

# Integrating Sentence Fluency in Writing Instruction

<b>Audience:</b> Middle and High School English Teachers	<b>Location:</b> TEC Professional Development Center in Dedham
<b>Instructor:</b> John Laflamme	<b>Cost:</b> \$350 TEC Members / \$400 Non-TEC
<b>Dates &amp; Times:</b> Mondays, January 11 & February 22 and Thursdays, January 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11 & 25, 2010 4:00 - 7:00 PM	<b>Earn:</b> 24 PDPS 45 PDPS for graduate credit
	<b>Grad. Credit:</b> 2 credits from Framingham State College for an additional \$130, payable at the first class

**Registration Deadline: January 2, 2010**

**Course Description:** The purpose of this course is to explore the various ways of teaching writers to craft sentences. The prerequisite for the course is either a strong background in grammar concepts or having completed the “Teachers Who Mysteriously Missed Grammar” course. Teachers will focus on three specific areas of the Six-Trait Writing Rubric – word choice, sentence fluency, and conventions. By establishing a Scope and Sequence for instruction involving the various facets of craft (sentences, punctuation), teachers will investigate the most current thinking related to teaching grammar within the context of writing and writers workshop. The course will provide a solid foundation in designing mini lessons that target specific writing concepts that emanate from student writing and the Scope and Sequence. Throughout the course, teachers will be developing mini lessons using a portfolio, which will serve as the final product for the course. Teachers will also study learning theories that bear directly on writers’ abilities to comprehend the concepts related to crafting sentences.

**About the Instructor:** John Laflamme is the English Dept. chairperson for grades 6–12 in the Dedham Public Schools. He has served in that capacity for the last eight years. He is also working with the fourth-grade teachers in Dedham on developing a scoring rubric based on Six-Traits Scoring. John was in private education for 29 years before moving to the public schools. He is currently an adjunct professor at Lesley University and teaches the Teaching of Writing course for grades K–12. He has also taught a Content Area Reading course at the University of Massachusetts – Lowell. John has written several articles that have appeared in NERA and IRA publications. He has also presented at various literacy conferences in New England. John received his Bachelors from Fairfield University, his Master’s from Bridgewater, and his Doctorate from University of Massachusetts at Lowell.

*Cancellations: Notice must be given at least **ten (10)** business days prior to the start of program.  
 Payment will be processed at that time and refunds will not be granted after that date.  
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To register: Complete this form and send, along with your check or purchase order, to:  
 TEC Professional Development, P.O. Box 186, Dedham, MA 02027

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