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## AN INVITATION TO PARTICPATE— FACILITATIVE DELIVERY SESSION: SPRING 2008

### Background

Fall, 2007 the Middle/Secondary Division conducted a series of regional meetings to announce a Facilitative Delivery Profession Development model designed for lead teachers in the areas of 6-12 mathematics, science, English language arts, social studies, and K-12 Programs. K-12 Programs include Arts Education; Second Languages; Healthful Living/PE; Computer Skills; and ESL. Each district is invited to select up to five teachers in the above listed content areas to attend Spring 2008 professional development (A map outlining the six regions is attached). **If a district wants to increase the number of attendees beyond five, please indicate the number on the registration form.**

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### Spring 2008 Regional Professional Development Sessions

Based on feedback from our summer planning session with regional content representatives from the five focus areas and the Fall professional development sessions, six regional sessions have been developed for Spring 2008. The content focus for each instructional discipline is attached. Along with the agenda, registration information is attached. Districts are again invited to send up to five representatives (1 per each instructional discipline) to the professional development session that is most geographically convenient. If additional teachers will be sent, please include names on the registration form. To help us plan for the meetings, registration materials should be received by February 20, 2008.

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### Graduation Project Coordinators Component

Three of the regional professional development sessions will also have a component designed for school-based graduation project coordinators. The session will focus on the Graduation Project Implementation Guide and will provide strategies to assist schools who are implementing the graduation project for the first time. More information on the graduation project can be accessed using the following URL:  
<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/graduationproject/>.

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## Attachments:

Regional Map with Sites and Dates

Agendas for each content area and Graduation Project

Registration Form

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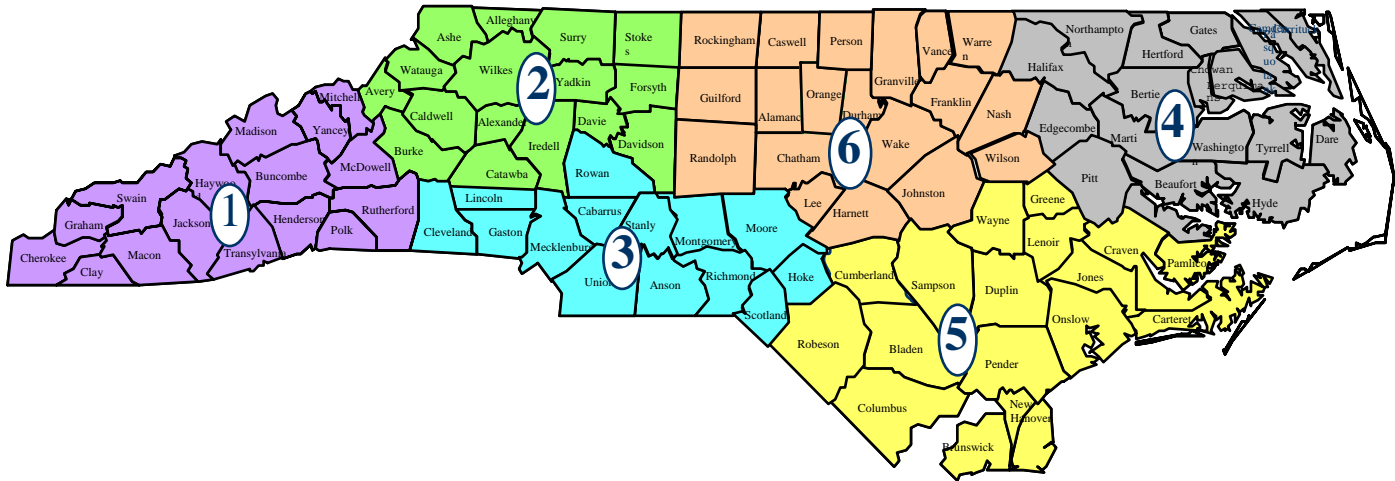
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# Middle/Secondary Service Delivery Regions



## Spring Meeting Dates

February 25, 2008	Western RESA	Region 1
March 11, 2008	Senator Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center	Region 4
March 12, 2008	Crystal Coast Civic Center in Morehead City	Region 5
April 3, 2008	Stone Center in North Wilkesboro	Region 2
April 17, 2008	Union County Professional Development Center	Region 3
April 24, 2008	Alamance-Burlington Administrative Offices	Region 6

