



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OFFERINGS

Elevate Instruction and Boost
Student Achievement Schoolwide

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PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OFFERINGS

Our comprehensive suite of professional learning, including workshop intensives, labs, and courses, are designed to align with academic and achievement standards. These programs are proven to foster rapid growth, leading to both immediate and enduring improvements in teaching and learning.

We develop each session with a keen eye on the latest educational research and best practices, ensuring that our offerings remain at the cutting edge of pedagogical development.

Through our ongoing evaluation process, we actively refine our offerings to meet the evolving needs of students and educators alike.

Elevate instruction and boost student achievement with a wide range of professional development opportunities. With Lavinia Group, you can transform the educational experience in your classroom and school, achieving lasting and significant learning outcomes.

WORKSHOP INTENSIVES

Dive into our Workshop Intensives for a targeted, immersive experience that equips educators with crucial skills to drive progress across classrooms and schools. These 4-6 hour sessions are offered both virtually and on-site*, focusing on aligning instructional methods with effective strategies for student growth.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Introduction to Close Reading for Meaning
- Introduction to Math Story Problems
- Student Coaching and Feedback
- ELA and Math Achievement

*select workshops only

WORKSHOP INTENSIVES

SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

INTRODUCTION TO CLOSE READING FOR MEANING

GRADES:	2-8
ATTENDEES:	Leaders and teachers new to the Close Reading for Meaning method
PARTICIPATION OPTIONS:	Virtual
DATES & TIMES:	September 18, 2024, 10 AM - 2 PM EST
DESCRIPTION:	Learn the essentials of Close Reading for Meaning—a method proven to rapidly improve student outcomes in the area of literacy. Incorporating science of reading research, our Close Reading for Meaning approach uses genre as an inroad to support students in making meaning from text. Give students the tools to distill both the literal and deeper meaning of any text using their initial understanding as the anchor for further analysis.

WORKSHOP INTENSIVES

SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

INTRODUCTION TO MATH STORY PROBLEMS

GRADES:	K-8
ATTENDEES:	Teachers and leaders new to the Lavinia Group Story Problems method
PARTICIPATION OPTIONS:	Virtual and In-Person
DATES & TIMES:	
Virtual:	September 24, 2024, 10 AM - 2 PM EST
In-Person:	August 15, 2024 (NYC), 9 AM - 3 PM EST
DESCRIPTION:	Learn powerful teaching methods that bring mathematical story problems to life in any classroom. During this introductory workshop, participants will learn the Math for Meaning method-an approach that has proven to rapidly increase student achievement and confidence in mathematics. By using context as a gateway to comprehension, participants will gain an in-depth understanding of the structure and purpose of problem-solving math blocks. Participants will leave well-prepared to implement these strategies effectively in teaching practice.

IMPROVE SCIENCE ACHIEVEMENT ON NYS SCIENCE EXAMS WITH NGSS BACKWARDS PLANNING

GRADES:	3-8
ATTENDEES:	Teachers and leaders supporting students in taking the state science exam.
PARTICIPATION OPTIONS:	In-Person
DATES & TIMES:	December 4, 2024, 9 AM - 12 PM EST
DESCRIPTION:	Establish your vision for high-quality science instruction by participating in a model immersion lesson showcasing teacher moves you can use right away in your classroom. Gain a deeper understanding of the standards assessed in the NYS Grades 5 and 8 Science exams and explore resources to effectively analyze standards and assessment tasks in this workshop.

WORKSHOP INTENSIVES

SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

MATH STORY PROBLEMS STUDENT COACHING AND FEEDBACK

GRADES:	K-8
ATTENDEES:	Teachers and leaders seeking to advance their skills in Story Problems instruction
PARTICIPATION OPTIONS:	Virtual
DATES & TIMES:	January 17, 2025, 11 AM - 3 PM EST
DESCRIPTION:	Advance your understanding of the Math for Meaning method while learning proven methods for coaching and feedback during story problem lessons. This interactive session is designed for those looking to take their story problems teaching to the next level. Learn key techniques for intellectual preparation, lead impactful coaching conversations that drive student growth, and craft meaningful feedback that will encourage students to build independent problem-solving skills.

ACHIEVEMENT WORKSHOPS IN ELA AND MATHEMATICS

TARGETED ELA STRATEGIES: ACHIEVING YEAR END BENCHMARKS

GRADES:	3-8
ATTENDEES:	Leaders and teacher seeking effective strategies to help students meet year-end benchmarks
PARTICIPATION OPTIONS:	Virtual
DATE & TIME:	January 22, 2025, 10 AM - 2 PM EST
DESCRIPTION:	Bolster student confidence and precision in reading and writing while equipping students to achieve grade-level benchmarks on end-of-year-exams. Participants will learn strategies that nurture critical thinking skills and develop contextual analysis skills. Foster rich classroom discourse that illuminates student thinking and builds upon Close Reading for Meaning techniques.

