

Learning Connect Peer Coaching Prompts

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Learning Connect Educational and Professional Development Realities

- John O'Connor, author of Turning Average Instruction into Great Instruction, claims that "in the educational arena, we have tried virtually every initiative and silver bullet available. We have adopted new programs, restructured schools, realigned organizational charts and spent millions of dollars on quick fixes.
- 2. Not all teachers are going to quickly jump at the chance to change behavior in the classroom. Teachers are used to walking away from professional development knowing that the problem exist with no commitment to action. Research shows only 20 percent will actually create change.
- 3. Some teachers have a "Cover the Textbook Mentality" insist on the lecture mode of instruction. They believe that they do not have time to teach extensively. However, according to multiple sources, educational experts have established that "lecture only involves the transfer of information from the notes of the lecturer to the notes of the student without passing through the minds of either." "Too often, information deemed important is taught just once and the students are expected to remember for a lifetime (Sousa)." Therefore, the "I say it once, it should be remembered a lifetime" theory is not working. Unfortunately, current studies also prove that a significant amount of information is even forgotten within twenty minutes of learning." (Ebbinghaus Forgetting Curve) (Murre' & Dros, 2015) The results are surface learning versus deep learning experiences, short-term retention and lack of long-term retrieval capability.
- The latest educational research shows that the real educational fix centers on the discovery that 85 to 90 percent of learning difficulties in the classroom are due to poor underlying learning and processing skills.

- 5. Each learning and processing skill must make a contribution and needs to function well for overall learning to be easy, fast and successful. To approach this dilemma in today's classroom, Dr. Irene Gaskins, education leader, explains that "in order for the United States to produce young people who are well prepared to succeed in whatever they undertake, every teacher at every grade level in every domain must become a strategies teacher. Strategies instruction needs to be adopted across the curriculum and throughout schools and school districts. It needs to begin when children enter school and continue through 12th grade."
- 6. Dr. Irene Gaskins claims that the success of strategies instruction depends on instructional supports being incorporated into the instruction, if the use of strategies is to become HABITUAL for students."
- 7. Yet, researchers have found that most teachers do not teach the strategies students need to comprehend and learn (Durkin, 1978–1979; Pressley, Wharton-McDonald, Mistretta, & Echevarria, 1998). Neglecting to teach strategies for accomplishing classroom tasks is a serious oversight, especially when people realize that the learners who are most successful are also the ones who are able to, and do, employ many strategies (Bransford, Brown, & Cocking, 2000; Trabasso & Bouchard, 2002). Then, to compound the learning challenges in education, further studies disappointingly claim that "reading content-area textbooks present problems because 60 percent of all high school students do not have the skills to comprehend instructional materials (Hock and Deschler, page 27)".
- 8. Every 31 seconds, a child gives up on education. Today Show, 10/16/2017

LEARNING CONNECT

- ✤ is synonymous with strategies instruction.
- is an instructional system consisting of strategies that are proven to activate the learning and processing skills when teaching content, increasing retention, long-term retrieval capability and student learning.

- consist of over 100 plus STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT TOOLS embedded with over 60 researchedbased instructional practices that can be infused IMMEDIATELY and CONSISTENTLY within the classroom. Each tool is provided in a word document format that can be instantaneously changed. In essence, the whole tool can be augmented to the curriculum in an easy and convenient manner or just a page of the tool based upon curriculum demand
- is a direct tool that allows for immediate change of behavior in the classroom. However, without peer sharing, personal testimony and direction, such change can be a struggle due to the overwhelming schedule and duties of a teacher.
- provides the instructional support tools and resources necessary to create both professional development and student success.
- In summary, Learning Connect aligns student achievement tools with instructional planning to create an easy lesson-planning process. Nevertheless, by targeting and using the many proven retention and comprehension tools available in Learning Connect, an increase in student achievement is guaranteed.

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Learning Connect Peer Coaching Processes

Meaningful change begins with the individual. Teachers do not necessarily want training, they want solutions to their problems. LEARNING CONNECT professional development involves teachers taking charge of their own development based upon study and reflection of their own practices, programs and students. Professional development is not a single event, but a continuum from the beginning to the end of the school year. Real professional development is a collaborative, problem-solving culture, transitioning to and from large group staff development, small group discussion, peer coaching to independent implementation.

