

National Two-Day Special Education Institute

Increasing the Success of Your SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM for Students With Learning Disabilities



A Unique Two-Day Live Online Institute Presented by

Holly Porter

Outstanding Special Education Teacher, Leader, and National Presenter

Specifically Designed for K-12 District and School Leaders and Leadership Teams: District Special Education Leaders, Principals, Special Education Teachers, Resource Teachers, Special Education Department Heads and Other Specialists That Support Students With Learning Disabilities

Discover the **essential elements of highly effective special education programs** designed to better support students with learning disabilities

Enhance your staff's skills to maximize learning outcomes for students with learning disabilities ... Boost your expertise!

Impactful **strategies that can be tailored to meet the unique needs of your students with learning disabilities**, including Specially Designed Instruction techniques, practical modifications and accommodations, effective co-teaching approaches, student grouping strategies, collaboration skills, and more

Leave with a plan to strengthen your special education program by implementing **high-leverage practices and a wide range of intentional strategies** ... Targeted to the specific needs of your program

LIVE ONLINE INSTITUTE

April 22-23

**9 AM Eastern, 8 AM Central,
7 AM Mountain, 6 AM Pacific**

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"Excellent. Useful information I will be able to bring back not only to my classroom but my department."

Two-Day Special Education Institute



Practical Ideas and Strategies

Learn practical ideas and strategies to boost the overall success of your special education program for students with learning disabilities in this dynamic, two-day institute led by national presenter and author **HOLLY PORTER**. This hands-on experience will equip you and your team with strategies to help your special education teachers renew and refine their skills to better support students with learning disabilities. Learn practical methods for assessing and improving instruction based on outcomes for students with learning disabilities. This two-day opportunity will give you the time and space you need to critically examine your current special education program—including resource rooms and co-teaching approaches—through the lens of the latest research on high-leverage practices. Learn how to implement meaningful improvements that will have a lasting impact on your program and your students.



Over the course of two days, you'll learn proven strategies that drive greater success for students with learning disabilities and explore how to intentionally implement them in your school or district. You and your team will walk away with a wealth of actionable ideas and a comprehensive digital resource handbook to support your implementation. Don't miss this chance to collaborate with Holly and your fellow educators and leaders to refresh your approach and maximize achievement for your students with learning disabilities.

A Practical, Two-Day Institute Focused on Supporting Students With Learning Disabilities

Plan to attend as a special education teacher, school team, department team, district team, or as a school/district leader to gain specific strategies to increase the effectiveness of your special education program for students with learning disabilities. You will learn how to build on the success of your current program, identify the key components that have the greatest impact on student achievement, and find specific areas you need to target for implementation and improvement. Leave equipped with effective strategies and ready-to-use practices to help you accelerate achievement for all students with learning disabilities in your schools and classrooms.

Develop a Plan to Improve Your Special Education Program ... Elevate Your Educators' Expertise to Better Service Students With Learning Disabilities

Discover the attributes of highly effective special education programs and how to integrate them into your own program. **Over two immersive days, you'll gain a wealth of strategies** to increase success for students with learning disabilities, implement powerful collaborative instructional techniques that address diverse learning needs, and improve access to the curriculum for students with learning disabilities.

Go beyond the fundamentals of Specially Designed Instruction with brain-based engagement and assessment methods designed to better motivate and support students with learning disabilities. Learn how to enhance co-taught classrooms with smart planning strategies, streamline data collection for IEPs and classroom instruction, and strengthen collaboration for better student outcomes. You'll leave with practical, research-backed techniques and an extensive digital resource handbook to help you bring these strategies to life in your school or district.

"Well worth the time investment for me and my team."



Two-Day Intensive Special Education Institute

Here's What You Will Learn ...

- **Essential elements of effective special education programs** that increase success for students with learning disabilities— and how to apply them in your school or district
- **Best practices of highly effective special education teachers** when supporting students with learning disabilities
- **A wide range of Specially Designed Instruction strategies** for students with learning disabilities in resource rooms, general education settings, and co-taught classrooms
- **High leverage practices every special education teacher should implement** for improved student outcomes
- **Dynamic assessment techniques** to gather meaningful student data and adjust instruction accordingly
- **Evidence-based strategies** to strengthen students' skills in reading, writing, and math
- **Proven methods for effective collaboration and communication** between special education and general education teachers
- **Practical ways to ensure students with learning disabilities** are actively engaged and progressing in the general education curriculum
- **Differentiation techniques** that promote rigor and higher order thinking skills
- **Formative assessments** to quickly gauge student understanding and adjust instruction
- **Engaging instructional methods** for students with learning disabilities
- **Strategies for using Specially Designed Instruction** to improve achievement and progress on IEP goals
- **Effective grouping structures** to optimize learning experiences for students
- **Techniques for teaching students how to collaborate and work effectively in groups** within a co-taught setting



"From start to finish, Holly's expertise was evident, and her ability to connect with educators at all levels made the experience both engaging and impactful."



