \$1/credit hour. Payment required prior to course start. Unpaid spots will be released.

Your registration fee will be forfeit for cancellations received less than 5 days from start date. No Shows will be charged the \$15 as well.

Space is limited. We will create a wait list if there is enough interest.

Completion of all work as well as attendance to the synchronous sessions is required to receive full credit. Participants must have video enabled for the duration of synchronous sessions

All courses are CTLE eligible, unless otherwise indicated. Courses that have been pre-approved for pro-growth by Frontier/Hamburg will be noted. You are responsible for any prior approval forms your district requires.

Register online:
southtownteacherscenter.org

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who educate."*

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REGISTRATION STEPS

Register online on our website

www.southtownteacherscenter.org/course-catalog

If requested, you WILL NEED to provide a **Personal GMAIL Account** to join a Google Classroom. A school/college email WILL NOT WORK.

Submit any prior approval paperwork your district requires.
These are SEPARATE THINGS You must do both!

Watch you school email for a welcome from the instructor
3-7 days before the start. Email us if you don't see this 2 days before.

Certificates will be sent to your building once school begins.

Summer Course Snapshot-Descriptions on next pages

Awakening Creativity in Your Classroom with Canva, Cricut and more!

Deciphering Danielson's Domains

AI for Educators: Book Study Course

Mindset: The New Psychology of Success: Book Study Course

Before You Quite Teaching: Book Study Course

STC Summer Courses for 2025 !

Summer Courses will be FREE

***Late cancellation/No Shows will be Charged \$15**

Courses during the school year will have a \$15 Course Fee

You must attend ALL sessions

We are unable to provide make-up work for summer courses.

The STC Office will be closed this summer.

We will be monitoring our email, for course registrations and work requests.

Please be CLEAR in your email's subject line.

ie: COURSE QUESTION or WORK REQUEST

If you have a NON-SCHOOL Related Request
(Invitations, Flyers, tickets)

Contact Vanessa at 716-422-0542 text/call
at Tempus Fugit Services,

she would be happy to help with those needs in the summer.



SOUTHTOWN TEACHERS CENTER Course Offerings Summer 2025

Effective Strategies for Awakening Creativity in Your Classroom

NOTE: You MUST HAVE A PERSONAL DEVICE THAT CAN DOWNLOAD THE CRICUT DESIGN SPACE SOFTWARE TO PARTICIPATE. CHROME BOOKS WILL NOT DOWNLOAD THE SOFTWARE, ALTHOUGH THEY MAY RUN AN ANDROID APP VERSION THAT MAY HAVE SOME LIMITATIONS. IF USING A SCHOOL DEVICE PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR TECH DEPT TO SEE IF YOUR DEVICE WILL WORK.

Dates/Times: IN PERSON at BIG TREE ELEMENTARY (LMC) Tues/Thurs July 29 & 31 - 9:00am-11:00am
Instructional days AUG 5 & 7- 9:00-11:00AM Instruction and Practicum Days
You must attend ALL Sessions to get full credit. There are no make-ups available for this course.

Target Audience: Teachers K-12, Teacher Aides

Category: Instructional Strategies/ Best Practices/Technology

Approvals: HamburgPro-Growth /Tenure Elective Frontier Pro-Growth/ Tenure Elective

Fee: FREE **Hours:** 15 Hours

Instructor(s): Kim Mattioli

Registration: Open now Maximum 12 Closes July 21



Teachers are far more than just deliverers of content. Teaching is a creative profession! Awaken joy in the creative expression of you and your students. Transform your classroom into a fun, colorful room for your students to learn and grow together. Participants will be introduced to Canva, Cricut for Teachers, Pixton, TeacherTube, and many other educational planning websites. During this interactive course you will discover, design, and actually create materials of your choice for immediate use in your classroom! Participants will do research, discover creative and effective techniques to use with their students, and design and create materials to immediately use in their classroom. Since these activities will be applicable to any grade level, the participants will be able to create materials pertaining to their own curriculum and standards, in any curriculum area of their choice. You will be asked to create accounts (if you don't have one already) and complete tasks at home equal to 7 hours of time. Participants will need to submit 5 items they have created using the programs covered in the course. We will provide a Google Folder for each participant to upload their work to for their portfolio.

