

# Ty Ankrom's Here's What I Think ...

The Pickaway County ESC will partner again this summer with Ashland University to offer its Summer Academy, an opportunity for educators to enroll in graduate-level workshops and earn college credit. These hours may be applied to license renewal.



instructor, will lead the Google program, showing participants how to set up a classroom, make assignments and use the Google apps.

The Summer Academy is a great way to increase or sharpen your skills and get high-quality professional development. As educators, it's important to stay abreast of current and best practices and the Summer Academy offers an opportunity for that.

In addition to getting up to two semester hours of college credit in four days, the partnership between the ESC and Ashland University offers a convenient way for teachers to attend a workshop locally. In addition, these courses are aligned to the needs and focus of the work being performed in Pickaway County's schools.

This year's courses are ASD Strategies and Models, offered June 12 and 13, and Google Education Tools, offered June 15 and 16.

ADS Strategies and Models will be taught by Brenda Smith Myles of OCALI. The course will focus on simple strategies that work for students across the spectrum and the Ziggurat framework will be discussed.

Tammera Laughlin, media specialist at Circleville Elementary School and a Google certified

All sessions will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the ESC, 2050 Stoneridge Drive in Circleville. Participants of the ASD Strategies course are requested to bring a laptop if possible and all participants are responsible for their lunch.

The cost for each session is \$100, plus an additional \$175 to obtain one semester hour credit



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from Ashland University. Attendance at both days' sessions is required for semester credit.

To register, send a check or money order for \$100 (\$50 is non-refundable) payable to Pickaway County ESC with the completed registration form, available at [www.pickawayesc.org](http://www.pickawayesc.org) on the right-hand column under Summer Academy. Information about both courses also is available there.

The semester credit fee will be taken at the first day of each session, by check (payable to Ashland University) or credit card.

Questions about the Summer Academy can be directed to (740) 474-7529.

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