In summary, the phases of the Learning Connect professional development program consist of the following phases:

- Modeling and Self-Assessment (LC models of excellence, LC successful practices, instructional reflection and self-assessment)
- Guided Instructional Practice (LC Coach and Teacher)
- Independent Instructional Practice and Mastery (LC instructional goal attainment and feedback documentation)
- > Establishment of LC small group learning and sharing communities for sharing successes.

With LEARNING CONNECT professional development, a peer coach will provide an overview of Learning Connect tools and practices from personal experience. Then, guided and independent instructional practice, using selected Learning Connect achievement resources, is implemented. Follow-up discussion and documentation to ensures successful student learning transformation in the classroom and completes the LC professional development program. In summary, teachers take control of their own classroom instructional development using personal reflection, successful practices, models of excellence and peer discussion.

Establishing a LC Training Community:

Establish a Train the Trainer Session – Up to 10 teachers; no less than 2, depending upon size of school or school system. A regular LC two-year subscription is only \$199.00 per teacher. As a trainer, you would receive \$100 for each teacher subscription for performing extra duty mentoring responsibilities. All we ask is that you get teachers to view the resources by providing them an LC introduction, an overview with testimony, ending with a subscription sign-up and follow-up to ensure successful classroom implementation of selected tools. We also ask that you continue to mentor teachers and have them share with each other at set intervals throughout the year. If you are under contract at your local school while providing Learning Connect mentoring, Learning Connect would be paying the school for the mentoring responsibilities. The school would be responsible for paying mentors for their time and expertise. If you are off-contract (after school or summer break), mentoring payment would go directly to the mentor teacher.

- 1. Establishment of Direct Payment to Peer Coach (an Extra Duty Peer Coaching Payment Process).
- 2. Establish a small learning and sharing community for LC trainers focused on successful coaching/mentor processes.

If desired, an Advisory Committee can be established on the local school district or local site level. This advisory committee should, consist of teachers, a local site administrator representative and others deemed necessary to serve as change agents to launch and guide this initiative.



LEARNING CONNECTION	LC Item Reference Number/ Tool Title	LC Tool Activity Description (Brief Description)	Your Curriculum Connection What Unit/Content/Topic Does This Tool Connect?
ENTICE Strategy Categories - (Visual Imagery, Prior Knowledge Makers, Changing Reflections, Brain Sessions, Word Techs, Reading Scans)			
ENLIGHTEN Strategy Categories - (Instructional Stoppers, Notetakers, Reading Journals, Oral Learning Logs, Group Readings and Expert Quests)			

ENGAGE Streto my Coto no rico		
Strategy Categories - (Comparison Thinkers,		
Elaborators, Group		
Innovators, Real-Life		
Applications/Expressions)		
EMBRACE		
Strategy Categories - (Brainwaves Follow-Up,		
Brain Session, Follow-		
Up, Graphic Organizer,		
Learning Product,		
Life-Size Simulation, Mnemonics, Notetaking		
Maintenance, Reflection		
Question, Writing		
Reflections)		



LEARNING CONNECT INDIVIDUAL PEER COACHNG SAMPLE MEETING AGENDA

- 1. Share Teaching/Learning Theory Assessment worksheet. Have teacher complete and only share any questions or concerns, if desired. Only one person knows the truth of their teaching. (Share worksheet in advance of initial meeting, if desired.)
- 2. Share the LC Website location www.learningconnect.org
- 3. Share one or more personal LC Successful Practices; download your specific tool(s) using the search bar.

Share how each tool is available using word software and can be downloaded for customization. Each tool can be used as a whole tool or only one or two pages.

Share the many other practices available by using the search bar. A. Sequence - ENTICE Intensity – 10, 20 and 30 Show tool descriptions by hovering over the selected tool titles.

B. Share the other Instructional sequences available - ENLIGHTEN, ENGAGE and EMBRACE

Optional - C. Share "Advance Search" Option for Modules, Reading and Vocabulary Tools (Double-click on SEARCH button for Advance Search Options)

Optional – D. Share "Small Group Tools and Resources" available for use when implementing any LC tool. (Click on SEARCH button once to retrieve tools to quickly establish small groups and determine each student role expeditiously - Are you going to use small groups with your selected achievement tool?)

4. Share Easy Optional Searches in Menu Bar:

A. Input "PROJECT" into the SEARCH BAR – To preview all the project meeting and leadership assessment tools.

B. Input "WRITING TEMPLATE" – To preview all the writing templates available to create ease in writing for varying purposes.

C. To access Individualized Curriculum Retention Tools to augment individualized or lock-step instruction, please refer to the easy search references provided in the "INDIVIDUALIZED CURRICULUM RETENTION TOOL EASY SEARCH" segment provided.

