Iowa ASCD is proud to present the 14th Annual Curriculum Leadership Academy. Whether you are a curriculum director, a principal, a superintendent, a teacher, or a teacher leader with curriculum responsibilities, this Academy is designed for you! Join us on April 21 as we feature Dr. Rick Wormeli, expert on Differentiated Instruction. On April 22, Dr. Scott McLeod will present information on Personalized Learning, and school districts from across the state of Iowa will share their experiences on differentiated instruction and personalized learning.

“Students as Partners: A Focus on Learning”

Thursday, April 21

➢ Featuring Dr. Rick Wormeli, Differentiated Instruction: Myth-Busting, Principles, and Practicalities

Differentiated instruction is a nice idea, but do we really believe what isn’t always equal, and is it okay to do different things with different students? Being sensitive to students’ readiness levels and learning differences while holding them accountable for the same standards can be a challenge. What works? Join us for a provocative and entertaining address from an international presenter that examines differentiating instruction for diverse learners while maintaining a semblance of teacher sanity in today’s classroom realities. Topics include: differentiated lesson design, tiering, scaffolding, personal learning, responding to advanced students, practical cognitive science principles, descriptive feedback, correcting misconceptions of differentiation, and more. Candid yet validating, the presentation busts differentiated instruction myths and gets to our core beliefs as educators. Don’t miss this chance to finally understand differentiated instruction!

Friday, April 22

➢ Keynote by Dr. Scott McLeod, Personalized Learning: Exemplars and Pitfalls

We now have over 500 “deeper learning” schools across the United States. This session will feature numerous examples of personalized learning in practice. Bring your thinking caps as we discuss both exemplars and pitfalls.

➢ Breakout Sessions from Iowa Schools and national consultants.

Lodging
Ask for Iowa ASCD rate
Reserve by March 21

Marriott Downtown - $125
700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA
800-228-9290
515-245-5500

Quality Inn & Suites- $109
929 3rd Street, Des Moines, IA
515-282-5251

Cost
$250 NOW for Iowa ASCD Members and $295 after April 15
$295 NOW for non-members and $335 after April 15. Nonmembers receive complimentary one-year membership.

Cost includes continental breakfast and lunch each day.

Conference Location
Iowa Events Center
730 Third Street
Des Moines, Iowa
Friday, April 22 – Breakout Sessions

School Districts of all sizes from across the state who are focusing on personalized learning or differentiated instruction:

- Personalized Learning: Putting the Unique Pieces Together for All Students (Dr. Theron J. Schutte & Jennifer Like – Bettendorf)
- Keeping the Main Thing the Main Thing: AIW Targets High Quality Student Learning (Hope Bossard - Gilbert)
- Blending Instruction to Meet Our Students’ Needs (Gregory O’Connell – Cedar Rapids)
- Why Sam and Shay Deserve This: The Why, What, and How of Personalized Learning (Joshua Griffith – Des Moines, Jason Ellingson – Collins-Maxwell)
- Personalized Learning Made Easy (Julie Graber – Prairie Lakes AEA)
- Student-Directed Learning in a Primary Classroom (Leka DeGroot – Spirit Lake)
- Iowa BIG: Driving Learning through Passion, Community, and Authentic Projects (Dr. Trace Pickering – Iowa BIG)
- Tips on Creating a Balanced Assessment System that Supports Student Learning (Tricia Kurtt – Norwalk)
- Leveraging Your Business Community for Innovative Classroom Experiences (Russ Goerend - Waukee)
- Our Kids: Prairie’s Path to a COMMITed, Student-Focused School Culture (Erik Anderson – College Community)
- Using Technology to Individualize Formative Assessment (Christine Mangrich & Brian Unruh – Cedar Falls)
- Differentiating Instruction during Summer School (Sandy Klaus – Starmont)
- Systematizing Reading Instruction with the Cognitive Model (Laura Medberry – College Community)
- Classroom Partnerships, a Journey Connecting Content and Careers (Shelly Vanyo – Boone)

Virtual Breakout Session

- The Heart of Personalized Learning (Alison Zmuda, Education Consultant – Virginia Beach, VA & Pernille Ripp, Teacher and Creator of the Global Read Aloud Project – Oregon, WI)