TARGETED MATH STRATEGIES: ACHIEVING YEAR END BENCHMARKS

GRADES:	3-8
ATTENDEES:	Leaders and teachers seeking effective strategies to help students meet year-end benchmarks
PARTICIPATION OPTIONS:	Virtual
DATE & TIME:	January 29, 2025, 10 AM - 2 PM EST
DESCRIPTION:	Learn research-based methods proven to rapidly increase student achievement in math. Participants will learn how to prepare students to use their knowledge of math concepts and a variety of strategies to successfully tackle end-of-year exams.

WORKSHOP INTENSIVES

SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

LEADER WORKSHOPS

INSTRUCTIONAL MANAGEMENT: PROVEN METHODS FOR RAPIDLY IMPROVING TEACHER PRACTICE THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR*

GRADES:	K-8
ATTENDEES:	Leaders seeking to rapidly improve teacher practice
PARTICIPATION OPTIONS:	Virtual
DATE & TIME:	October 29, 2024, 10 AM - 2 PM EST
DESCRIPTION:	Developing confident, proficient readers and mathematicians starts with instructional leadership. During this workshop, participants learn methods and best practices for rapid skill advancement in instruction, ensuring high-quality teaching and successful student outcomes across classrooms, grade levels, and schools. Participants will learn Lavinia Group's proven instructional leadership and management methods, and craft plans they can put into action right away.

PATH TO SUCCESS: ACHIEVING YEAR END GOALS IN LITERACY AND MATH ACHIEVEMENT*

GRADES:	3-8
ATTENDEES:	Leaders seeking best practices that support teachers in achieving end-of-year benchmarks
PARTICIPATION OPTIONS:	Virtual
DATE & TIME:	January 23, 2025, 10 AM - 2 PM EST
DESCRIPTION:	Achieving excellent student outcomes starts with strong leadership. This workshop is for leaders with a deep commitment to meeting end-of-year goals by prioritizing authentic teaching and learning experiences. Learn how to effectively set an instructional vision, monitor progress, and achieve results across your grade level or school. With a specific focus on meeting end-of-year benchmarks, participants will engage in guided development of an instructional management plan, tailored to your current data and the unique needs of your school.

* Indicates Workshop Intensives for Leaders

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING LABS

Join our Professional Learning Labs series, consisting of four consecutive one-hour weekly sessions. These labs offer a dynamic, hands-on experience, facilitating deeper exploration of subject matter and refining teaching skills in real-time, enhancing both individual and group instruction capabilities.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Building Classroom Culture
- The Science of Reading
- Math Content Immersion
- Instructional Leadership

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING LABS

SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

MATH CONTENT SERIES

GRADES:	K-8
PARTICIPATION OPTIONS:	Virtual
DATES & TIMES:	2025 Dates Coming Soon!
DESCRIPTION:	<p>Deepen mathematical content knowledge with sessions tailored by grade band. Explore key mathematical concepts and teaching strategies for:</p> <div>K-2 Topics:</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fundamentals of Counting• Base Ten Development• Addition and Subtraction Strategies Using Math for Meaning: Story Problems™ <div>3-5 Topics:</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiplication and Division Strategies• Place Value and Decimal Development• Fractions <div>6-8 Topics:</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ratios and Proportional Reasoning• Equations and Expressions• Rational Numbers

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING LABS

SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

THE SCIENCE OF READING SERIES

GRADES:	K-3
PARTICIPATION OPTIONS:	Virtual
DATES & TIMES:	October 29; November 12, 19; December 3, 11 AM - 12 PM EST
DESCRIPTION:	Enhance foundational literacy understanding and practices with our Science of Reading Series. With a focus on systematic and explicit reading instruction, participants will gain tools and insights for designing supportive instructional systems and implementing effective teaching methods across early grade levels.

YEARLONG PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COURSES

Our comprehensive yearlong courses are designed to provide educators with the tools they need to drive academic improvements across classrooms and schools. Each course is designed to be practical and to give participants methods and resources they can take back and implement in classrooms right away.

