

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

**R**oughly a month after teachers complete their year of teaching, they can assume the role of student through the Pickaway County Educational Service Center's Summer Academy.



The Academy, offered through Ashland University, provides teachers with the opportunity to complete graduate-level workshops and earn college credit. These hours may be applied to license renewal.

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. These courses are aligned to the needs and focus of the work being performed in Pickaway County's schools.

This year's seminars are on instructional strategies and differentiated instruction.

The first seminar, taught by Tom Diebold on June 20 and 21, is Literacy K-12 – Specially

*"Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere."  
~Chinese Proverb*

designed instruction for students with dyslexia: A survey of multisensory, structured language program and Math K-8 – Instructional alternatives for students who struggle with math.

On June 27 and 28, Tom Patterson will show teachers how to tailor instruction to meet individual student needs. Multiple methods will be taught and classroom examples will be shared by teachers who use differentiated instruction.

Differing content, products, strategies, altering the environment, use of regular assess-

*"The beautiful thing about learning is nobody can take it away from you."  
~BB King*

ment and flexible grouping are some of the ideas and successes that will be shared during the two-day seminar.

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 Academy offers an opportunity for that.

All sessions will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the ESC, 2050 Stoneridge Drive in Circleville. Participants are responsible for



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their lunch and are requested to bring a laptop if possible.

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

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

Questions can be directed to (740) 474-7529.

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