

TWO-DAY SPECIAL EDUCATION INSTITUTE

Powerful Strategies for STRENGTHENING YOUR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM to Better Support Your Students with Learning Disabilities



Two-Day In-Person Institute Presented by

Savanna Flakes

Outstanding Special Education Teacher, Leader and International Presenter

Specifically Designed for K-12 District and School Leaders and Leadership Teams: District Special Education Leaders, Principals, Special Education Teachers, Resource Teachers, Co-Teachers, Inclusion Specialists, Special Education Department Heads and other specialists that support students with learning disabilities

- ▶ **Learn the key components** of highly effective special education programs for students with learning disabilities
- ▶ **Boost special education teacher expertise** to increase learning for your students with learning disabilities
- ▶ Powerful practices that can be adapted to **fit the needs of your students with learning disabilities**, including Specially Designed Instruction strategies, realistic modifications and accommodations, effective co-teaching ideas, grouping students, collaborating skills, and much more
- ▶ Develop a plan to structure your special education program for greater results using **high-leverage practices and dozens of instantly usable strategies** you can use and share with your teachers, schools and district special education teams

Missouri

St. Louis – February 16-17
(Clayton)

New York

Long Island – February 14-15
(Plainview)

CEUs and Graduate Credit Available
See page 6 for details

“*The number of resources Savanna made available to us was outstanding!*”

– THOMAS KANE,
SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

Practical Ideas and Strategies

Learn how to strengthen your current special education program for your students with learning disabilities in this strategy-packed, two-day institute led by nationally acclaimed presenter and special education leader, **Savanna Flakes**. You will learn how to develop special education teachers' expertise in working with students with learning disabilities, along with ways to continually monitor and adjust instruction based on student results. This is a unique opportunity to evaluate your own special education program, including resource rooms and co-teaching, using current research that identifies high-leverage practices and learn how you can make powerful changes to your own program.

Take an intensive look at what works for special needs students and how you can adapt it to meet the needs of your school or district. You will leave with dozens of practical strategies and an extensive resource handbook to help you lead your school or district team. Join Savanna and your colleagues for two, fast-paced days packed with the best research-based strategies to increase the school success for your students with learning disabilities.

A Practical, Two-Day Institute Focused on Strengthening Your Special Education Program that Serves 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 a wealth of the most effective strategies and high leverage practices to help you accelerate achievement for all your students with learning disabilities in your schools and classrooms.



Develop a Plan to Structure Your Special Education Program for Greater Results and to Boost Special Education Teacher Expertise for Students with Learning Disabilities

Discover the attributes of highly effective special education programs and how you can incorporate them into your own program. During the two days, you will learn numerous strategies to maximize achievement for your students with learning disabilities, seamlessly incorporate highly effective instructional strategies that better meet the range of students' needs, and provide greater access to the curriculum. Discover the key components of Specially Designed Instruction and dozens of brain-based engagement and assessment strategies to motivate special needs students. Gain specific tips to increase the success of co-taught classrooms with efficient planning tips, effective ways to collect IEP and classroom data to guide instruction, and powerful collaboration practices. You will also receive an extensive resource handbook to help you implement all you learn when you return to your school or district.



Two-Day Intensive Special Education Institute

Here's what you will learn:

- **Key components of successful special education programs** that accelerate achievement for students with learning disabilities ... Implications for your own school or district program
- **What highly effective special education teachers know and do** when working with students with learning disabilities
- Dozens of **Specially Designed Instruction strategies** that can be used in the resource room and general education and co-taught classrooms
- The four **high-leverage practices** that every special education teacher should use
- Dynamic **assessment techniques to collect rich student data** and use to adjust instruction
- Specific ideas to **provide scientifically research-based instruction** that will enable you and your teachers to strengthen students' reading, writing and math skills
- **Keys to successful communication and collaboration** with general education teachers
- Ideas to **help students with special needs** to be involved in and make progress in the general education curriculum
- **Tools and resources that support** behavior management, self-regulation and executive functioning
- Exciting ways to **use technology to increase academic achievement** for all learners
- Practical differentiation strategies to **increase rigor and higher-order thinking skills**
- **Formal and informal assessments** to quickly determine student understanding
- A wide variety of methods to **engage students across a range of levels and disability categories**
- **How to use Specially Designed Instruction** to increase achievement and progress on IEP goals for your students with learning disabilities
- Grouping structures that **maximize learning**
- Tips for **using technology** in a co-taught program
- Strategies to **teach students to learn and work in groups** in a co-taught classroom

