



Heather Vinson



Heather Vinson is a National Board-Certified teacher who has taught in the Wake County (NC) School System since 2001. She serves as the AP Department chair at Holly Springs High School where she teaches AP Seminar, AP US Gov't and Politics and Civics Literacy. She oversaw the implementation of the AP Capstone Diploma program as one of the first six high schools to adopt the program in the state of North Carolina during the 2014-2015 academic year. Since 2016 she has trained teachers and administrators as a College Board endorsed presenter for AP Summer Institutes for the AP Seminar course. She also works with the North Carolina AP Partnership to help support NC schools, especially in underserved rural counties to bring AP programming and teacher support. Heather is excited to bring a “different” type of AP coursework to cooperating schools after seeing the results and academic skill development in her own Sophomore level students.

AP Capstone Seminar

This training will provide you with the tools you will need to implement an effective AP Seminar course. During this training, you will explore the Capstone QUEST by examining the components of the curriculum framework. You will understand how to use activities that organize concepts and essential questions to develop students' proficiencies in the skills identified by the curriculum framework. In addition, you will examine the AP Seminar Assessments and develop classroom materials that prepare students to complete them successfully. Finally, you will learn about the AP Course Audit requirements and begin to develop a syllabus that meets these requirements.