

Dear Educators:

The Ed Tech Support Center is partnering with Verizon Thinkfinity* to offer **free** training for Washington educators. You now have the opportunity to learn about Thinkfinity's resources and earn clock hours by registering for any of these free online courses:

- Thinkfinity Science Resources
- Thinkfinity and the Arts
- Thinkfinity and Math
- Thinkfinity's ReadWriteThink! Explored
- Thinkfinity and Interdisciplinary Science/Social Studies/Environment & Sustainability Lessons
- Thinkfinity and Elementary Music

***About Thinkfinity:** Thinkfinity is an online collection of over 55,000 standards-based K-12 lesson plans, student materials, interactive activities and other instructional content tools that have been reviewed and endorsed by the nation's leading educational organizations. Visit www.thinkfinity.org for a tour of its rich resources.

These self-paced, facilitated courses are three clock hours with varying start dates beginning March 29. Below you'll find course descriptions and registration information:

Thinkfinity Science Resources (2 sections)

March 29 - April 17 Facilitator: Conn McQuinn

April 19 - May 8 Facilitator: John Kelly

Description: Thinkfinity and its partner sites contain a vast catalog of science education resources, including real-time data sources, online interactives, and complete standards-based lesson plans. This course will help you learn how to navigate these materials, identify the most valuable, and put them to use. Online class activities will include evaluating online lesson plans, sharing resources you discover, and developing an integration plan to apply in your classroom. 3 Clock Hours.

Registration instructions (3/29 - 4/17):

1. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/tfsciencesources> to register for the course.
2. After registering, you will receive an email with information on how to access the online course, and information on how to register for clock hours if you wish.

Registration instructions (4/29 - 5/8):

Contact John Kelly (jkelly@esd123.org / 888.547.8441, X5730)

Thinkfinity's ReadWriteThink! Explored

March 29 - April 17 Facilitator: Debbie Hale

Description: This is a free online course / workshop built around the partner Thinkfinity site, ReadWriteThink. You will tour the site and report to the group through online forums about your findings and discoveries. Forums and discussion boards will be the center of all your work. 3 Clock Hours.

Registration instructions:

1. The ReadWriteThink online course can be found at <http://www.myesd.org>
2. Search the session# 34468
3. Enroll if you are already a registered participant of myesd.org, if not register FIRST.
4. The e-mail you register with will be the e-mail that you receive the course evaluation AND the opportunity to purchase clock hours once you are marked as 'complete' for the course participation.
5. The registration for the course once your are registered is open NOW having the session # makes searching so much easier, 34468.

Thinkfinity and the Arts

May 10-29 Facilitator: Brent Howard

Description: Come join us for a tour of resources, lesson plans and interactive tools that will enable you to take your students on virtual tours of museums, integrate dance and theater as well as other fine arts into your classroom instruction. This structured online course is equivalent to three hours of an on-site workshop. The course is self-paced and will provide an overview of Thinkfinity's rich educational teaching and learning resources. 3 Clock Hours.

Registration instructions:

Complete online registration on the following website:

<http://www.esd101.net/169610913214420717/forms/TakeSurvey.asp?PageNumber=1&SurveyID=931193526936L>

Thinkfinity and Interdisciplinary Science/Social Studies/Environment & Sustainability Lessons (2 sections)

March 29 - April 17 Facilitator: Karen Schmitt (emphasis on Social Studies resources)

April 19 - May 7 Facilitator: John Hardy (emphasis on Science resources)

Description: Participants in this course will explore the many Social Studies and Science resources in the Thinkfinity collection, discovering how they can be used to develop interdisciplinary lessons based on the Washington State Social Studies CBA Humans and the Environment, but also aligned with WA State Science, Technology, and Environment & Sustainability Standards. 3 Clock Hours.

Registration instructions (3/29-4/17):

1. The Using *Thinkfinity* to Create Interdisciplinary Lessons - Social Studies Resources and the new Washington State Environment and Sustainability Standards online course can be found at <http://www.ncesd.org>
2. Click on **ESD Works (Class Registration)** on the left hand side
3. Search for the session # **2603942**
4. Enroll if you are already a registered participant of myesd.org, **if not** register FIRST.
5. The e-mail you register with will be the e-mail that you receive the course evaluation AND the opportunity to purchase clock hours once you are marked as 'complete' for the course participation.

Registration instructions (4/19-5/17):

1. Go to the NWESD website (www.nwesd.org) and, in the Site Shortcuts panel, click on Register for Courses
2. If you don't have an esdWorks account, you will need to click on Create Account to do so.
3. Log into your esdWorks account and use Session ID# 15515 to locate the course.
4. On the course description page, click on the "+ Cart" button.
5. On the Shopping Cart page, click on "Checkout," and on the next page, click on "Checkout" again.
6. A registration confirmation email message will be sent to you.

Thinkfinity and Elementary Music

June 1-19 Facilitator: Forrest Fisher

Description: Learn about the best education site on the Internet and explore the interactive resources available for Elementary Music! Resources abound that can be used by teachers in classroom large group instruction and then also by students individually in the library or at home.

The quality of the resources is very high and all are aligned to state and national standards. The course is self-paced and will provide an overview of these rich educational teaching and learning resources. 3 Clock Hours

Registration instructions:

Register at this link:

<http://www2.esd105.wednet.edu/EventCenter/ESDEventListing.cfm?Program=Educational%20Technology%20Support%20Center&EventID=6042>

Contact Forrest Fisher (forrestf@esd105.wednet.edu / 509.454.3134)

Thinkfinity: Online Resources for Mathematics Instruction

April 19 - May 8 Facilitator: Jeff Allen

Description: This online course will provide mathematics teachers with an understanding of resources available on the Verizon Foundation's Thinkfinity website (www.thinkfinity.org) and how to utilize them with students. 3 Clock Hours.

Registration instructions:

To register, go to www.oesd.wednet.edu/outlook

After registration, you will receive an email with information on accessing your course

For more information about Thinkfinity training in Washington, contact Anne Anderson (aanderson@psed.org / 425-917-7939)