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Learning Communities
through



**Collegial
Inquiry**

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What districts are part of the Suffolk's Edge Teacher Center and can take part in this program this year?

This year, SETC will choose *four* teams from our districts:

- Amityville UFSD
- Babylon UFSD
- Bay Shore UFSD
- Copiague UFSD
- Deer Park UFSD
- Half Hollow Hills CSD
- Harborfields CSD
- Kings Park CSD
- Northport-East Northport UFSD
- West Babylon UFSD
- Western Suffolk BOCES
- Private schools in these districts



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Who may be part of the team?

Your team chooses the constitution of your group. It may be:

- schoolwide
- department wide
- district wide

Your team must have teachers and administrators, and you may also choose to have:

students

parents

BOE members

support staff

higher ed

other members as you choose



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How will the topic of your Collegial Inquiry be chosen?

We expect each team to choose the topic of their study, based upon *student needs* in that department, school, or district. The focus will be on improving student learning.

How will teams work?

Teams may choose from a variety of configurations:

- The whole team may focus on one topic
- The team will work under one umbrella topic, with different points of focus
- There may be different topics within the group



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What will the SETC do?

- Provide trained facilitation for your team
- Support your team as they work
- Enroll and support one team member to a Fellow in *Communities for Learning*
- Train one of your team members to facilitate the team (Year 2 & 3)

What will your district do?

- Provide time and space for the team to meet (30 hours per year)
- Support the team's work
- Support team members with PDP credit
- Provide time for the Fellow to attend *Communities for Learning* (7 school days, 1 week in the summer)



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How do we apply?

We understand the process will be different for each district, school or department that applies. What follows are suggestions to begin the process.

Form a tentative team of those who may be interested in the working with collegial inquiry or on the suggested topic.

Complete and submit the application to SETC by the spring deadline date (call for info: 254-0107)



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For further help, questions, or support
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