LEARNING PATHWAYS:

- Asynchronous Learning for flexibility
- Blended Learning for interactive engagement
- In-person + Blended Learning for a comprehensive experience

COURSE TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Close Reading for Meaning
- Math for Meaning
- Literacy and Math Tutoring and Intervention
- RedThread Knowledge 6-8

PROVEN IMPACT AND ENGAGEMENT

Our professional learning sessions are highly regarded for their quality and effectiveness, as shown by our feedback data:

95%

OF K-8 TEACHERS AND LEADERS FOUND OUR SESSIONS ENGAGING AND INTERACTIVE, ENHANCING BOTH LEARNING AND ENJOYMENT.

91%

OF PARTICIPANTS WOULD RETURN FOR MORE LAVINIA GROUP TRAINING, ATTESTING TO THE LASTING APPEAL OF OUR PROGRAMS.

92%

BELIEVE THAT THE PRACTICES DISCUSSED WILL ENHANCE THEIR CLASSROOM OR SCHOOL PERFORMANCE.

YEARLONG COURSE OFFERINGS

SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

SCIENCE OF READING

GRADES:	K-3
WHO SHOULD ATTEND:	Teachers and leaders eager to align instruction with the latest science of reading research
PARTICIPATION OPTIONS:	Asynchronous, Blended Learning
BLENDED DATES/TIMES:	Starts August 16, 2024; subsequent live cohorts vary by module
DESCRIPTION:	Learn how to implement effective, science-based reading practices to ensure students achieve reading proficiency by the end of 2nd grade. This course covers all essential pillars of reading, including phonological awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension.

CLOSE READING FOR MEANING

GRADES:	2-8
WHO SHOULD ATTEND:	School leaders and teachers, whether new to or currently using Close Reading for Meaning methods.
PARTICIPATION OPTIONS:	Asynchronous, Blended
DATES AND TIMES:	Blended Cohort Dates vary by module
DESCRIPTION:	Learn a proven method for analyzing texts to uncover deeper meaning with Lavinia Group's Close Reading for Meaning method. This course focuses on understanding genre, fostering authentic discourse, providing actionable feedback, and utilizing strategic small-group instruction to enhance student comprehension and engagement.

“Great session! Thank you so much! There are lots of PDs out there for teachers. But how many actually teach you how to teach your subject? Lavinia Group’s PDs do, and it is rare and refreshing and very insightful.”

~ Ajmal Yourish, 7th Grade Teacher at Children’s Aid College Prep

LITERACY TUTORING AND INTERVENTION

GRADES:	K-8
WHO SHOULD ATTEND:	Teachers and leaders seeking effective practices for literacy intervention
PARTICIPATION OPTIONS:	Asynchronous/Self-Paced
DESCRIPTION:	Address reading challenges with science of reading-based interventions, focusing on diagnosing student needs, effective student grouping, and high-impact coaching to close instructional gaps.

YEARLONG COURSE OFFERINGS

SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

REDTHREAD KNOWLEDGE

GRADES: 6-8

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Teachers and leaders who want to deepen their understanding of how to effectively implement RedThread Knowledge in Middle School.

PARTICIPATION OPTIONS: Asynchronous/Self-Paced

DESCRIPTION: Discover RedThread Knowledge 6-8, Lavinia Group's comprehensive reading and writing curriculum. Learn key strategies for intellectual preparation while diving into every component of the curriculum. Designed with culturally responsive teaching in mind, RedThread Knowledge emphasizes collaborative learning structures, student choice, and engaging discourse. Throughout this year-long course, participants will enhance their skills in fostering student discourse, coaching students in groups and individually, and addressing trends in student writing. Deepen content knowledge while learning strategies to empower students as independent readers, writers, thinkers, and problem-solvers.

STORY PROBLEMS

GRADES: K-8

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Leaders and teachers seeking to enhance their understanding of Story Problems instruction.

PARTICIPATION OPTIONS: Asynchronous, Summer In-Person + Self-Paced

DATES/TIMES: In-Person: August 15, 2024, NYC, 9 AM - 3 PM EST;

DESCRIPTION: Explore Lavinia Group's Math for Meaning Story Problems approach—a method that has helped schools across the country rapidly increase student achievement and confidence in mathematics. Teachers and leaders will learn the importance of using context as an inroad for making meaning in mathematics and powerful teaching strategies that bring problem-solving to life.

MATH TUTORING AND INTERVENTION

GRADES: K-8

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Teachers and leaders seeking effective math intervention strategies

PARTICIPATION OPTIONS: Asynchronous, Blended Learning

BLENDED DATES/TIMES: Starts August 14, 2024; subsequent live cohorts vary by module

DESCRIPTION: Personalize learning with targeted math interventions to improve student outcomes, focusing on high-leverage content and meaningful student engagement.

