



New Jersey ASCD welcomes you to a new school year!

The ASCD Ecosystem: Five Communities of Excellence

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ASCD has a new vision, one that supports educators who develop and support their students!

The ASCD ecosystem defines, supports, and engages learning systems through five **Communities of Excellence**. By connecting with educators worldwide to provide examples of how to collaborate strategically to create effective and equitable learning systems and solutions, ASCD enables success for students and for staff. In short, ASCD envisions a *North Star*.

The New Jersey affiliate of ASCD embraces the ecosystem and the five **Communities of Excellence** through its programs, products, and services.



ASCD, Learn. Teach. Lead

The ASCD Ecosystem

The Whole Child at the Center

Our collective and individual purpose is to educate students, to develop minds, and to support learning in comprehensive ways that contribute to long-term student success. In other words, schooling is responsible for educating the *whole child*.

Five Communities of Excellence

ASCD provides a framework for educators to use as the basis to connect, shape, and deliver learning in new and effective ways. The framework or ecosystem consists of the following communities:

Teaching and Learning

At the core of our profession is the impact of effective instruction. Research supports that the most important factor in student achievement and success is effective instruction. Ongoing professional learning provides the avenue for continuous growth as teachers and leaders to plan and deliver high quality learning experiences for children/students.

Transformational Leadership

The demands of education leaders are multi-faceted and extensive. The range of responsibilities includes having a vision, leading implementation, and modeling collaboration for results. Change is the constant. Developing the capacity to lead in an unprecedented time of change is to know and understand the many dimensions of one's leadership role.

Global Engagement

The impact of technology is a connectedness to the world. The knowledge and skillset required to become and participate on a global scale necessitates staff and students to be engaged learners both in and out of school. Continuous updates in curriculum, policy, and materials to reflect these advancements are essential components.

Poverty and Equity

Issues in equity and the impact of poverty in learning situations cause educators to address and to create responsive learning environments in schools through supports, personalized instruction, and programs that enable staff and students to reach their potential.

Redefining Student Success

The ultimate goal of schooling is an educated population. Success can be measured in many forms that lead to accomplishment. Assessment that emphasizes understanding (what students have learned) in an ongoing fashion throughout a school year yields the best results for academic growth and social-emotional development.

These five Communities of Excellence represent the challenges and responsibilities of educators in classrooms and in leadership positions today ~ their North Star.



The Role of New Jersey ASCD

New Jersey ASCD, a trusted source for professional learning, offers several opportunities for your journey as practitioners this year. Each offering addresses one or more of the five Communities of Excellence and is indicated as such. NJASCD invites you to Learn. Teach. Lead!

Fall 2016

1. The Third Annual Leadership Summit

Date: September 27, 2016

Location: Forsgate Country Club, Monroe Township, NJ

Theme ~ *Powerful Practices in Leadership: From Compliance to Commitment*

Keynote Presentation topics:

~ *Reaching Today's Learner: Moving Beyond the Book*

Scott Kinney, Vice President, Discovery Education

~ *Educational Excellence through Equity*

Alan Blankstein, Founder, Solution Tree and The Hope Foundation

Sessions: Transformational Leadership ~ Real Student Empowerment

Building Teacher Leadership Capacity through the Arts

Leadership Lessons: What Works in "Going Digital?" - A Panel

The Importance & Impact of Educating the Whole Child

Maximizing PLCs for Continuous School Improvement

Genius Hour

This event addresses all five Communities of Excellence.

2. Achieving Next Generation Literacy: Using the Tests (You Think) You Hate to Help the Students You Love

Date: October 13, 2016

Location: FEA Conference Center, Monroe Township, NJ

This offering addresses the Teaching & Learning and Redefining Student Success Communities of Excellence.

3. The NJPSA/FEA/NJASCD Fall Conference

Dates: October 20 & 21, 2016

Location: Ocean Place Resort, Long Branch, NJ

Theme: IMAGINE!

Opening Keynote: Deborah Delisle, CEO/Executive Director, ASCD

Friday Keynote: Tony Wagner, Director of Innovation, Harvard University

~ Two days of break-out sessions are offered on current issues and topics

This event addresses all five Communities of Excellence.

4. PARCC: Aligning Standards, Instruction, & Assessment

Dates:

October 26, 2016 ~ A Toolbox for Success: Creating a School Action Plan with Literacy Skills

November 14, 2016 ~ Bridging Standards to Enhance Student Learning and Performance in History/Social Studies Gr. 9-12

November 16, 2016 ~ Bridging Standards to Enhance Student Learning and Performance in Science Gr. 6-12

Location: FEA Conference Center

These institutes address the Teaching & Learning and Redefining Student Success Communities of Excellence.

5. Google Certification Training

Dates: October 11 and 12, 2016

Location: FEA Conference Center

Google certification information provided by a Google representative is the program offered at this two day event. Limit: 40 seats

This training addresses the Transformational Leadership, Global Engagement, and Teaching & Learning Communities of Excellence.

All offerings are posted on our website at: www.njascd.org where descriptions, presenters, and registration forms are provided. Register now!



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