

# Training Support Specialist Roles and Responsibilities

# **Summer Training**

- Review and be able to articulate the Vision and Mission for the Indiana Literacy Initiatives.
- Actively participate in training across the project focused on instructional coaching and effective literacy teaching and learning.
- Support facilitation for the Indiana Literacy Cadre coaches and administrator training.

### **Ongoing Coaching Support**

- Develop and maintain supportive relationships with school administrators, instructional coaches, and school faculty.
- Share TSS Roles and Responsibilities document with leadership and coaches of our Indiana Literacy Cadre schools
- Visit participating schools in person at least once per month in order to support alignment with science of reading and cadre instructional coaches; visits may include, but are not limited to
  - observations of K-3 literacy instruction
  - collaboration with the cadre coach to support curriculum instruction and assessment
  - o collaboration with the cadre coach to support student centered coaching
  - o collaboration with administration to support data driven decision making
- Support school administrators in their goals for continuous school improvement in early literacy.
- Review and analyze school data and serve as a thinking partner with school staff related to continuous improvement of early literacy.
- Plan and lead or co-lead professional development that is responsive to needs at the school level when requested.
- Host at least one, virtual 1:1 meeting per month to
  - review curriculum, instruction and assessment related to research-based reading instruction and
  - support student centered instructional coaching mini and full cycles that include data-driven outcomes and
  - o review class level, grade level progress monitoring data and
  - review and analyze local formative assessment data during interim assessment windows
- Conduct a minimum of 3 contacts with coaches each week, including emails, phone calls, or written notes.
- Provide monthly feedback to the cadre core team regarding the implementation of instructional coaching support using the data collection instruments which inform the Indiana Department of Education.
- Actively participate in the Collaboration Network designed to strengthen instructional coaching practices and



pedagogical knowledge related to literacy; occasionally facilitate small group discussions during professional development sessions.

- Provide oversight, monitoring, and problem-solving support for coaches in implementing the goals of the
  project guided by the assurances and approved by the project's CORE team.
- Provide ongoing support and training for coaches, including specific feedback regarding effective data-driven
  instructional coaching practices and plan or facilitate effective professional development for cadre schools.
- Be familiar with current research and curricular resources provided by the project or seek support to that end.
- Develop effective coaching skills and engage in professional development organized for TSSs, including engagement in professional readings.
- Understand and efficiently implement the defined and approved escalation protocol.

## **Data Collection and Reporting**

- Attend virtual, monthly meetings with the Literacy Project Manager (LPM).
  - o summarize any onsite school visit
  - summarize coaching work and professional development discussed in the Collaboration Network meetings to build relationships with corporation administrators
- Routinely consult with the LPM or TS, seeking cadre support where needed.
- Review feedback from coaches for any actionable items and report needs and subsequent actions to LPM.
- Assist with recruitment of schools project under the direction of the Core Team.
- Actively participate in all mandated training and meetings and follow all policies as established by the employing ESC.
- Maintain the coaching data dashboard.
  - documentation of contact with coaches each week
  - o documentation of interactions with principals on a monthly basis

#### Other Duties

- Remain committed to learning new strategies for coaching, teaching, and learning.
- Seek out constructive feedback that helps improve practice.
- Support TSS colleagues through forming professional relationships, asking for assistance when needed, and providing assistance when asked.