



## Who can participate?

This cohort is for Minnesota DHH teachers interested in improving students' reading comprehension skills

Fall 2017

# *SIM Strategies for Literacy: The Visual Imagery Strategy*

Metro ECSU's *SIM Strategies for Literacy* online learning project for DHH teachers began in collaboration with MDE in January 2015.

### Description

*The Visual Imagery Strategy*, a reading comprehension strategy, will begin on October 10, 2017. This strategy is used by students (at grades 3 and above reading levels) to create "mental movies" of reading passages. Students learn techniques that help them visualize the scenery, characters, and action related to a passage read. They actually learn to describe what they see as they read. This enhances reading comprehension by improving recall of facts and sequences. *The Visual Imagery Strategy* also requires students to tie reading passages to prior knowledge.

**24/7 ACCESS:** Real time training is accessed on any personal computer with Internet connection and scheduled outside of the school day (see Schedule). If a session is missed, teachers can watch a captioned recording. Supplemental materials are available online.

**INTERACTIVE:** The format is videoconference. Participants can ask questions and share insights

"live." Modeling via document camera is an integral part of each session.

**COACHING SUPPORT:** Teachers can access virtual coaches and get specific feedback, encouragement, and clarification.

**PROGRESS MEASURES:** The two manuals that accompany this training give teachers data tools to measure student progress.

### Links to Standards

Strategies are linked to the Minnesota Academic Standards—English Language Arts. Assistance is available for standards-based goal setting. The *Visual Imagery Strategy* supports the MN Academic Standards for English Language Arts K-12. Anchor standards related are:

- ⇒ Key Ideas and Details
- ⇒ Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity (read and comprehend)

### Schedule

This cohort will meet virtually 4 times on Tuesdays at 3:30 -5:30 p.m. If a session is missed, teachers can access a captioned recording.

## SIM Strategies for Literacy *Visual Imagery Strategy*

### Session Dates:

October 10

October 24

November 14

December 5

All are on Tuesdays at 3:30 -5:30.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Registration opens August 1, 2017.

Registration closes October 10, 2017.

Register at: <http://metroecsucsu.myquickreg.com/register/>

Up to 25 CEUs available.

No fee.

### Questions?

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