

# ***How to Partner with Families of Middle and High School Students with Disabilities to Achieve Success***

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## **COURSE INFORMATION & COMMITMENTS**

Experts in the field from the Federation for Children with Special Needs are the instructors for this course. Each course is designed to be a three-credit, graduate level course, and is offered at no cost to participants. Participants who complete the course will receive 67.5 PDPs, and will also have the option to purchase graduate credit at a discounted rate through Fitchburg State College.

*How to Partner with Families of Middle and High School Students with Disabilities to Achieve Success* is one of two courses that focus on parent/professional partnerships. This fifteen week course is designed to expand the knowledge and skills required to develop and strengthen collaborative partnerships with families of middle and high school students with disabilities, in order to assist students to successfully transition to adulthood.

It also provides the opportunity to participate in rigorous pedagogical study and a supportive online professional community.

As a three credit graduate level course, participants are expected to dedicate between 4-7 hours per week to complete course work and interact online with other course participants and professors.

Participants enrolled in the fall 2009 course will have priority enrollment in subsequent courses in this series. Individuals who complete both courses may have the opportunity to participate in a summer leadership seminar.

If you have any questions, please contact Lassity Cauley at [lcauley@doe.mass.edu](mailto:lcauley@doe.mass.edu) or 781-338-3374.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1) **Apply online** at <https://www.keysurvey.com/survey/260463/6d98/>

**Please note:**

In order for the electronic application to process, participants are required to provide MassONE user IDs as part of the application. It is the responsibility of the applicants to obtain a MassONE account by communicating with the district MassONE administrator.

MassONE administrator contact information can be found at <http://massone.mass.edu/teachers/register.html>.

If you already have a MassONE account, and need to access your username or reset your password please go to:  
<https://massone.doemass.org/passreset/startupAction.do>

2) **Principal Support Statement** (See Attachment) – by fax or mail

## CRITERIA SELECTION

- Quality of application
- Appropriateness of role of applicant
- Support from principal

As space is limited, the Department will consider regional and district representation when selecting course participants and preference will be given to colleagues who apply from the same school.

**Applications are due by September 17<sup>th</sup> and the course will tentatively begin the week of October 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Massachusetts FOCUS Academy on MassONE  
Principal Support Statement**

Applicant:

Course:

District:

School:

Principal:

Principal's Telephone Number:

Principal's E-mail Address:

I support the above named individual's participation in Massachusetts FOCUS Academy on MassONE.

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Signature of Building Principal

Date

**Please fax this form to 781-338-3371 or mail it to:**

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