

National Train-the-Trainer Institute

Two-Day Live Online
Train-the-Trainer Institute
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Strengthening Student Learning in a BLOCK SCHEDULE (Grades 6-12)



A Unique Train-the-Trainer Presented by **VINCE MANCUSO**
Outstanding Secondary Teacher, Author, and National Teacher Trainer

Specifically Designed for Educators in Grades 6-12 Using or Considering Block Scheduling, Department Heads, Team Leaders, Instructional Coaches, Teachers, Professional Development Trainers, and Administrators

- **Train your teachers** on the most effective and practical strategies for teaching in the block schedule format
- **Train your staff** on techniques to maximize engagement and learning outcomes in the block schedule classroom
- Provide your teachers with **resources and tools** to successfully develop and implement instruction in the block schedule
- **Receive a PowerPoint slide presentation adaptable for immediate use** to train teachers to better understand the shifts required in the transition to the block schedule and the best strategies for teaching in an extended periods

Illinois

Chicago (Carol Stream) – **October 26-27**

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November 3-4

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7 AM Mountain, 6 AM Pacific

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Receive Vince's extensive digital resource handbook full of practical strategies, proven resources, and helpful instructional planning guides, plus a PowerPoint template for training your staff.

Implementing A BLOCK SCHEDULE: Practical Ideas and Strategies

If your school or district is considering or has already moved to a block schedule and you are looking for PD that can support your teachers through the transition and beyond, you do not want to miss this train-the-trainer opportunity. In this two-day institute, you will acquire the tools you need to deliver high-quality PD that will equip your educators with the ideas, strategies, and resources to confidently design and deliver the most effective instruction in the extended class period.

Over two days, you will learn to identify and communicate the most advantageous features of the block model. You'll learn how to successfully support your teachers to develop engaging, student-centered instruction that leads to the most rewarding learning outcomes in the block schedule format. In this unique opportunity, you will learn how to guide your teachers to strengthen participation and increase focus during the extended class period. You will understand how to most efficiently utilize the time provided in a block lesson. This includes how to chunk up the extended class period, as well as the best strategies and approaches to use in those chunks of time. In addition, you will discover the most valuable, meaningful assessment practices, grounded in research and experience.

Whether your district is new to the block, or has already begun the journey, you will leave this institute with the confidence and the tools to deliver the most engaging and effective PD to your staff. Ultimately, this is PD that leads towards the greatest learning and academic achievement for the students in your block schedule classrooms. Develop your knowledge, skills, and confidence to lead your school or district toward a more successful transition to and implementation of the block schedule.

Learn from experienced block schedule teacher and popular presenter VINCE MANCUSO in this train-the-trainer institute you will not want to miss. All participants will receive a PowerPoint presentation and an extensive digital resource handbook with practical strategies, proven resources, and helpful instructional planning guides that you can immediately use to train, motivate, inspire, and support your teachers using or about to use the block schedule.

A Practical, Two-Day Institute Focused on Helping Grades 6-12 Teachers Strengthen Student Learning in a BLOCK SCHEDULE Format

Plan to attend as a district team, representative team member, or district team leader and bring back the knowledge, skills, and tools to maximize time, engagement, and student achievement in the extended class period. Participants will learn:

- Instructional models that strengthen learning by using an extended class period
- Highly effective, ready to use strategies that maximize instruction and learning in the block schedule classroom
- Professional development strategies to support and train your teachers to make the transition to the block schedule through practical, rewarding approaches
- How to build on the strengths of current curriculum while taking advantage of the time and opportunities provided by the block schedule
- Timesaving templates for successful block lessons for all disciplines in grades 6-12



BLOCK SCHEDULE Instruction for the Greatest Results – Boost Teacher Expertise AND Student Achievement

Discover the features of the most rewarding block schedule classroom and learn how to inspire teachers to make a practical and meaningful transition from the traditional to the block model of instruction. Gain effective ideas for conducting motivating and engaging professional development while deepening your own understanding of the many opportunities provided by the extended class period. You will also understand the most effective assessment in the block model. During the two days, you will learn how to guide teachers better understand the most effective instructional strategies and approaches and how to incorporate them into their classrooms and curriculum in proven ways that maximize engagement and learning in the block.



Train-the-Trainer ... A Cost-Effective Way to Support ALL Your Teachers Using a BLOCK SCHEDULE:

- **Practical, proven strategies** for supporting teachers whether they are just about to begin, or have already entered, their journey into the block
- **Efficiently utilize the time provided** in a block lesson to maximize learning opportunities
- **How to “unpack” current curriculum to strengthen lessons in the block classroom**, and how to deliver this process to train your educators
- Tips for developing **effective, high-impact training for all your teachers**
- How to **scaffold** teacher development for instruction in the block classroom
- Practical and effective **assessment techniques for non-traditional learning activities**
- Proven strategies to **increase and maintain student focus and engagement** over extended periods of time
- How to incorporate **the essential attributes of an effective block lesson**
- **Proven strategies** for increasing academic achievement of students in a block schedule format
- Learn **exciting classroom activities** that increase student participation and collaboration in an extended class period
- **How to deliver PD to teachers to fully equip and prepare them** for the transition to block teaching

“*Excellent! I look forward to implementing these strategies in my classroom and department. Vince is knowledgeable and energetic!*”

– MARY PANIK, TEACHER &
DEPARTMENT CHAIR

“*Great job pairing the background knowledge and supportive information with actual strategies that can easily be implemented in the classroom. There was a lot of time to hear from other participants. We were able to ask our questions and get helpful feedback.*”

– AUBREY DESANDRO, MIDDLE SCHOOL
TEACHER



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A Message From Your Institute Leader, Vince Mancuso



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Dear Colleague:

With over fifteen years of teaching in a block schedule format, I have learned firsthand that what initially feels daunting can become an opportunity to explore, renew and revitalize my teaching practices. Ultimately, teaching in a block schedule enriched my curriculum, helped me to grow as a professional and enhanced my students' learning potential. In addition to what I learned in my own classroom over many years, supporting secondary educators teaching in extended class periods across the U.S. provided me with an extensive collection of innovative ideas, activities, and strategies for strengthening student learning using a block scheduling format. I have compiled all these resources and I am excited to share them!