On Aug 5th & 7th you will be able to bring in your own device and work on creating materials you can create on site. This may or may not be items submitted to your portfolio. The Teacher's Center will be open for us to use the Cricket and Vanessa will be able to make copies and posters and laminate any materials you create for the course. **A STC Credit of \$15 will be given to each participant to help get them started.** Cricket materials such as vinyl, cardstock etc...is the responsibility of the participant.

Before You Quite Teaching | Book Study Course

Time: 10:00am-11:00am for Synchronous Zoom meetings.

Dates: Course begins July 7th with asynchronous reading and assignments.

Online Synchronous sessions will be July 14, 21 and 28.

Target Audience: Teachers K-12, Social Workers/Counselors

Category: Instructional Strategies/Teacher Support

Approvals: Frontier Pro-Growth Tenure Elective | Hamburg Pro-Growth

Fee: \$15 **Hours:** 15 Hours

Instructor(s): Karen Waugaman

Registration Open until June 24



In this book study we will discuss hurdles and challenges to teachers in the early years of their careers. Using the book as a guide, we will learn what to do early in your career that can ease stress and prolong your career. Participants will have concrete strategies to use to help prevent burn out and bring back joy to their teaching and classroom. Asynchronous activities will be assigned in between online sessions.

Book is available as a FREE download online at <https://www.ahaprocess.com/byqt/>
You may also purchase a copy on your own from this site or Amazon.



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Deciphering Danielson's Domains

Time: 8:00am-10:00am Synchronous Zoom meeting and 7 hours of asynchronous work

Dates: Tuesdays Aug 5, 12, 19 & Monday Aug 25

Target Audience: Teachers K-12

Category: Instructional Strategies

Approvals: Frontier Pro-Growth / Frontier Tenure Elective | Hamburg Pro-Growth / Hamburg Tenure Elective

Fee: FREE **Hours:** 15 Hours

Instructor(s): Amber Chandler

Registration: Open now closes July 21



This course will be particularly relevant for new teachers and those unfamiliar with Danielson. Charlotte Danielson's domains are on each teacher's mind or should be. Each week participants will learn about one domain with a concentration on strategies and documentation to succeed using Danielson's rubric. This course will help teachers approach standards and embed them into their teaching practices to impact learning. Teachers will have a toolbox of best practices as well as methods for demonstrating their proficiency. All sessions come back to the question, "How do I demonstrate this?"

NEW** Mindset: The New Psychology of Success | Book Study Course

Time: 5:00-7:30pm Synchronous Zoom meeting and 7 hours of asynchronous work

Dates: Course begins July 7th and will start with reading and asynchronous assignments.

****July 21 and Aug 11 are SYNCHRONOUS ONLINE SESSIONS**

Target Audience: Teachers K-12

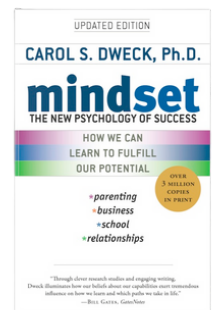
Category: Instructional Strategies

Approvals: Frontier Pro-Growth / Frontier Tenure Elective | Hamburg Pro-Growth / Hamburg Tenure Elective

Fee: FREE **Hours:** 15 Hours

Instructor(s): Matthew Dolegowski

Registration: Open now, closes June 24



This professional development course is designed for educators to explore and reflect on the core concepts in Mindset: The New Psychology of Success by Carol S. Dweck. Participants will engage in a deep dive into the concepts of fixed and growth mindsets and explore how these mindsets affect students' learning, motivation, and success. The course will include a combination of self-reflection, discussion, and application of key ideas to classroom practices.

We will provide a PDF copy of the book. You may purchase your own copy if you prefer, any version would work. The PDF is the most updated one.

AI for Educators: Strategies for Effectively Using AI in the Classroom to Enhance Student Learning Book Study Course

Time: 9:00am-10:00am Synchronous Zoom meetings and asynchronous work

Dates: Synchronous online sessions July 8, 15, 22, 29 and Aug 4

Target Audience: Teachers K-12

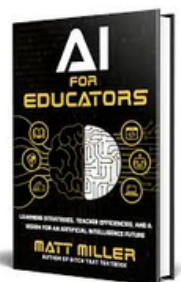
Category: Instructional Strategies

Approvals: Frontier Pro-Growth / Frontier Tenure Elective | Hamburg Pro-Growth / Hamburg Tenure Elective

Fee: FREE **Hours:** 15 Hours

Instructor(s): Addie Sausner

Registration: Open now, closes June 24



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BOOKS WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE FIRST 12 WHO REQUEST ONE.