A Message From Institute Leader, Holly Porter



Uniquely Qualified Instructor

HOLLY PORTER is an engaging and enthusiastic presenter and experienced special education teacher in grades Pre-K to high school settings. She is the author of *Increasing the Success of Your SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM for Students With Learning Disabilities*, the digital resource handbook you will receive by attending this two-day institute. Holly provides outstanding professional development for educators serving students with learning disabilities. She has extensive experience coaching teachers serving students with learning disabilities, modeling effective instructional pedagogy and co-teaching approaches for teachers, and providing professional development on high-leverage practices. She is known for her passion and dedication to meeting the needs of students with diverse learning needs. Her institutes are exciting, hands-on, and collaborative. You won't want to miss this unique opportunity for **two days filled with intentional, student-specific strategies and ideas** to strengthen your special education program for your students with learning disabilities.

Dear Colleague:

Supporting students with learning disabilities is both meaningful and rewarding, but comes with challenges and responsibilities for the educators that serve them. With the wide range of learning disabilities and unique strengths among our students, as special educators we require a diverse set of effective and intentionally designed strategies and resources to ensure every learner reaches their full potential. Building a strong special education program involves being better equipped with tools that not only boost individual student success for students with learning disabilities but also improves our impact across our schools and districts.

I designed this two-day institute to help special education teachers, school leaders, and teams reach actionable strategies that they can implement immediately to help boost school success for students with learning disabilities. Over the course of two interactive days, you will gain valuable insights, refine your instructional approach, and leave feeling inspired and confident in your ability to create a meaningful plan for your classroom, school, and district.

I invite you to join me and your fellow special education colleagues from across the country as we collaborate, share expertise, and discuss innovative solutions to strengthen learning experiences for our students with learning disabilities. I plan to share proven techniques, resources, and practical strategies that can be easily customized to meet the needs of your students and programs. The result will be a plan of action for successfully transferring and tailoring these strategies to meet the needs of your own settings.

I look forward to seeing you there! Sincerely,

Holly Porter

P.S. You will leave this two-day institute with a refreshed toolbox to help you better support your students with learning disabilities!

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What Your Colleagues Say About Holly Porter

*"The content Holly delivered was not only **highly relevant** to our current instructional needs, but also deeply practical, providing us with **strategies and tools we could implement immediately in our classrooms and leadership practices.**"*

*"The **templates and tools** provided were especially helpful. Thank you, Holly!"*

*"Holly is a master in the delivery of this content. She clearly explained and modeled best practices in real-time, making her sessions **not only informative but also inspiring. This is what highest-quality teaching looks like.**"*

*"I **highly recommend Holly to any district** looking to strengthen their instructional practices and build stronger **collaborative** partnerships between specialty teachers and general educators."*

*"Holly's **positive energy, depth of knowledge, and practical insights** made an impact on how we will approach inclusive instruction in our district."*



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- Co-teaching lesson plan templates and ways to manage flexible grouping best practices
- Specially Designed Instruction tools and reproducibles
- Ready-to-use instructional strategies to support Differentiated Instruction
- Compiled list of all the technology resources and tools to assess and engage students

Consultation Available

Holly Porter will be available to answer your specific questions and the unique needs of your own special education program.

Who Should Attend

District and School Leaders and Leadership Teams: District Special Education Leaders, Principals, Special Education Teachers, Resource Teachers, Special Education Department Heads and Other Specialists That Support Students With Learning Disabilities

Meet Inservice Requirements / Earn State CEUs

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Registration (AXZ6S1)

- ☐ **1. April 22-23, 2026** (Start time: 9 AM Eastern)
— or —
- ☐ **2. I'd like to order the recorded version of this institute**

FIRST NAME M.I. LAST NAME

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CITY & STATE ZIP CODE

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Registration confirmations and login details are sent via e-mail

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IMPORTANT – PRIORITY ID CODE: EAXZ6S1

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