This two-day train-the-trainer institute will focus on innovative, powerful block schedule teaching strategies and activities so you can help your teachers make the most efficient use of the time provided in a block schedule. You will learn the most effective instructional models to use in the extended class period, as well as the specific features that make them so valuable. And you will leave feeling confident and well-equipped to deliver effective professional development to your teachers. Discover the most rewarding instructional methods these academic settings can provide and learn to implement them in ways that significantly increase opportunities for student success. This interactive institute will provide you with the tools, knowledge, and resources to support your teachers through a successful transition to the block schedule and enhance their teaching practices.

There are tremendous benefits to the block schedule that allow for instruction that truly strengthens students learning. What you'll receive in this institute is designed to increase classroom participation, develop essential communication and problem-solving skills, promote creativity, maximize learning potentials, and enhance engagement in extended class periods. I hope you will join me for this valuable experience that will inspire and motivate you and your teachers as they embark on their block journey with enthusiasm and excitement. I look forward to our two days together, developing PD that will renew your teachers' vigor and enthusiasm for teaching. I am incredibly excited to work with you!

Sincerely,

Vince Mancuso

P.S. Again, the focus of this train-the-trainer institute is on practical approaches and applications. You'll receive a wealth of valuable ideas, tools, and strategies to use immediately in the delivery of your BLOCK SCHEDULE PD to your teachers!!

“You will leave feeling confident and well-equipped to deliver effective professional development to your teachers.”

What Your Colleagues Say About Vince Mancuso

"WELL DONE! Vince is a wealth of knowledge!"

– Tim Heffernan, ELA Teacher

"Vince did a great job of modeling an effective block lesson by drawing out participants, using names, giving positive feedback. He balanced his own delivery of information with contributions from participants. I can't wait to go over my notes and let these ideas sink in and affect my lesson plans."

– Bee Smith, MS Latin Teacher

"This was a very useful seminar. I feel like I got a lot of resources and ideas to use in my classroom and share with the other teachers at my school."

– Lisa Ruiz, 6th Grade Math Teacher

"One of the most practical and enjoyable PD's in my entire 34-year career! Thank you for all the information and useful strategies."

– Suzanne Heng, Academic Dean

"The seminar was SO eye-opening and helpful! Vince was engaging, informative, and gave real life practical strategies. I am so excited to implement many of them into my classroom."

– Alison Sloss, Middle School Science Teacher

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All programs are led by outstanding BER national trainers.

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Uniquely Qualified Instructor

DR. VINCE MANCUSO is a highly experienced block schedule teacher, national presenter, and author with a passion for what can be accomplished with students in a block schedule format. Vince enjoys sharing with other secondary teachers his enthusiasm for using the time in a block schedule to extend and enhance student learning. His ideas are powerful and practical, and all have been student-proven in his own classroom. You will leave this two-day Train-the-Trainer event with a wealth of practical ideas, increased confidence in your teaching skills and a valuable digital resource handbook filled with ready-to-use materials and activities you can use to train your colleagues.



“ *This was a great PD with such valuable information!*”

– TREVOR NIEL, MATH INSTRUCTIONAL COACH



On-Site Training

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Special Benefits of Attending
Extensive Digital Resource Handbook

Each participant will receive an extensive digital resource handbook designed specifically for this two-day institute. The handbook includes:

- Resources for training your teachers on cutting-edge ideas and strategies that can be immediately implemented in block schedule classes
- Powerful block schedule strategies and activities that maximize student engagement and participation in the extended class period
- Training tools for helping teachers use the most effective methods and models to organize time within extended periods
- Proven techniques and approaches that focus on rewarding learning outcomes in the block class
- Practical strategies and resources for providing block schedule training for your colleagues

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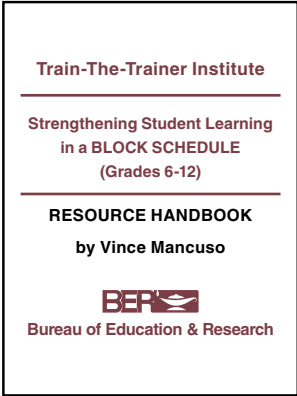
Meet Inservice Requirements / Earn State CEUs

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Recorded Version of the Institute

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Related On-Demand Online Courses

A related On-Demand Video-Based Online Learning course, *Strengthen Student Learning in Block Schedule Classes*, for Grades 6-12, is available for immediate registration. To enroll, visit www.ber.org/online

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Registration (VBX7F1)

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— or —
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FIRST NAME	M.I.	LAST NAME
POSITION, SUBJECT TAUGHT	GRADE LEVEL	
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HOME MAILING ADDRESS	
CITY & STATE	ZIP CODE

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100% of your paid registration fee will be refunded if you can't attend and notify us at least 10 days before the institute. Late cancellations made prior to the event date will be refunded less a \$15 service fee. Substitutions may be made at any time without charge.

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