“*Well-organized seminar with great material presented by an upbeat instructor. Great information and strategies share with my colleagues.*”

— LATRESHA DOBSON, RESOURCE SPECIALIST



**To Register,
Call Toll-Free**

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A Message From Institute Leader, Savanna Flakes



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Dear Colleague:

Working with students who have special needs is a challenging and complex job requiring numerous skills. With the wide range of learning disabilities and skill sets of students with special needs, you need a plethora of strategies and tools at your fingertips that will strengthen individual student learning as well as build a powerful special education program in your school or district. I'm excited to share with you what I have found works to strengthen special education instruction for students with learning disabilities in schools and districts.

During this unique two-day institute, my goal is to provide you with numerous strategies to help you seamlessly integrate high-yield instructional practices, Specially Designed Instruction, and technology into your curriculum and instruction. Motivating reluctant learners, supporting social-emotional behavior, differentiated instruction and grouping, dynamic assessment, and cooperative learning are just some of the topics we will explore. Many of us are providing students with learning disabilities meaningful access to rigorous curriculum through a co-teaching model which I will also discuss and share ready-to-use ideas for your own program.

You will experience hands-on strategies to increase your effectiveness as a special education teacher, build expertise and reboot your instructional toolkit to improve achievement of students with special needs. Join your colleagues and me for two, fast-paced days devoted specifically to Special Education teachers, leaders and district leaders and teams. You will leave this institute excited, refreshed and ready to try innovative approaches and ideas to solve challenging situations.

Sincerely,

Savanna Flakes

P.S. I pledge that you will leave with **dozens of effective instructional strategies for accelerating student achievement** and decreasing the achievement gap of students with special needs.

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What Your Colleagues Say About Savanna Flakes

*"Savanna is very knowledgeable and full of energy. **She offered so many great ideas and a wealth of information** that I really can't wait to implement!"*
– Patricia Capriglione, Special Educator

*"This seminar provided **great ideas and research-based resources** to use at all educational levels and abilities."*
– Megan Troxell, Teacher

*"Savanna Flakes is **exceptional!**"*
– Cynthia Biddle, SDC

*"Thank you so much for sharing your knowledge with us, Savanna! **I loved your positivity.** I am now ready to go back to school and tackle new challenges!"*
– Marguerite Vu, Resource Specialist

*"Thank you for making the institute **tangible, cooperative, applicable, and memorable.** I am so excited to incorporate the strategies I learned."*
– Marielle Michalopoulos, Teacher

About BER Institutes

Outstanding Instructors

All programs are led by outstanding, top-rated BER national trainers

Extensive Resource Handbook

You'll receive an extensive digital Resource Handbook full of practical strategies and resources. (For in-person institutes, registrants will also receive a printed copy of the resource handbook as long as their registration is received in the BER office at least 15 calendar days before the event.)

Highly Interactive

You'll be able to ask questions, consult with the instructor, and share ideas with other participants.

Program Guarantee

As we have for 44 years, we guarantee the high quality of our programs. If you are not satisfied, we'll give you a 100% refund.

Uniquely Qualified Instructor

Savanna Flakes is an engaging and enthusiastic international presenter, highly experienced special education teacher, district teacher-leader, and special education consultant with a passion for working with students with special needs and their teachers. She is a National Board Certified Teacher and a National Education Technology Standards Certified Teacher. She is the author of *Shaking Up Special Education*, and also the author of *Powerful Strategies for STRENGTHENING YOUR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM to Better Support Your Students with Learning Disabilities*, the extensive resource handbook you will receive at this two-day institute. Savanna provides professional development for administrators and staff who serve students with learning disabilities. She has extensive experience in special education including co-teaching, differentiation, classroom management, and serving students with special needs in inclusive classrooms. She is known for her energy and dedication to reaching diverse learners.

