

Application for the Wyoming Teacher Policy Institute

Due to WDE by April 15, 2008

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Name _____

School Name _____ **District** _____

School Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Home Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Home Telephone _____

E-Mail _____

Experience

What do you currently teach?

List the subjects/grade level you have taught and the years taught in each area:

What was your preparation for becoming a teacher?

How have you continued your professional development?

Please list any professional organizations in which you are a member:

Commitments

The following is a list of commitments you will be making once you are accepted to participate in the Wyoming Teacher Policy Institute:

- I will participate in conducting action research and writing documentation. This can be conducted individually or collaboratively.
- I will complete and be prepared to discuss the assigned readings related to educational policymaking and action research.
- I will attend a **required** three-day introductory retreat on **August 6-8, 2008**, in Jackson, Wyoming.
- For the rest of the school year (through June 2009), I will attend all regional monthly meetings. I understand that these sessions provide opportunities to participate in dialogues with policy makers, discuss readings, and develop action research projects. Dates for these meetings will be set at the retreat in August 2008.
- I will attend statewide WEN Video meetings in my local area on:
 - October 20, 2008 from 3:45-5:30
 - December 8, 2008 from 3:45-5:30 (Legislative Meeting Prep)
 - March 9, 2009 from 3:45-5:30
 - May 11, 2009 from 3:45-5:30
- I will attend and participate in a three-day legislative meeting on January 11-13, 2009, in Cheyenne including an evening reception on January 12, 2009, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm to share midterm policy findings from the action research.
- I will submit a one or two-page mid-year policy brief to the Wyoming Department of Education on December 15, 2008, for use in the January Legislative Meeting.
- I will complete and submit to the Wyoming Department of Education a 10-20 page action research report detailing the results and policy implications from my action research project. This will be due on or before June 30, 2009.
- I will present my final research project and policy implications to local key stakeholders prior to the end of my school year.
- I will present my final research project and policy implications to key stakeholders and Wyoming Teacher Policy Institute Fellows on June 6, 2009, in Casper, Wyoming.

Please check all the following that apply:

I have access to computer equipment and will participate on-line. I will check my e-mail on a regular basis.

I would like to be the Facilitator of my local group.

Essay

Please attach a short essay (approximately two typed double-spaced pages) describing:

(1) An initiative in which you were an active participant that was designed to produce positive classroom or school change. Be specific about your role. Please attach your essay to this application.

or

(2) If you had the opportunity to address the Wyoming Legislature concerning Wyoming Schools and Policy Implications or Suggestions, what issues or ideas would you like to see brought to the table and why? Please attach your essay to this application.

Applicant's signature _____

Date _____

School District Commitment

The Wyoming Teacher Policy Institute (WTPI) will pay the teacher a \$1000 stipend for completion of the entire program. The WTPI budget will also fund meeting rooms and professional development resources for all participants. The district will be responsible for paying for the teacher's mileage, hotel room, and meals. The district will also be responsible for substitutes during the two-day legislative meetings in Cheyenne.

Authorized District Representative
(Print)

Representative's Signature

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