



Pickaway County ESC PD Online Series through Google Classroom School Year 2023-24



“Educators Tackle Tough Topics” Online Book Study

The "Your CHOICE Professional Improvement Book Study: Educators Tackle Tough Topics" is a unique opportunity to focus on challenges for students in today's classroom and schools. First, select a professional book that will inform or offer guidance about your area of concern or topic of study. It could be about a learning disorder, mental health issue, a certain behavior, or a challenging population of students, etc. It should be large in scope. Have your book selection approved by Sherry Kneece (sherry.kneece@pickawayesc.org) at the PCESC. In Google Classroom, you will study your subject choice and organize, plan, and ultimately, share what you learn by utilizing an “educator canvas” approach. We will also learn how educational professional study is different from other studies. What a great opportunity to focus on an issue that has been of special interest or challenge for you in such a personal way.

“Looking at Grit ” Online Book Study

Coming in October, be among the first to register for the new asynchronous book study that uniquely supports your life at home and school. “Looking at Grit from All Sides” will give you a new way to understand and interact with students, friends, and family and come away with hope that we all, with diligence, can shine. The online class will be built around wisdom from Angela Duckworth’s extremely successful book GRIT: The Power of Passion and Perseverance (2016). Learn about your personal level of GRIT and how to foster the same in your children, students or staff by working through a series of 25 thought-provoking tasks including writing prompts, activities, videos, Ted Talks, and outside readings that will enable you to embed Duckworth’s philosophy into your classroom and personal life.

Purchase of book required GRIT: The Power of Passion and Perseverance (2016) Angela Duckworth ISBN 978-1-5011-1111-2 (found at Amazon or Barnes & Noble online stores and most bookstores).

The online class offers two options: 1 or 2 Ashland graduate hours. The work scope for 1 graduate hour includes successfully completing the assignments in the Google Classroom Classwork tab/area. Activities include writing responses, reading articles, viewing videos, etc.

For 2 graduate hours, the work scope will require the same assignments, but continues on by preparing a separate project for sharing with colleagues.

Contact Lisa.Heins@pickawayesc.org for registration or call 740-474-7529.

