Human Resources Institute

The successful operation of any school system depends upon effective organization, recruitment, and management of human resources. This institute provides a comprehensive reference manual. Instruction emphasizes how to organize and operate a successful public school personnel office on a day-to-day basis. This program is designed to support individual leader professional growth goals and is aligned to the Leader Keys Effectiveness System.

GSSA’s Human Resources Institute consists of three highly-focused classes offering 36 content hours, held in three 1 1/2-day sessions.

Throughout the course, participants will engage in activities that will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Review of laws, rules, regulations, and best practices associated with recruitment and hiring of qualified school district personnel
- Identification of best practices and examination of effective examples of:
  - recruitment and retention strategies
  - application processes
  - screening and selection criteria
  - reference and background checks
  - interviewing and final selection
  - employment recommendations
- Examination of best practices and identification of effective examples of:
  - evaluating staff performance
  - employee compensation
  - retirement
  - benefits
  - administration of federal employment laws
- Other topics for discussion include:
  - social media
  - investigations
  - available resources

Mrs. Valerie Suessmith is the instructor for this institute.

Valerie A. Suesssmith is the Chief Human Resource Officer for the Henry County School System. Prior to working with Henry County Schools, Mrs. Suesssmith was the Director of Human Resources with the Rockdale County School System. Her private sector experience includes serving as a consultant in the area of human resources management and training & development. She also has worked as a trainer for a bank, and as a director of adult education programming for Clayton State University.

With a bachelor’s degree in Psychology and Sociology from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, and a master’s in Human Resource Development from Georgia State University, Mrs. Suesssmith has over 30 years of experience in the fields of human resources, training & development, and communications.

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The schedule for this institute is 3:00–6:00 PM on the first day, and 8:00 AM–5:00 PM on the second day.

Tuition: $595

October 6-7, 2020 (T,W)
October 21-22, 2020 (W, Th)
November 11-12, 2020 (W, Th)

Location/Lodging Holiday Inn Macon North

Room rate: $105 King Studio/ $105 Two Queens.
Taxes and fees not included
3953 River Place Drive
Macon, Georgia 31210
478.803.8200

Participants are responsible for making lodging reservations at the host hotel. Be sure to inform
Reservations that you are with GSSA. There are only a certain number of rooms with blocked rate. Block is released 30 days prior to the event date.

Who Should Attend?
All GSSA Institutes are designed for superintendents, central office administration/staff and principals.

Questions?

For more information on GSSA’s Institute and Workshop Series and to register online, go to www.gssaweb.org or contact Keith Porter, GSSA Professional Development Director, at klporter112@gmail.com or 770.880.9212.