



Bourbon Street, New Orleans, LA

GULF COAST K-12 SCIENCE EDUCATION LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND STRATEGIC PLANNING INSTITUTE

—Dates To Be Determined—

W Hotel New Orleans
New Orleans, Louisiana

Registration

Register at www.nsrconline.org/events/GulfCoastSPI09_landing.html

Cost

Registration fee **before (date to be determined)**
\$8,400 per seven-person team (\$1,200 per participant)

Registration fee **after (date to be determined)**
\$9,800 per seven-person team (\$1,400 per participant)

Materials, continental breakfast and a full lunch each day, plus one dinner are included in the registration fee. Transportation and lodging expenses are not included in the registration fee.

Accommodations

The SPI will be held at the W Hotel, New Orleans. Leadership teams should make their own lodging reservations under the NSRC group rate of \$140 per night. Space is limited, so please make reservations by (date to be determined).

Questions

Contact Mary Raucci, LASER Program Associate, at **202.633.3002** or rauccim@si.edu.



The Smithsonian Institution Castle
Washington, DC

NATIONAL K-8 SCIENCE EDUCATION LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND STRATEGIC PLANNING INSTITUTE

July 12-17, 2009

Westin Alexandria
Alexandria, Virginia

Registration

Register at www.nsrconline.org/events/NatSPI09_K8_landing.html

Cost

Registration fee **before May 1**
\$6,000 per five-person team (\$1,200 per participant)

Registration fee **after May 1**
\$7,000 per five-person team (\$1,400 per participant)

Materials, continental breakfast and a full lunch each day, plus one dinner are included in the registration fee. Transportation and lodging expenses are not included in the registration fee.

Accommodations

The SPI will be held at the Westin Alexandria. Leadership teams should make their own lodging reservations under the NSRC group rate of \$165 per night. Space is limited, so please make reservations by **June 12, 2009**.

Questions

Contact Mary Raucci, LASER Program Associate, at **202.633.3002** or rauccim@si.edu.



The National Academies, Washington, DC

NATIONAL SECONDARY SCIENCE EDUCATION LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND STRATEGIC PLANNING INSTITUTE

July 12-17, 2009

Westin Alexandria
Alexandria, Virginia

Registration

Register at:
www.nsrconline.org/events/NatSPI09_secondary_landing.html

Cost

Registration fee **before May 1**
\$6,000 per five-person team (\$1,200 per participant)

Registration fee **after May 1**
\$7,000 per five-person team (\$1,400 per participant)

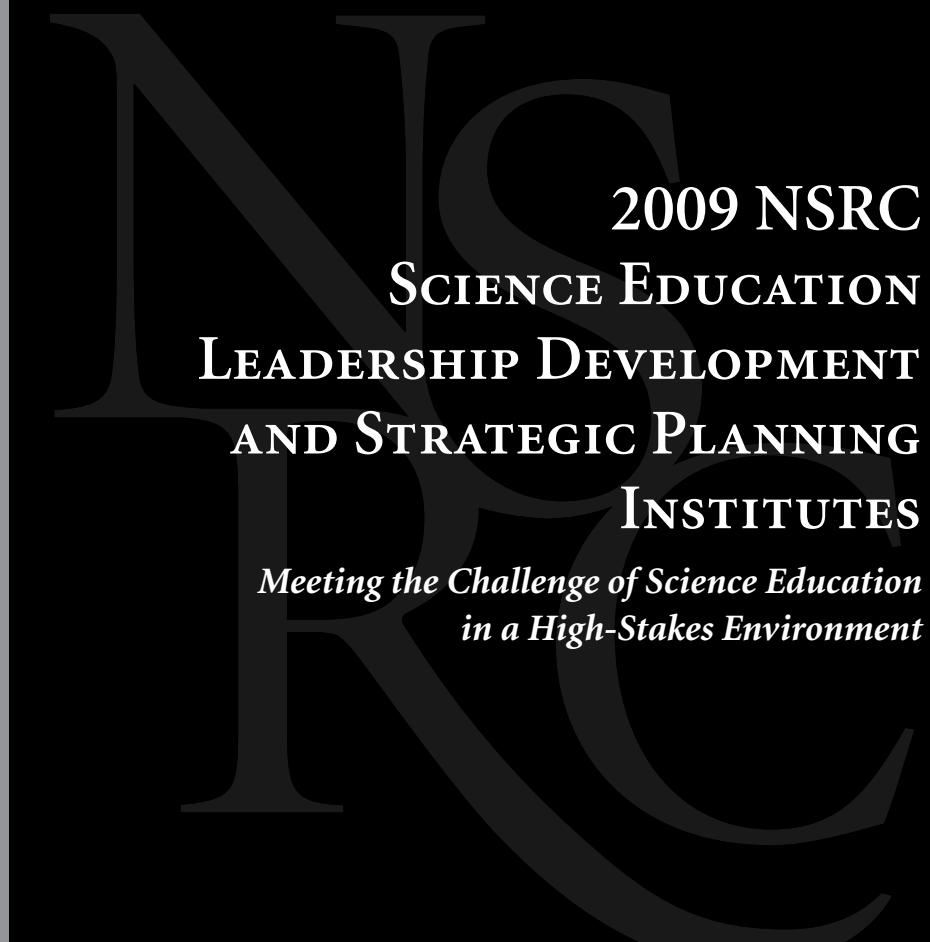
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2009 NSRC SCIENCE EDUCATION LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND STRATEGIC PLANNING INSTITUTES

