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Instructors Needed

The NYSUT Education & Learning Trust is seeking instructors for its new undergraduate program for paraprofessionals. The component courses are specially designed for teaching assistants seeking NYS certification and paraprofessionals needing to meet new educational requirements under the No Child Left Behind Act.

Applicants must have a NYS teaching certificate, a master's degree, and at least five years of successful teaching experience. Expertise in special education or reading is a plus. Prior experience in teaching adults and/or working with paraprofessionals is desirable.

Call the Center (7060) for application information.

Applying for National Board Certification?

There's good news for prospective candidates for National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) Certification.

Funding for the New York State Albert Shanker Grants and Candidate Fee Subsidy Program has been reallocated by the legislature for the 2003-04 fiscal year. Enough money is available to support full fee payment for up to 400 NBPTS candidates from New York State.

The program is administered by the NYS Education Department Office of Teaching Initiatives. Application forms and instructions are available from the Center (7060) or can be printed and from the PDF files at www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/resteachers/albertshanker_candidatesubsidy.htm

Poster Printer and Laminator Up and Running

You can now print and/or laminate instructional materials at the Center free of charge - a big THANK YOU to our building principals who made this possible by providing the supplies for both machines. Sarah Salisbury, our student aide, is available to make - or help you make - materials every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15 to 5:15pm. If you prefer, you can send us a disk with a copy of the poster in PowerPoint or Word, and information on how Sarah can contact you if she has any questions.

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Best Buy's Children's Foundation Grants

Best Buy's te@ch program awards \$2500 grants to schools in recognition of programs or projects that creatively integrate interactive technology into the curriculum. This year, \$3,000,000 will be awarded to 1200 schools across the nation.

Best Buy is interested in learning about the creative ways schools and teachers are integrating technology into the curriculum, and is particularly interested in innovative, interactive programs or projects that make learning fun for students. Don't worry if you don't have the most current technology. They are interested in how you are creatively using what you have to make learning fun for your students.

For application and further information go to: <http://www.bestbuy.com/> and click on Community Relations (at the very bottom left) then the link to the te@ch program. Applications must be postmarked by December 31, 2003 and one application per school will be accepted. Awards will be announced on January 30, 2004 at BestBuy.com.

High School Teachers Needed for Regents Review

The NYS Education Department is seeking H.S. teachers to review Regents Exams before they are administrated. Applications are being accepted on an on-going basis. Teachers who are selected will be contacted about two months before their exam is due to be administered to firm review dates and times. The reviews will take place in Albany. Participants receive an honorarium and will be reimbursed for travel expenses.

If you are interested in participating, have taught one of the target subjects within the last three years; and have not been involved in the SED's test development process in the last seven years, contact the Teacher Center (7060) or go online to: www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/testing/himportantnotices.html

A New MarcoPolo Website is Now Open for Business

Teachers from across New York State spent the summer taking more than 1800 online lessons and matching them to the New York State Learning Standards in five subject areas - English/Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies and the Arts, K-12. At the very least, lessons have been linked to the key ideas of each of the standards, in many cases the teachers were able to match the lessons directly to the applicable performance indicators.

The MarcoPolo Alignment Web can be accessed at <http://www.nyiteez.org/MPNYA>. To use it: 1) Click on the site 2) Select a Standard Area 3) Select Standard 4) Select the level

The Teachers who have seen this LOVE it...