

LTF TRAINING UPDATE

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2012 LTF Professional Development Opportunities

One-Day Conferences
January 21 | Austin, TX
February 4 | El Paso, TX
March 3 | Coppell, TX

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LTF Institutes

June 4-7 | New Braunfels, TX
June 4-7 | Edmond, OK
June 11-14 | New Orleans, LA

Special trainings for Modules 1-4 will be held at J. Frank Dobie High School in Houston, Texas, on December 3, January 21, February 18, and April 14.

Additional dates and locations forthcoming.

Did you know?

Since September, more than **80,000 pretests** have been administered to students of LTF teachers using LTF's new online learning management system. This allows teachers to get a snapshot of where their students are in each of the critical subject matter strands. These same students have access to formative assessments and a posttest at the end of the year--more great tools for LTF teachers.

Take a Look at the New LTF Website!

The screenshot shows the LTF website homepage with the following elements:

- Header:** LTF logo, navigation menu (HOME, TRAINING PROGRAM, TEACHING COMMUNITY, LEARN MORE, GET INVOLVED, ABOUT LTF), search bar, and user information (Welcome, Kato Schwab, Return to Session Area, Manage Account, Log Out).
- Main Content:** A large image of a teacher and student with the quote "Plans are exciting, challenging, effective, and relevant." Below it, a text block describing LTF's mission: "Laying the Foundation (LTF) is building a community of middle school and high school teachers that demand more from themselves and their students. LTF provides a comprehensive teaching program to states, school districts, STEM organizations, and schools that includes pre-AP and AP teacher training, support, lessons, and classroom materials that improve student performance and create a college-ready culture." Below this is another text block: "It's more than professional development for teachers—it's teacher-to-teacher training and resources you can use in the classroom today!"
- Left Column:** "WHY USE LTF TRAINING?" section with bullet points: "By teachers, for teachers", "Rigorous lessons", "Expanded knowledge of content and strategies", "Online Teaching Community", "Classroom-ready resources", "Vertical alignment across all grade levels", "Alignment with the Common Core Standards", and "Supplement to an existing curriculum". A "REQUEST INFORMATION" button is at the bottom.
- Middle Column:** "JOIN THE DISCUSSION" section with sub-sections for "FORUMS", "BLOG", and "NEWSLETTER". It lists "Constantly Changing Velocity: New Video Resource for Science Teachers" (Wed, 26 Oct 2011 05:00:00 -0500), "LTF Training: The Call" (Wed, 26 Oct 2011 05:00:00 -0500), and "STEM Panels are Back on the Stage Again" (Tue, 25 Oct 2011 05:00:00 -0500).
- Right Column:** "TRAINING: WHEN AND WHERE" section listing "Pre-AP/ AP Institutes", "One-Day Conferences", and "Administrator Orientations". A "GET STARTED" button is at the bottom.
- Footer:** "Building Academic Excellence" with social media icons (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, RSS) and a "Sign up for Newsletter" button. A secondary navigation menu is also present at the bottom.

While you're there, we encourage you to stop by the [donation page](#). As a nonprofit organization, LTF relies on the generosity of individuals, corporations,

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Online Video Lessons

This past month we released three full video lessons as part of our move toward a [blended learning model](#) for teachers.



Math: An Apeeling Problem



Science: Constantly Changing Velocity



English: Identifying Tone Through Music

and foundations to continue to impact the lives of teachers and students across the country.

Your tax-deductible donation will help teachers get the training and resources they need to increase the level of rigor in their classrooms and prepare students for success in college and in the workforce.

LTF: Your Common Core Solution

Mark your calendars for **Common Core Day next Monday, November 14**. On this day we'll launch a short blog series on the [Common Core State Standards](#) and how LTF can help you implement them.

Additionally, we will share a great new video highlighting the new alignment of our lessons to the Common Core State Standards. For easy access to these resources, be sure to...



Sign Up for Science Training

It's not too late to register for the [LTF Science Training](#) this week (November 10 and 11) at Irma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School in Dallas, Texas. This training, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day, will cover Modules 1 and 2. Training for Modules 3 and 4 is scheduled for January 12 and 13.

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