



Cincinnati Federation of Teachers

Association of Cincinnati Public School Office Personnel
Local 1520, AFT, OFT, AFL/CIO

Teacher Leaders Guidelines -----Deadline January 31, 2012

Guidelines

The Cincinnati Federation of Teachers invites you to participate in the Teacher Leaders Institute for spring 2012. Teachers from Cincinnati Public Schools with full-time classroom responsibilities and who are CFT members will be selected to join with other teacher leaders nationwide. We are seeking teachers who would like to take an active role in influencing policy in the following areas, for example:

- Teacher Leadership in School change (Common Core)—the ways in which teachers develop as leaders.
- Ongoing Professional Growth—the means by which teachers engage in professional growth, learning opportunities, and reflection.
- Investigating School Finance --- how monies are appropriated.

We will provide teachers with opportunities to develop the knowledge and skills to influence policy locally, statewide, and nationally. This will include framing practical policy positions that relate to improved student achievement, conducting research in classrooms and schools; engaging the public and elected officials in community conversations about education; participating on advisory boards, panels and task forces; developing policy recommendations based on research conducted; and publishing and disseminating findings and recommendations nationwide.

Teachers selected for the program will:

- Increase knowledge of major challenges facing the teaching profession through readings and discussions with leading policy experts;
- Improve leadership skills;
- Introducing the Common Core State Standards to colleagues and the public;
- Participate in conducting research and using it in influencing policy;
- Be awarded a \$500 stipend.

We are seeking a diverse group of teacher leaders who are active in their school communities. You must be available to attend meetings on March 17, April 21, May 19 & June 2, 2012 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The application is due no later than January 31. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact the CFT Office at 961-2272 or email Joyce M. Johnson at Institute2012@cft-aft.org.

All portions of the application must be submitted: (1) application; (2) Commitments; (3) 1 page essay

Please note: All applicants should plan to attend a one hour interview in February. Interviews will be offered over a range of days and time, in an attempt to accommodate as many as possible. We regret that we will be unable to accept any applicant who has not completed the interview.

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