ONLINE: Bulletin Boards – Ideas for Every Classroom

"The ideas and examples were very helpful I am excited about trying these new ideas in my classroom this year!"
– Teresa Z.

A classroom can seem incomplete without attractive and educative bulletin boards. Have you ever looked at another teacher's bulletin boards and wondered how they managed to make it so interesting? Maybe you don't have a lot of experience with art, or maybe you're running low on creative ideas.

This course provides a new and fresh direction that helps teachers understand the basic principles of art and design and how to apply these in planning and creating bulletin boards. Included are a number of ideas for interesting, interactive and educative bulletin boards.

Through this course, teachers come up with some very creative and visually effective ideas for their classrooms and often are inspired to create their own classroom bulletin board makeovers.

Standards:

This course aligns to the INTASC Standard, Learning Environments.

It also aligns to the McRel Teacher Evaluation Standards including Teacher Leadership, Diverse Learners, Teachers Know Content and Teachers Facilitate Learning.

Each online PD course includes:

- **Convenient access** anytime, anywhere, any device
- Interactive **online** textbook
- Implement **practical suggestions** immediately
- Demonstrate comprehension with **quizzes** and checks for understanding
- Print **certificates** of completion
- Easily assign courses to align with each teacher's **personalized PD needs**
- **Integrate** with school and district-wide initiatives
- **Low cost solution for all courses, all teachers, all school year**
- **Reports** for school administrators

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Course Outline

LESSON 1: Introduction to Bulletin Boards

- Exploring the purpose, application and skills enhanced by bulletin boards
- Identifying essential characteristics of good bulletin boards
- Considering the three main types of bulletin boards: teacher created, teacher-student created and student created to understand their applications, features and advantages

LESSON 2: Designing Bulletin Boards

- The effective use of art elements in the design of classroom bulletin boards
- Using principles of design to organize elements of a bulletin board for a specific purpose
- Applying the basics of graphic organization to present the content of a bulletin board

LESSON 3: Creating a Bulletin Board

- Planning for the physical aspects and logistics of the board as well as its purpose
- Understanding the process of constructing the background, lettering and adornments for the board
- Ensuring student participation through clear expectations, creating success, promoting teamwork and organization

LESSON 4: Bulletin Board Ideas

- Exploring the applications and features of seasonal boards in celebrating events and reinforcing learning
- Creating boards for classroom management and social skill development to emphasize rules and expectations
- Examining how conceptual boards can be used to effectively teach and reinforce subjects like Math, English, Science and History