

An Educator's Introduction to Systems Thinking

A two-day capacity-building workshop for educators that will focus on systems thinking tools and approaches in the classroom

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When: Wed, May 15–Fri, May 17, 2013
Wednesday: 1:30 pm–4:30 pm
Thursday: 8:30–4:30 pm
Friday: 8:30–12:00 pm

Where: Marshall High School
3905 SE 91st Ave
Portland, OR 97266

Why is systems thinking a core competency in developing critical thinking skills? Because it provides a set of analytical tools, concepts, and habits that enable us to deal with complex situations by looking at the potential consequences of our actions and making better decisions.

An Educator's Introduction to Systems Thinking will link systems thinking and its connections to other effective teaching and learning practices, the Common Core Standards, and school improvement efforts.



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During this workshop participants will:

- identify the characteristics of a system and the habits of a systems thinker
- develop skills and knowledge in the use of systems thinking concepts and tools, including behavior over time graphs, stock flow diagrams and causal loops
- experience, practice, and apply these tools to practical situations, as a teacher or a learner
- use systems thinking tools to analyze complex issues and identify high-leverage interventions
- create and share a plan of application relevant to your work.

Designed specifically for educators, this workshop will provide the opportunity to engage around the questions that matter most to you and enable you to develop relationships that will support you after you leave.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Practical Matters

Coming from out of town?

Marshall High School is about 15 minutes from the Portland Airport (PDX). You may want to rent a car (particularly if you come with a team) so you can travel around easily.

Use your favorite hotel booking tool to find a room in Portland. Here are some options that are near the Marshall High School:

Ramada Portland South 1-205
9707 SE Stark St Portland 97216
1-503-252-7400

Days Inn Portland South
9717 SE Sunnyside Rd Clackamas 97015
1-503-654-1699

Days Inn Portland
9930 N Whitaker Rd Portland 97217
1-503-289-1800

A final confirmation with any additional logistics information will be sent in early May.

Registration Rates

Breaks, lunches, and materials are included in registration fee.

- Individuals involved in SoLEd Partnership's CCSS Cohorts: Registration fee is waived
- Individuals from Portland Public Schools (not in one of the cohorts): \$250 per person
- Individuals from Other School Districts: \$400 per person

To Register:

<https://soled.wufoo.com/forms/z7p8a3/>

Questions? Please email leanne@spaces-for-change.com

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