

**North Carolina LASER K-12 Science Education Strategic Planning Institute:  
A Leadership Program— Meeting the Challenge of Science Education in a High-  
Stakes Environment**

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The North Carolina LASER K-12 Science Education Strategic Planning Institute offers preK-12 North Carolina school districts an opportunity to develop a high quality science education program aligned with North Carolina's Standard Course of Study. The LASER Institute will guide school district leadership teams through the process of developing a tailored strategic plan - a plan for initiating and implementing an effective inquiry-centered science program. 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 members of the future workforce.

The North Carolina LASER K-12 Science Education Strategic Planning Institute is being tailored specifically for North Carolina school districts and will feature resources available to schools in the state as well as faculty familiar with North Carolina.

**Schedule for LASER Institutes**

Over the five-year period 2007-11, leadership teams from North Carolina school districts will have the opportunity to participate in LASER Institutes held in various locations in North Carolina. The 2007 LASER Institute will be held Sunday, August 5, 2007 through Friday, August 10, 2007 in Greenville, NC.

**Cost**

Through the support of the North Carolina Science, Mathematics, and Technology Education Center and the Burroughs Wellcome Fund, the usual registration fee for LASER Institutes has been waived for North Carolina public school districts.

**For More Information or to Register**

To register for a LASER Institute or to learn more, please contact the North Carolina Science, Mathematics, and Technology Education Center, [lrhoades@bwfund.org](mailto:lrhoades@bwfund.org), 919-991-5111, or [www.ncsmt.org](http://www.ncsmt.org).