# Middle/Secondary Division's Facilitative Delivery Session Spring 2008

## Title of Content Area: 6-12 Social Studies

### Major Topic(s) Covered:

Concept-Based Instruction

### Additional Comments:

The 6-12 Social Studies team will continue to enhance educator's understanding and application in Concept-Based instruction and learning. The session will focus on:

- Identifying concepts
- Writing generalizations and essential questions
- Exploring how project-based learning supports CBI and provides students the opportunity to engage in sustained, collaborative investigation

## Title of the Content Area: 6-12 English Language Arts

### Major Topic(s) Covered:

Formative Assessment (continuing discussions from the Fall)

### Additional Comments:

The 6-12 ELA spring session will commence with participants sharing their experiences implementing various elements of formative assessment with their school or school system since our last regionals. Additional formative assessment topics to be included are: "Assess What? Clear Targets," "Assess How?," "Portfolios," and "Conferences *about* and *with* Students."

## Title of the Content Area: 6-12 Science

### Major Topic(s) Covered:

The Power of Professional Learning Communities

- A. Focus on Learning – Deconstructing Standards in the content areas
- B. Focus on a Collaborative Culture – Creating common assessments and Data Analysis
- C. Focus on Results – Formative Assessment Strategies for the science classroom

### Additional Comments:

This session has strategies for maximizing the power of a Professional Learning Community; however, the strategies are beneficial to participants who may not be involved with a Professional Learning Community.

# Middle/Secondary Division's Facilitative Delivery Session

## Spring 2008

**Title of the Content Area:** 6-12 Math

**Major Topic(s) Covered:** Differentiation and Inquiry-Based Learning

**Additional Comments:**

Differentiation and Inquiry-Based Instruction will be the focus of the Mathematics Spring professional development. Through discussions and activities, participants will explore the essential components of differentiation in the mathematics classroom—such as classroom management, physical setup, and learning/teaching styles. In addition, this session will demonstrate how inquiry-based instruction, when used as a method of formative assessment, can help reveal the depth of student learning and assist in guiding differentiation in the classroom.

**Title of the Content Area:** K-12 Programs (*Computer Skills, Dance, ESL, Health Education, Information Skills, Music, Physical Education, Second Languages, Theatre Arts, Visual Arts*)

**Major Topic(s) Covered:** Cross Curricular Connections

Participants will identify the critical roles that the K-12 program areas provide to student achievement and success and explore tools and strategies to facilitate collaboration and curricular connections with tested and non-tested areas. Additionally, participants will be kept informed about content-specific professional development opportunities and resources for all subject areas in K-12 programs (Arts Education, ESL, Healthful Living, Computer Skills, Information Skills, and Second Languages).

**Title:** NC Graduation Project

**Major Topic(s) Covered:** NC Graduation Project and New Implementation Guide

**Additional Comments:**

The NC Graduation Project is an integral part of the state's high school exit standards. It is a performance-based exit assessment that provides high school students with a vehicle to demonstrate what they know and are able to do as they prepare to graduate. In order to be successful, students must begin early and continue throughout the K-12 years to master the skills necessary to complete the NC Graduation Project before exiting high school. Participants will learn about the evolution of the NC Graduation Project and be introduced to the new *NC Graduation Project Implementation Guide*. The guide provides educators with a comprehensive approach to implementing the Project as an all-school and community project. In addition, the document covers policies, components, rubrics, roles and responsibilities of involved individuals, options for completing the project, frequently asked questions and skills matrices. As a bonus, each participant will also receive an informative and promotional DVD that may be used in their schools or systems to apprise others of the NC Graduation Project.

# Middle/Secondary Division's Facilitative Delivery Session Spring 2008

## REGISTRATION FORM

**Indicate which regional session that you will be attending:**

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|--------------------------|-------------------|--|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | February 25, 2008 | Western RESA                                   | Region 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | March 11, 2008    | Senator Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center | Region 4 |
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**Indicate which district you will be representing:**

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**Please use the form below to register representatives for each content area:**

Content Area: 6-12 Social Studies	
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<b>EMAIL ADDRESS</b>	
Content Area: 6-12 English Language Arts	
<b>NAME</b>	
<b>EMAIL ADDRESS</b>	
Content Area: 6-12 Science	
<b>NAME</b>	
<b>EMAIL ADDRESS</b>	
Content Area: 6-12 Math	
<b>NAME</b>	
<b>EMAIL ADDRESS</b>	
Title of the Content Area: K-12 Programs	
<b>NAME</b>	
<b>EMAIL ADDRESS</b>	
Title of the Content Area: Graduation Project	
<b>NAME</b>	
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