



## **Job Description: ELA Content Expert (Connecticut Dream Team)**

**LearnZillion is looking for literacy content experts to coach a team of talented teachers from Connecticut this winter and spring!** LearnZillion builds communities of teachers and coaches dedicated to creating high quality, Common Core resources. Through a collaborative professional development process, we capture examples of great teaching and share it with teachers, parents, and students across the country and around the world on LearnZillion.com. This fall, LearnZillion is partnering with the Connecticut Department of Education to recruit a team of 100 amazing teachers who will work with content coaches to develop high-quality, Common Core formative assessment tools and resources. These materials will then be made freely available to teachers, parents, and students on LearnZillion's online platform.

### **Coaching Responsibilities**

Each LearnZillion ELA coach will support a group of three to six teachers in a professional learning community (PLC) as they create Common Core-aligned formative assessment resources and tools in reading and writing for grades K-12.

Such resources will include lists of text-dependent questions and answers, evaluation rubrics/checklists, and text-based writing tasks.

By facilitating regular (online) PLC meetings, providing targeted, thoughtful, and specific feedback on teacher work, and fostering a sense of community within their group, coaches help their teachers develop a strong understanding of close reading, text-dependent questions, evidence-based writing, and the vertical progression of the Common Core ELA standards. Furthermore, through debriefs, feedback cycles, and group discussion, coaches also prepare their Dream Team teachers to become future PLC facilitators and Common Core leaders in their own schools and districts.

With the exception of attendance at TeachFest in Connecticut in late April (tentatively scheduled for April 25-27<sup>th</sup>) and "Common Core Fest" (a one-day training event in late July), all work will be completed remotely in May through mid-June. In preparation for TeachFest, coaches will participate in four 90-minute orientation and training webinars. All expenses related to this trip, including airfare, lodging, and food will be provided.

### **Coaching Qualifications**

- Previous experience coaching ELA teachers with the Common Core State Standards and close reading
- Growth mind-set
- In depth knowledge of the Common Core State Standards in ELA, including close reading practices such as developing text-dependent questions and text-based writing prompts and tasks
- Ability to analyze text deeply
- Record of being a strong leader of small groups of adults, both in person and via email, phone, Skype, etc.
- Record of being a strong team player

### **TeachFest**

The Connecticut Dream Team teachers and coaches will convene in late April to kick-off their PLC work. During TeachFest, PLCs will begin the work of researching, analyzing, and understanding the standards and the role of formative assessment. In addition, teachers will also attend workshops by guest presenters. Time will also be devoted towards building a community of enthusiastic and dedicated "Common Core ambassadors."

### **Compensation**

Coaches will be paid \$750/teacher coached (or \$3,750, assuming 5 teachers coached) as well as an additional \$750 for preparation for and attendance at TeachFest.

### **How to Apply**

Please send a resume to Posie Wood, [posiewood@learnzillion.com](mailto:posiewood@learnzillion.com), please include references who can speak to the qualifications listed above.