





VIRTUAL FOCUS ON INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES II LEVELS K-5

SESSION OBJECTIVES

Participants will

- explore the importance of collaborative conversations as a critical lever for building science knowledge,
- engage in a student-driven experience to identify instructional practices to support the development of anchor visuals, and
- apply knowledge to plan, practice, and refine instructional strategies and skills for the anchor visuals.

TIME	AGENDA	DESCRIPTION
PART A		
10 minutes	Launch	Set a purpose for building knowledge throughout the session to focus learning.
55 minutes	Learn, Part I Anchor Model	 Experience exemplary facilitation skills that promote a student-driven process of explaining phenomena. Apply the key skills and strategies of an anchor model for a student-
		driven classroom.
55 minutes	Learn, Part II Anchor Chart	 Discuss the pedagogical purpose of the anchor chart in relation to the anchor model.
		 Examine exemplary facilitation skills to guide student-driven anchor chart development.
60 minutes	Offline Interim Work	 Analyze the research behind the power of promoting scientific discourse in the classroom.
		 Explore frequently used instructional routines and collaborative conversation prompts to support rich scientific discussion among students.
60 minutes	Offline Lunch Break	

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PART B		
55 minutes	Learn, Part III Collaborative Conversations and Instructional Routines	 Examine how student-centered scientific discourse contributes to three-dimensional teaching and learning. Investigate the effects of collaborative conversations and instructional routines in supporting scientific discourse.
55 minutes	Learn, Part IV Driving Question Board	 Observe and discuss the exemplary facilitation skills of a driving question board for a student-driven classroom. Apply key skills and strategies to guide driving question board development.
10 minutes	Land	Solidify key learning and understanding of the session content.

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