You won't want to miss this unique opportunity for two days filled with exciting, hands-on and collaborative strategies and ideas to strengthen your online or in-person special education program for your students with learning disabilities.



Special Benefits of Attending



“*Lots of real techniques that can be used to foster inclusiveness in our schools. Thank you Savanna!*”

– Jack Campbell, Teacher

On-Site Training

Most BER institutes and seminars can be brought to your school or district. See the options at www.ber.org/onsite or call 877-857-8964 to speak to one of our On-Site Training Consultants.

Extensive Resource Handbook

Each participant will receive an extensive digital resource handbook giving you access to countless strategies. The handbook includes:

- Descriptions and examples of Specially Designed Instruction in action
- Co-teaching lesson plan templates and ways to manage flexible grouping best practices
- Reproducibles for Specially Designed Instruction
- Teacher-friendly lists of instructional strategies to support Differentiated Instruction
- Compiled list of all the technology resources and tools to assess and engage students

For in-person institutes, registrants will also receive a printed copy of the resource handbook as long as their registration is received in the BER office at least 15 calendar days before the event.

Consultation Available

Savanna Flakes will be available to answer your specific questions regarding the unique needs of your own special education program.

Who Should Attend

K-12 District and School Leaders and Leadership Teams: District Special Education Leaders, Principals, Special Education Teachers, Resource Teachers, Co-Teachers, Inclusion Specialists, Special Education Department Heads and other specialists that support students with learning disabilities

Meet Inservice Requirements / Earn State CEUs

Participants of In-Person Institutes can receive a certificate of participation that may be used to verify ten continuing education hours. For details about state CEUs available, visit www.ber.org/ceus

Earn One to Four Graduate Semester Credits



University of
Massachusetts
Global A nonprofit
affiliate

Up to four graduate level professional development credits are available with an additional fee and completion of follow up practicum activities.

Details for direct enrollment with University of Massachusetts Global, will be available at this program.

Can't Attend?

Other Professional Development Options:



Related On-Demand Online Courses

Two related On Demand Video-Based Online Learning courses, *Catching Up Your Students with Disabilities Who Have Fallen Behind*, for Grades 1-12, and *Increase Your Success as a Special Education Resource Teacher*, for Grades K-12, are available for immediate registration. To enroll, visit www.ber.org/online

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Registration (AXF2W1)

1. Long Island (Plainview), NY – February 14-15, 2022
 2. St. Louis (Clayton), MO – February 16-17, 2022

FIRST NAME	M.I.	LAST NAME

POSITION, SUBJECT TAUGHT	GRADE LEVEL	

SEMINAR LOCATION NUMBER: _____ (Please see list above)		

List additional registrants on a copy of this form

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**Registration confirmations are sent via e-mail.
If you would like a confirmation, please provide your e-mail address.**

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IMPORTANT – PRIORITY ID CODE: EAXF2W1

METHOD OF PAYMENT – Group Discount Available

The registration fee is \$595 per person, for groups of three or more registering at the same time, the fee is \$545 per person. **Payment is due prior to the program.** No cash please.

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Program Hours

All In-Person Institutes are scheduled 8:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Check-in is 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

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Fee includes institute registration, a certificate of participation and an extensive digital resource handbook.

Registrants will also receive a printed copy of the resource handbook as long as their registration is received in the BER office at least 15 calendar days before the event.

Meeting Sites and Hotel Accommodations

Institutes will be held at the following sites:

- Long Island: Four Points by Sheraton – Plainview, (516) 694-6500
- St. Louis: Clayton Plaza Hotel – Clayton, (314) 726-5400

If needed, please make your own hotel reservations by calling the appropriate hotel listed above.

Cancellations/Substitutions

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.

Further Questions

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