



# SOUTHTOWN TEACHERS CENTER Course Offerings Summer 2026

## The Successful Paraprofessional: How to make a difference supporting students and Teachers

### Book Study Course for Hamburg CSD Teacher Aides

**Time: 8:00am-9:00am** Synchronous Zoom meetings and asynchronous work

**Dates:** Synchronous online sessions Fridays, July 17, 24, 31, Aug 14 & 21

**Target Audience:** Teachers Aides (HAMBURG DISTRICT ONLY)

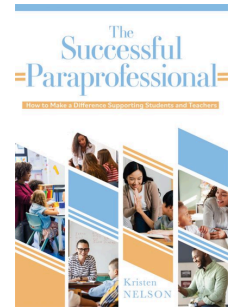
**Category:** Instructional Strategies

**Approvals:** Satisfies one of the Hamburg Teacher Aide Required courses

**Fee:** FREE **Hours:** 15 Hours

**Instructor(s):** Kaitlin Sylvester

**Registration:** Open now, closes June July 2



This 15-hour course is designed for teacher aides using the book "The Successful Paraprofessional: How to Make a Difference Supporting Students and Teachers" to explore effective strategies for supporting students, collaborating with teachers, and contributing to positive classroom environments. Through guided reading, reflection, and discussion, participants will strengthen communication, instructional support, behavior support, and professionalism skills while connecting learning directly to daily practice in schools.

**BOOKS WILL BE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST TO HAMBURG TEACHER AIDES.**

## 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 Thursdays: July 30, Aug 6, 13 & 20

**Target Audience:** Teachers K-12

**Category:** Instructional Strategies

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

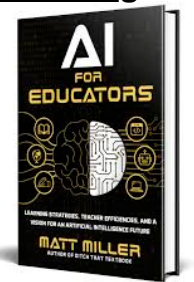
**Fee:** FREE **Hours:** 15 Hours

**Instructor(s):** Addie Sausner

**Registration:** Open now, closes June July 2

Artificial Intelligence may change the world more than the iPhone, the Internet, or even electricity! It's already changed education...but how? This book study revolves around a readable guide for educators that will: translate AI through a teacher lens; provide practical ideas and strategies that educators can use in the class right away; unlock powerful ways to streamline teaching and save time; paint a picture of the future our students will face; establish criteria for authentic work submission using AI.

**BOOKS WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE FIRST 12 WHO REQUEST ONE. You will need to pick up your book from Big Tree Elem.**



## NEW\*\* Mastering NYSSLS: Strategies for Success in Science Education

**Dates:** Tuesdays July 14-Aug 11<sup>th</sup>. Synchronous Meets on 7/14, 8/4 & 8/11

**Time:** 10:00-11:00am Synchronous Google Meet meetings

Asynchronous work in-between sessions

**Target Audience:** Science Teachers

**Category:** Instructional Strategies, Science Content

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

**Fee:** FREE **Hours:** 15 Hours

**Instructor(s):** Mike Delmont

**Registration:** Open now Closes July 2nd

Empower your science teaching with the New York State Science Learning Standards (NYSSLS) through this comprehensive professional development course. Designed for educators across grade levels, this program provides practical tools and strategies for unpacking the standards, aligning instruction with NYSSLS, and creating engaging, standards-based assessments. Participants will explore innovative pedagogical techniques, learn to write cohesive clusters, and develop the skills to effectively implement NYSSLS in their classrooms. Whether you're new to the standards or seeking to refine your practice, this course equips you to foster deeper scientific understanding and improve student outcomes.

