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DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION

Since the summer of 2017, RISE trainers across the state have been providing K-2 and 3-6 RISE Academy training, stand-alone days on the science of reading, and follow-up coaching. To connect the science of reading to writing, we are excited to partner with a team from **The Writing Revolution** for a synchronous course called *Advancing Thinking Through Writing I* for ELA and Social studies teachers in grades 3-12. This course introduces participants to the Hochman method, an explicit set of sequenced strategies for teaching expository writing that can be integrated into any content.

- Training spots are limited, but districts may request enough spots to implement this training this year. This may include ELA and/or social studies teachers in grades 3-12. A district must send at least one administrator or specialist with the team.
 - Specialists could include but is not limited to instructional facilitators, Gifted and Talented Specialists, Content Area Leaders, and Special Education Advisors.
 - An Administrator could include but is not limited to a principal, assistant principal, curriculum coordinator or program administrator.

 - The training will be synchronous via Zoom, so no travel is required.
 - The Writing Revolution text resource will be provided by ADE.
 - Cohorts of training will be held on different days of the week.
 - Participants will be able to choose the day of the week (Mon-Thurs) they can best attend until the cohorts are filled.
 - There will be eight sessions of training. Participants must attend all eight sessions.
 - Training will be from 2:30 - 4:00 pm for the first six sessions and from 2:30 - 3:30 pm for the last two sessions.
 - Teachers will agree to implement these strategies in the 2021-2022 school year, with Co-op support.
 - Teachers will give a writing pre-test and post-test to their students and score with a rubric to show growth after implementing the strategies.

- If you would like to send educators to this training, please complete and return this [MOU](#) to Sandy Shepard at sandy.shepard@ade.arkansas.gov.