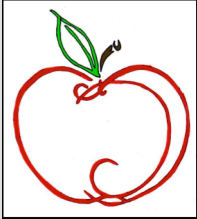


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Weighted Courses

NYSUT classes that are weighted for the 2017-18 school year are:

- Activating a Motivated and Engaged Brain: The Seeking System (EDU 661118 - SUNY Empire State College)
Instructional Planning, Strategic Teaching (EDU 661114 - SUNY Empire State College)

We are still waiting for confirmation from NYSUT on dates for these classes to run in Farmingdale this coming spring.

Currently, Activating a Motivated and Engaged Brain is scheduled at Plainedge HS (North Massapequa) from 1/6/2018 - 2/3/2018.

You are able to take these courses in other districts as long as they are completed by June 30, 2018.

Check the course availability through MyLearningPlan or call Emily Geiger at the FFT Office if you have any questions.

ATTENTION ALL TEACHERS! GRADUATE CREDIT POLICY

Credits Earned for Student Teacher Placements

Tuition credits from Long Island University/Post can only be used by the cooperating teacher or an active employee in our District. They may not be transferred to anyone else.

Please be aware that if you were planning on purchasing credits for a friend or family member, they will not be accepted by Post.

Defensive Driving Course



A defensive driving course is scheduled for FFT members, their families and friends.

SATURDAY January 27, 2018

8:30a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Howitt MS Library

Cost: \$25 per person

Spaces are reserved on a first-come first-serve basis. Complete the registration flyer placed in your mailbox and return with your payment.

Contact Emily Geiger at the FFT Office with any questions.

WHO ARE MANDATED REPORTERS?

As members of the FFT, we are all recognized as mandated reporters in New York State.

School professionals including (but not limited to) teachers, guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers, nurses, and administrators are all required to report suspected child abuse or maltreatment. A report is made when the mandated reporter, while acting in his or her official or professional capacity, is presented with a reasonable cause to suspect child abuse or maltreatment in a situation. Your suspicion can be as simple as distrusting an explanation for an injury.

As soon as you suspect abuse or maltreatment, YOU MUST REPORT YOUR CONCERNS by telephone to the New York Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment (SCR). The SCR is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to receive your call. Mandated Reporters Call (800) 635-1522

You do not need to notify, or receive permission from, an administrator.

It is your legal responsibility to make the report.

The Social Services Law provides confidentiality for all mandated reporters and all sources of child abuse and maltreatment reports. If a report is made with earnest concern for the welfare of a child, the reporter is immune from any criminal or civil liability that might result. This is referred to as making a report in "good faith."

Anyone who is mandated to report suspicions and fails to do so, could be charged with a Class A misdemeanor and be subject to criminal penalties. Further, mandated reporters can be sued in a civil court for monetary damages for any harm caused by the mandated reporter's failure to make a report to SCR.

End of Year Reminder

Many of your BENEFITS must be used by the end of the calendar year!



If you are planning to use your vision benefits, all services must be performed by December 31, 2017. Dated receipts can then be submitted to the Benefit Fund through February for reimbursement.

If you have any questions or need a GVS voucher, please contact Margaret Bertolotti at the FFT Office before December 22.

From all of us at the FFT
Office~

We wish you good health and
happiness for the holidays and
the coming new year!