- 5. Have Peer Teacher select two or more LC Tool(s) for classroom Implementation.
- 6. Share LC Feedback Tool form and establish a Completion Timeline.

	LEARNING CON	NECT PEER MENTOR/(Personal Plan Sheet	JUACHING AGENDA	
Nhat would you do diff	erently? What would your	r agenda look like?		
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LEARNING CONNECT GROUP WORKSHOP SAMPLE AGENDA

8:00 – 8:15 am – Welcome Workshop Objectives:

Assess Our Teaching/Learning Belief System Define Strategy Instruction Participate in a Simulated and Real LC Website Strategy Tours Discover LC Curriculum Connections

815 - 8:45 am – IND - *What is My Belief System About Teaching and Learning? PP* 0 - LC Teaching/Learning Personal Assessment, Intro and Last Word

Individual Handouts – What is My Belief System About Teaching and Learning?

Skeletion Sheet Exchange Reflection Sheet

Resources Per Table – Electronic Device with Wi-Fi Access – Online LC Quick Start Guide: Educational Assessment, Realities and Research – Online Expert Exchange Tool

8:45 – 9:30 am – GROUP – LC Intro, Strategy Realities and Last Word

PP 0 - LC Intro and Last Word

LC Tool Example – ENL-GR-002-DI-READING-ONLY-30-TMT-Daily-LC--GROUP-READING - Last Word Student Activity Sheet Individual Handouts – "Last Word" Reading Document (Shortened version - Select only 2 individuals from group for quote response by drawing participant number from envelope after each response. Advance notification can lower focus and concentration from the remaining group members.

Resources Per Table – Laminated Leadership Draw Tools – Facilitator, Timekeeper and Participants Squares; Laminated Last Word Section Squares and Envelope

Build Your Own Toolbox

9:30 – 9:45 am – Morning Break

9:45 - 10:45 am - IND - LC Tours

PP 1 - ABC – Easy LC Tool Search Tips PP 2 - ABC – Simulated LC Tour – Entice, Enlighten, Engage and Embrace PP 3 - ABC - Advanced LC Tool Search – Reading, Vocabulary, Writing and Small Groups LC Tool Example - ENL-IS-004-DI-ONLY-20-TMT-Daily-LC-INSTR-STOPPER-Class-Wisdom-Student-Activity-Sheet Individual Handouts - "Revised Classroom Wisdom" Sheet, Curriculum Connection Sheet LC Quick Start Guide – Website Overview New Classroom Wisdom Role Per PowerPoint Resources Per Table – Laminated Classroom Wisdom Signs **Build Your Own Toolbox**

10:45 – 11:00 am – Mid - Morning Break

11:00 - 11:45 am - LC Tours **PP** 4 – ABC – LC Project Planning Tools PP 5 – ABC – LC Individualized Instruction Tool – L1, L2 and TLA *Handout – New Classroom Wisdom Role (per PowerPoint), Curriculum Connection Sheet **Build Your Own Toolbox**

		BUILD YOUR OWN		
LEARNING CONNECT GROUP WORKSHOP AGENDA				
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LC TRAINER/MENTOR PROSPECTIVE TEACHER CONTACT RECORD

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Teacher Name:		LC Initial Contact Made (Date)	LC Training Received (Date)	LC Tool Classroom Implementation Follow-Up (Date)
First Name	School			
		Month	Month	Month
Last Name	Subject/Division	Day	Day	Day
		Year	Year	Year
Prospect Interest Level Scale: (Poor 1 – 5 Good)	Contact Information:			
	Cell Phone			
	Email			
	Planning Period			
Notes:				
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LC PEER TEACHER IMPLEMENTATION RECORD/EXTRA DUTY PAY WORKSHEET