*Meeting the Challenge of Science Education
in a High-Stakes Environment*

EVENTS GUIDE AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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**Gulf Coast K-12 Science Education
Leadership Development and
Strategic Planning Institute**

July 12-17, 2009
**National K-8 Science Education
Leadership Development and
Strategic Planning Institute**

July 12-17, 2009
**National Secondary Science Education
Leadership Development and
Strategic Planning Institute**

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ABOUT THE NSRC

The National Science Resources Center was established in 1985 by the Smithsonian Institution and the National Academies to improve the learning and teaching of science for all students in the United States and throughout the world. The prestige and credibility of these two world-renowned institutions provide the NSRC with access to research, scientific expertise, and resources to inform our work. They provide the NSRC with the unique opportunity to catalyze the reform of science education with leaders representing school districts, academic institutions, businesses, museums, foundations, government agencies, scientific and engineering societies, publishers of education resources, and nonprofit organizations working to improve K–12 science education.



The Leadership and Assistance for Science Education Reform (LASER) Center has worked for over two decades to continually improve the teaching and learning of science for K–12 students through the dissemination of research and promising practices, leadership development, and strategic planning. LASER serves as an intermediary organization and catalyst for change in K–12 science education systems at the urban, state, regional, national, and international level by partnering with K–12 education, government, non-profits, business and industry, universities, and other community leaders.



NATIONAL SCIENCE RESOURCES CENTER SCIENCE EDUCATION LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND STRATEGIC PLANNING INSTITUTES

Overview

NSRC Science Education Leadership Development and Strategic Planning Institutes (SPIs) guide school district leadership teams through an engaging process to develop a strategic plan for initiating and implementing effective K–12 science programs based on research and best practices.

Institute Goals

During this five-and-a-half-day institute of interactive workshops and discussions, strategic leadership teams will:

- Learn about research and best practices for transforming K–12 science education programs;
- Develop a five-year strategic plan based on the five elements of reform:
 - curriculum,
 - professional development,
 - materials support,
 - assessment, and
 - administrative and community support; and
- Join the NSRC nationwide network of hundreds of professionals representing 1,200 districts and numerous states working to reform K–12 science education programs.



Composition of NSRC Institute Teams

To ensure a return on your investment, the NSRC recommends:

Gulf Coast K–12 Science Education Leadership Development and Strategic Planning Institute

A seven-person leadership team committed to the improvement of science education composed of:

- Two administrators (superintendent, assistant superintendent, curriculum coordinators, etc.);
- Three science teachers (one elementary, one middle school, one high school); and
- Two scientists, engineers or community leaders representing a corporation, academic institution, museum, science technology center, foundation, government, or other nonprofit organization.

National K–8 or Secondary Science Education Leadership Development and Strategic Planning Institutes

A five-person leadership team committed to the improvement of science education composed of:

- Two administrators (superintendent, assistant superintendent, curriculum coordinators, etc.);
- Two science teachers; and
- One scientist, engineer or community leader representing a corporation, academic institution, museum, science technology center, foundation, government, or other nonprofit organization.

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Special
2009
Offer!

In 2009, we are adding a new benefit for participants who attend the NSRC Strategic Planning Institutes!

Smithsonian Membership Privileges

As participants in the 2009 SPIs, each member of your team will receive a one-year membership to the Smithsonian Institution. As a member you will receive:



- **Smithsonian Magazine:** 12 terrific issues delivered to your home;
- Discounts: 10% off on shopping and dining when you visit the Smithsonian and on all purchases from **SmithsonianStore.com** and the **Smithsonian Catalogue**;
- Personalized membership card identifying you as a proud supporter of this unique cultural institution;
- Travel opportunities for members only; and
- Special member rate for tickets to the Smithsonian's **IMAX® theaters** and **Einstein Planetarium**.

A CALL TO ACTION

An effective science education program is the bridge to science literacy for all students—and ultimately for all citizens. Research-based, inquiry-centered science learning and teaching promote students' active involvement in their learning experiences, help them develop and retain scientific concepts and skills, and prepare them to be successful members of the future workforce.



In an increasingly knowledge-driven world, all students should emerge from school with at least a basic understanding of science. The science-literate citizen evaluates and debates complex issues rationally; the skilled worker thinks critically, asks probing questions, and solves problems.



Join This National Movement!

Since 1989, the NSRC has held 65 SPIs attended by more than 1,200 districts representing 30 percent of the U.S. student population. More than 90 percent of these districts have changed their values about science learning and teaching and have implemented programs resulting in student achievement gains.

“The [Strategic Planning Institute] is a dynamic object lesson in the effective use of a careful, well-designed, deliberative process to improve student learning. It demonstrates that education reform flows from strong, imaginative leadership.”

—Claibourne D. Smith, Ph.D.
Former Member
Delaware State Board of Education
Acting President
Delaware State University

