



# Putting the Pieces Together

## Strategies to Engage & Motivate

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**Putting the Pieces Together: Strategies to Engage & Motivate** – Explore the Key Practices from the *High Schools That Work* and *Making Middle Grades Work* frameworks that support increases in student engagement and motivation. Experience many engaging & motivating instructional strategies in action then examine how classroom management, literacy strategies, cooperative learning, and formative assessment interact to increase student engagement and motivation to learn.

## Date and Time

Wednesday, February 23, 2011

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

## Location

Northeast Community College

Norfolk Campus

Lifelong Learning Center

801 East Benjamin Ave

Norfolk, NE 68702

## Key Themes

**Examining the *High Schools That Work*/*Making Middle Grades Work***

### Key Practices

- Linking the key practices to classroom instruction
- High expectations – what, why, and how

### Motivation and Engagement

- Interrelatedness of Motivation and Engagement
- Formative Assessment as an Engagement Strategy
- Literacy Strategies that Promote Student Engagement
- Classroom Management Techniques that Promote Student Engagement

### Putting it All Together

- Model instructional segments
- Examine effectiveness of instructional strategies and classroom management techniques used in model lessons

### Group planning/discussion/sharing

- How do the techniques modeled today apply to your instructional setting?
- Which strategies/techniques can you use in your classes?



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## Registration Details

Registration fee: \$20 (covers continental breakfast, lunch, materials, and facility)

Deadline: February 9, 2011

Register at: [www.esu8.org](http://www.esu8.org)

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