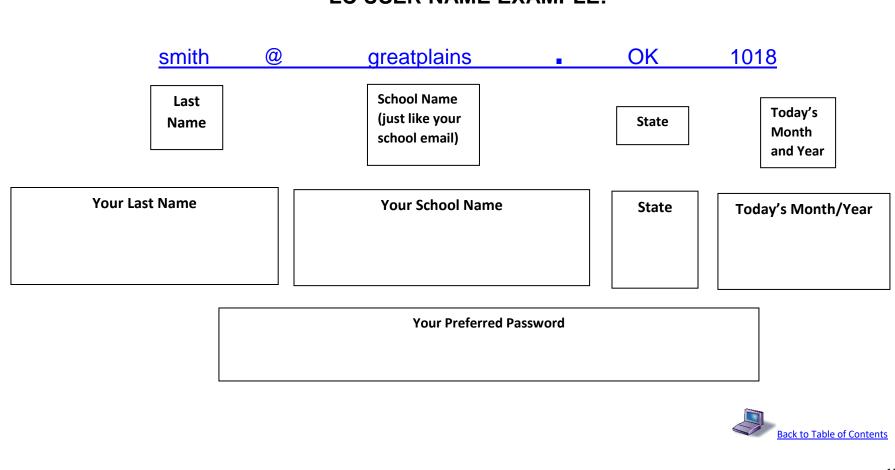
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LC Peer Trainer/Coach Co	ontact Information:		Peer Trainer/Coach School Address:
LC Peer Trainer/Coach Na	ime		School Name
Home Address			School Address
City, State, Zip Code			City, State, Zip Code
Peer Teacher Name:	First Coaching	Selected LC Tools:	Tool Implementation Date: Please Indicate with a
First Name	Date: Month	First Tool Title	First Tool Implementation Date: Month Day Year Checkmark.
Last Name	Day Year	Second Tool Title	Informed Daty Four to LC Trainer and Implementation Implementation Implementation Second Tool Implementation Implementation Implementation Date: Feedback Testimony Form completed and returned to LC Trainer Feedback Testimony
			Month Day Year and learningconnect@att.org



LEARNING CONNECT USER NAME/PASSWORD FORM

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LC USER NAME EXAMPLE:

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Date	
School	
Learning Tool Title	
Learning Tool Index Number	
1. What did you like most about the learning tool?	
2. What did you like least about the learning tool?	
 What, if any, improvements would you suggest? (Please attach a copy of the learning tool you selected with changes made with red ink.) 	
4. With your adjustments, would you use this tool again? YES NO	
Contact Information:	
Name Email	
Phone Number	Back to Table of Contents
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LEARNING CONNECT TEACHER TESTIMONIAL RELEASE FORM

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Date _____

Learning Connect is a strong tool for teachers to use to facilitate sharing with each other. A testimony release is beneficial in augmenting this process.

Authorization and Release Information

I authorize Learning Connect to use the above Testimonial for purposes of publicizing the Learning Connect modules and or for any other lawful purpose. These statements may be used in printed publications, multimedia presentations, on websites or in any other distribution media. I agree that I will make no monetary or other claim against Learning Connect for the use of the statement. I have read the authorization and release information and give my consent for the use as indicated above.

Printed Name: _____



LEARNING CONNECT TOOL CLASSIFICATIONS SHEET

Please note the meaning for each symbol and classification located within a Learning Connect tool.



10 Minute Thinker – BRAINWAVE

"Scenario Brainstorming ThinkPad" Student Activity Sheet

ENT BW 001 DI or DI-R

LC - LEARNING AND PROCESSING SKILLS	<u></u>	(B)	}		7	Z		Ô		
	Focus and Concentration	Language Input	Language Output	Memory	Motor	Writing (Graph omotor)	Critical Thinking	Time, Planning and Process	Visual, Space and Imagery	Social and Emotional
LC TMT – 10, 20, OR 30 MINUTE THINKERS	Activity Length and Effort Measurement (Disclaimer – The activity may be longer or shorter than time specified.)									
LC MODULE TITLE – BRAINWAVE	LEARNING CON	INECT Instru	uctional Strat	egy Categor	y					
LC TOOL TITLE – "Scenario Brainstorming ThinkPad"	LEARNING CON	INECT Title	of Activity							

ENT BW 001 DI or DI-R

ENT, ENL, ENG, EMB	Stages of LEARNING CONNECT Lessons
(Entice, Enlighten, Engaging and	
Embracing)	
BW	LEARNING CONNECT Module Initial
001	LEARNING CONNECT Lesson Activity Number
DI or DI-R	LEARNING CONNECT Lesson Activity is designed to be used either as part of a DIRECT INSTRUCTION (LECTURE) SESSION
	and during a READING SESSION Stage
DI Only	LEARNING CONNECT Lesson Activity is designed to be used as part of a DIRECT INSTRUCTION SESSION ONLY
DI-Reading Only	LEARNING CONNECT Lesson Activity is designed to be used as part of a READING SESSION ONLY



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Related Module, If Available:

Tool Description:

Submitter's Name:

School:

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