

MASSACHUSETTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
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Executive Function: Implications for Teaching and Learning

Course: #17-416

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The term "executive functioning" has become a buzzword in schools and elsewhere. Both general and special educators, as well as paraprofessionals and family members, have long observed that many students have difficulty with such things as planning, organization, maintaining attention, getting started on a task, remembering homework, and self-monitoring – all characteristics of executive functioning.

Executive functioning affects learning and performance in school and in life. Teachers and paraprofessionals can support students with executive function difficulties by teaching and working with students on both general and task-specific strategies that they can use to develop the core skills needed to self-monitor and take control of their schoolwork and their daily lives.

This workshop explores ways to guide students and facilitate the development of self-management skills. In each area of executive function, we will learn strategies that can be used by a teacher, a paraprofessional, or a family member to support the student. In addition, we will discuss ways to teach students how to design and use their own self-management strategies.

Expected outcomes of the workshop:

- Recognize executive function difficulties in the classroom
- Identify strategies and skills for organizing and managing time, materials, work area, homework
- Identify strategies and skills for organizing ideas and written work
- Identify ways to help with initiating a task
- Develop ways to teach students strategies to use independently

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**at the MESPA Education Center
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