

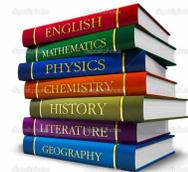
T.E.A.C.H. TALK



T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Delaware Newsletter

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ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF T.E.A.C.H. SCHOLARS
AND KEEPING YOU "IN THE KNOW"



College Summer Registration Deadlines

It is almost time to register for your 2016 summer classes. First check to make sure that you have a current contract with T.E.A.C.H. If you need to renew your contract please contact the T.E.A.C.H. office immediately at 302-764-1501.

Delaware Technical & Community College: Summer registration begins April 18. Summer classes begin Monday, May 23. Free drop/add ends Sunday, May 29.

Wilmington University: Summer registration begins April 4. Summer mini-session begins May 16. Other sessions begin June 6.

Springfield College: Summer registration began February 29. Classes begin May 9. Drop Only ends May 23.

Remember if you attend Del Tech George Campus (Wilmington) you must register in person. Please follow the registration instructions on pages 9-10 of the T.E.A.C.H. Recipient Manual. Del Tech Terry and Owens Campus students as well as bachelor degree students can register online and then must either fax (302-475-5300) or email (pholloway@daeyc.org) their schedule/bill to T.E.A.C.H.

You can download your schedule/bill from your student account. A schedule/bill lists your semester classes as

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well as the semester tuition. If you have difficulty finding this form in your student account, please contact the registrar's office or the business office of your school.

Remember that T.E.A.C.H. does not pay for withdrawn or dropped courses so you need to be aware of the free drop/add periods at your school.

Please contact your school to make sure that the above dates guarantee dropping or withdrawing from a course without penalty.

Breaking Down Release Time for T.E.A.C.H. Recipients

Release time is paid time off that is given to the scholarship recipient who works more than 30 hours per week in the classroom. The recipient may use the time for school-related tasks such as studying, doing research, or seeking school advisement. The sponsoring center will pay the scholar for release time taken based on his/her normal pay schedule and at his/her normal rate of pay.

The recipient can take no more than 48 hours of release time per semester. Paid release time arrangements are to be mutually agreed upon by the recipient and the program director. Paid release time arrangements are meant to be flexible to meet both the recipient and the program's needs such as maintaining child-staff ratios at all times. Suggested options include allowing the recipient to come in late or leave early during the week, providing time and space at the center where he/she will not be responsible for a group of children during specific work hours, or adding time to personal or vacation leave taken while in school that cannot be saved up to be used after the school term has ended.

The sponsoring center receives reimbursement from T.E.A.C.H. to help cover the cost of substitutes who may be needed when the recipient is given paid release time. The reimbursement rate is \$7.50 per hour. The recipient and the sponsoring center should use Form C to track paid release time used. When Form C is submitted to T.E.A.C.H., it must be signed by both the recipient and the sponsoring center director.

The recipient or sponsoring center should send in their Form C immediately after the semester has ended.



Early Childhood Advocacy Day

Save the date!! Early Childhood Advocacy Day is Wednesday, May 4. It will take place at Legislative Hall in Dover from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you cannot make it all day then come to the rally from Noon to 1 p.m. Be sure to wear yellow to reflect our collective support.

Why is it important to show our elected officials that we believe in quality early learning?

June 30, 2016 marks the last day of the Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge grant. The grant funded the CORE Awards, tiered reimbursement and many other wonderful early childhood programs including increased funding for T.E.A.C.H. scholarships. The early childhood community is asking the Delaware General Assembly for \$11.3 million in additional funds in their FY 2016-2017 budget to continue CORE, tiered reimbursement, mental health programs as well as increased funding for T.E.A.C.H.

Make copies of the attached advocacy day flyer and distribute them to your colleagues. If we work together, our state legislators will hear our collective voice loud and clear.

[2016 Advocacy Day Flyer](#)



Interesting Early Childhood Articles and Information for your Perusal

[Early Education Toolkit: Attendance Works](#)

[Article about Current Child Care Wages](#)

[T.E.A.C.H. National Center Blog: Are EC Teachers Worth the Investment?](#)

Any Questions Or Concerns?

If you have any questions or concerns about T.E.A.C.H. policies or school issues, please do not hesitate to call Paula Holloway or Lynn Jezyk at 302-

764-1501.

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