REDTHREAD CURRICULUM INSTITUTES

Guide students to success with our immersive curriculum adoption and implementation support. Promotes consistency in instructional practices and curriculum delivery across all levels of implementation, with interactive leader cohorts, curriculum launches, and yearlong unit launches.



RedThread Foundations + RedThread Knowledge (K-5)

For teachers and leaders grades K-5 implementing both RedThread Foundations and RedThread Knowledge

Curriculum Launch Options

Explore our comprehensive RedThread Literacy Program with an in-person or virtual curriculum launch, followed by yearlong virtual unit launches.

IN-PERSON INSTITUTE (NYC) \$2,500		VIRTUAL \$2,000	
REDTHREAD FOUNDATIONS		REDTHREAD FOUNDATIONS	
DATE: August 20, 2024		DATE: July 30, 2024 or August 22, 2024	
TIME: 9 AM - 3 PM		TIME: 10 AM - 4 PM	
REDTHREAD KNOWLEDGE		REDTHREAD KNOWLEDGE	
DATE: August 21, 2024		DATE: July 31, 2024, August 15, 2024, or August 23, 2024	
TIME: 10 AM - 4 PM		TIME: 10 AM - 4 PM	
YEAR-LONG VIRTUAL UNIT LAUNCHES (6)		YEAR-LONG VIRTUAL UNIT LAUNCHES (6)	
DATE:	Throughout the Year	DATE:	Throughout the Year
TIME:	10 AM - 12 PM EST	TIME:	10 AM - 12 PM EST
DESCRIPTION:	Build knowledge throughout the year with sessions designed to deepen your understanding of each unit.	DESCRIPTION:	Build knowledge throughout the year with sessions designed to deepen your understanding of each unit.

RedThread Knowledge (K-8)

For teachers and leaders in grades K-8 implementing RedThread Knowledge

IN-PERSON INSTITUTE (NYC) \$2,000		VIRTUAL \$1,500	
DATE: August 21, 2024		DATE: July 31, 2024, August 15, 2024, or August 23, 2024	
TIME: 9 AM - 3 PM		TIME: 10 AM - 4 PM	
YEAR-LONG VIRTUAL UNIT LAUNCHES (5)		YEAR-LONG VIRTUAL UNIT LAUNCHES (5)	
DATE: Throughout the Year		DATE: Throughout the Year	
TIME: 10 AM - 12 PM EST		TIME: 10 AM - 12 PM EST	
DESCRIPTION: Build knowledge throughout the year with sessions designed to deepen your understanding of each unit.		DESCRIPTION: Build knowledge throughout the year with sessions designed to deepen your understanding of each unit.	

RedThread Foundations (K-5) One-Day Workshops

For teachers and leaders in grades K-5 implementing RedThread Foundations

IN-PERSON INSTITUTE (NYC) \$750		VIRTUAL \$650	
DATE: August 20, 2024		DATE: July 30 or August 22, 2024	
TIME: 9 AM - 3 PM		TIME: 10 AM - 4 PM	

RedThread Knowledge (K-8) One-Day Workshops

For teachers and leaders in grades K-8 implementing RedThread Knowledge

IN-PERSON INSTITUTE (NYC) \$750		VIRTUAL \$650	
DATE: August 21, 2024		DATE: July 16, July 31, August 15, or August 23, 2024	
TIME: 9 AM - 3 PM		TIME: 10 AM - 4 PM	

"The most impactful part for today's session was watching videos of students practicing progress monitoring notes. This is a skill I can transfer to my own teaching and then to my teachers. The information was very impactful in today's session. As always the presenters were knowledgeable while also presenting helpful information."

~ Cori Beech, Instructional coach at Memphis Delta Prep

LEADER COHORTS

SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

Led by experts, these collaborative sessions empower leaders to explore effective observation and coaching techniques, advanced data analysis strategies, and cutting-edge instructional management methods. Achieve unparalleled success in implementing the RedThread curriculum by developing a clear vision for high-quality adoption and execution over the course of 5 virtual sessions.

LEADER COHORT: REDTHREAD FOUNDATIONS AND REDTHREAD KNOWLEDGE

GRADE BANDS:	K-8
WHO SHOULD ATTEND:	Leaders overseeing RedThread curriculum implementation
PARTICIPATION OPTIONS:	Virtual
DATES:	
SESSION 1:	June 18, 2024
SESSION 2:	August 6, 2024 or September 17, 2024 (depending on region)
SESSION 3:	October 24, 2024
SESSION 4:	December 10, 2024
SESSION 5:	March 4, 2025
TIMES:	10 AM - 12PM EST