



Mackin Learning
YOUR GOALS, OUR GUIDANCE.

Our guidance is tailored to fit your distinctive goals.



**Onsite
Workshops**



Coaching



**Virtual
Workshops**



Keynotes

How We Partner

Prior to each Mackin Learning workshop, we work together to set goals for the sessions. As educators ourselves, we recognize the significant demands on teachers' prep and planning time, and because of this, our professional learning sessions are designed to be task-oriented workshops, not lectures. We take educators' feedback seriously and make adjustments as needed. Our ability to be flexible to each school's specific needs is what makes Mackin Learning truly unique.

Our Blog

The Mackin Learning blog is a resource for educators where we offer insights on current issues in education, effective strategies, ideas, and resources for transforming how you teach.

Sign up to receive our insightful blogs today!



Areas of Focus



**Maker
Education**



Inquiry



**Diverse /
Inclusive Texts**



Literacy / ELA



Social Justice



**Project Based
Learning**



**Complex
Conversations**



**Student
Engagement**



**STEM /
STEAM**

WORKSHOPS

Maker Education

Making Learning Memorable: Maker Education in the Classroom

Meet Your Makerspace

STEM and STEAM

Engaging Students in STEM/STEAM

Invention Literacy with Makey Makey

Project Based Learning

Tinkering with Text: Infusing Hands-on Learning into Literacy Instruction

Integrating PBL to Foster Real-World Skills







WORKSHOPS

Inquiry

Putting Students in the Driver Seat of Discovery: Inquiry for Learning

Embracing an SEL Integrated Inquiry Approach to Instruction

Student Engagement

From Carrots & Candy to Options & Ownership: Motivation and Engagement for Adolescents

Literacy and ELA

From Frustration to Freedom: Advancing Literacy for Adolescents

Literacy Redefined: Expanding Our Thinking for Increased Engagement and Achievement

WORKSHOPS

Social Justice

Integrating Social Justice Themes into Any Classroom

Complex Conversations

Framework for Navigating Complex Conversations

Diverse and Inclusive Texts

Integrating Diverse and Inclusive Texts

Using Book Challenges as an Opportunity for Growth in Your School Community







Our Webinar Series

Mackin Learning honors the brilliance that strong educators bring to the table, and provides motivating, custom frameworks to help transform teaching.

Our website includes webinars that educators can watch online for free, with certificates available for ongoing education requirements.

Jen McCarty Plucker, Ed.D.

Jen McCarty Plucker received her doctoral degree in Educational Leadership with research focused on adolescent engagement/motivation and accelerated literacy growth. Jen has over 20 years of education experience as a teaching and learning coordinator, ESL coordinator, K-12 intervention specialist, Lead grant writer, Magnet & STEM collaborator, English/speech teacher, reading specialist, and adjunct instructor.



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Inquiry, Literacy/ELA, Student Engagement

Kia Heise, Ph.D.

Kia Heise holds a doctorate in Sociology. She taught for many years in Los Angeles and Minneapolis before joining Mackin Learning. Her work with educators is rooted in a sociological framework that allows us to zoom out from the individual to see larger social contexts. She supports educators in navigating complex conversations with students and in the integration of social justice themes into any content area.



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Social Justice, Complex Conversations, Diverse/Inclusive Texts

Lindsay Simmons, M.A.

Lindsay Simmons has several years of experience working as an upper elementary school teacher and has most recently served as the STEM Education Programming Manager for a science center in Pennsylvania. She has her master's degree in Art History with a Museum Studies Certificate and has a passion for learning about the most effective engagement strategies, in both design and learning.



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