



NYS Teacher Center Online Academy (OLA)

All OLA courses are 15 in-service hours. OLA Course Fee: \$150 per course
Register using MyLearningPlan at <http://rockteach.org/>
If you already have a MyLearningPlan ID, register at www.mylearningplan.com
Check the OLA catalog <http://eeznt3.nyiteez.org/olacatalog/>
for detailed descriptions, course requirements and expectations before registering!



October 7, 2015 – November 19, 2015

[Balance the Mind and Heart: Creating Resilient Schools that Address the Social, Emotional, Ethical, and Academic Needs of Students](#)

Instructor: Cecile Wren

Grade level: K-12

This online course will allow educators the opportunity to create resilient schools that meet the social, emotional, ethical, and academic (SEAL) needs of students. Participants will explore the research-based skills and competencies that have a positive impact on the organizational structure of their school, the delivery of instruction, and student performance.

[Smart Board and iPad Activities focusing on Literacy and Science](#)

Instructor: Jim McAndrews

Grade level: 4-12

In this course you will create several engaging smart board projects that involve science and language arts. After completing this course you will be able to modify these projects for use in your own classroom at any grade level. You will use the smart board notebook program and explore many of the tools for engaging smart board lessons. You will prepare your own "make and take" class room activity and review several fun and exciting iPad science lessons that are ready to use with your own students in a group work model. You will review science websites and develop several evidence based writing activities. This course is aligned with the NYS Common Core Curriculum, 21st Century Skills and NYS Curriculum and Instruction Standards. This course is not just for science teachers.

[Using Digital Resources to Enhance Reading Comprehension](#)

Instructor: Denise Lewis

Grade level 2-12

Have you ever read a book... a short story... a poem and been able to see the characters, know the place, or empathize with the protagonist? Many students haven't had such a memorable reading moment. They'd much rather surf the web, text friends and search for themselves on youtube. To motivate students to read teachers can connect reading with the digital resources students use every day. There is a wealth of Web 2.0 resources to connect kids with books. Using Digital Resources to Enhance Reading Comprehension will provide teachers with the knowledge and skills to connect kids with reading through digital media and easy to use Web tools.

[Using Google Tools for Collaboration, Enrichment and Differentiation of Instruction](#)

Instructor: Dorit Eilon

Grade level K-12

This fun and engaging course offered by a Google Certified Educator, is designed to provide information and examples of various Google tools available to enhance the learning experiences of different learners. Participants will explore Google Earth, Google Docs (collaborative presentations, spreadsheets, documents and forms) Google Apps and Google SketchUp. Examples of how these tools can be integrated with different subject areas that are aligned to national and NYS standards will be shared. To complete this course, participants will create online collaborative materials, mini project and develop a plan to implement Google tools into their curriculum to promote learning in a 21st century environment. Participation in discussions, sharing of ideas and feedback is important, enlightening and promotes professional growth.

- All courses require internet access and a comfort level with email, Microsoft Word and uploading documents. Some require knowledge of other technologies or programs.
- Participants are expected to log in and work with the class site **at least** 3 times each week.
- Scholarships may be provided through your local NYS Teacher Center.
- Please secure approval from your home district, if needed, in advance.
- Syllabi, Road Maps and Course Policies can be found on the OLA catalog <http://eeznt3.nyiteez.org/olacatalog/> along with the Standards for Online Learning, FAQ's, and other useful information.
- No refunds will be issued after the start of the OLA courses.

NYSTC OLA is administered by Rockland Teachers' Center, 65 Parrott Road, West Nyack, NY 10994.

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