



September 2021

Oklahoma A+ Schools® Institute

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

Welcome back!

As we dive into an exciting new school year full of unique challenges and possibilities, Oklahoma A+ is here for you! If you are one of our in-network schools, be ready to talk to your Regional Coordinator about how A+ can support your site this 2021-2022 school year. Regional Coordinators are setting up fall visits now!

Schedule your Fall PD now!

TALK TO YOUR REGIONAL COORDINATOR TO GET A PD DATE ON THE OKA+ CALENDAR FOR YOUR SITE! (NON-NETWORK SCHOOLS PLEASE CALL OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO SCHEDULE)



Interested in becoming an A+ School?

PLEASE ATTEND THE 2021

Pre-App Meeting

October 5-6

**OCTOBER 5
(TULSA AREA)
1:30-4:00 P.M.**

**OCTOBER 6
(OKC AREA)
1:30-4:00 P.M.**

REGISTER HERE!



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NEW TEACHER MINI-SUMMIT

9/15 - IN PERSON @ UCO

9/18 - VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

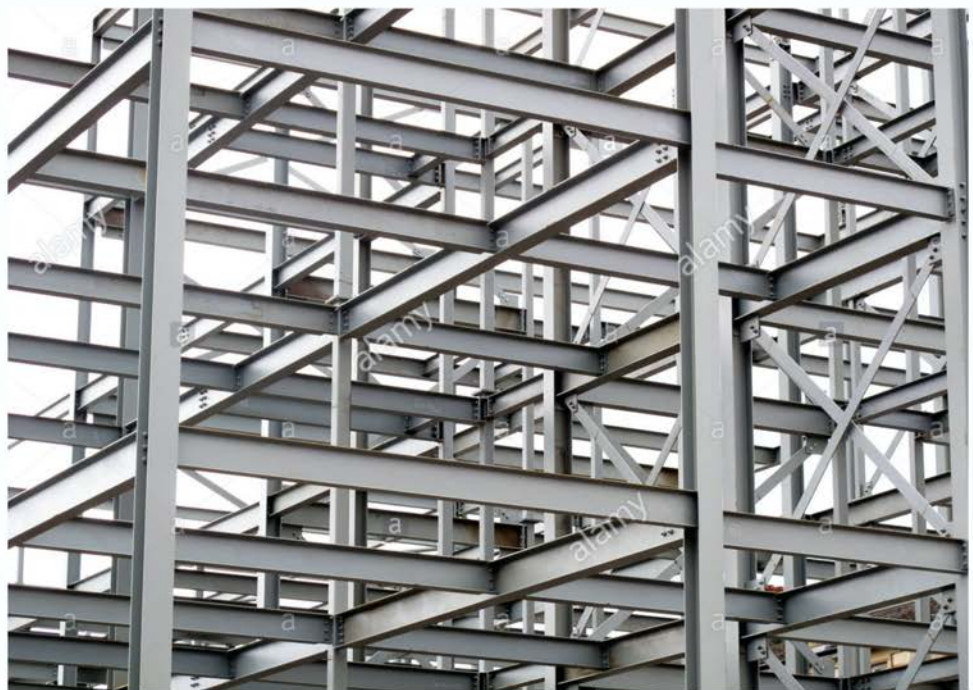
Oklahoma A+ Schools offers trainings each fall for new teachers who have joined an OKA+ network school but have not had an introduction to A+. These sessions provide an introduction to the A+ philosophy, the A+ Essentials, and arts-integrated activities they can use right away. We pack these events with learning, collaboration, and fun!

Register at bit.ly/NewTeacherOKASchools

STRUCTURE

N. THE WAY SOMETHING IS BUILT,
ARRANGED OR ORGANIZED

MAKE 2D AND 3D
SHAPES INTO
BUILDINGS TO EXPLORE
THIS CONCEPT WITH
INEXPENSIVE,
EASY TO FIND MATERIALS.



DOWNLOAD THIS FREE ACTIVITY



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**TEACHERS
LEARNING
CREATIVELY**



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**Elementary:
Blowing Minds
with STEAM**

**Secondary:
Canva as a
Canvas**

**VIRTUAL ARTS INTEGRATED
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 2
10:30 - 12:00**

**FREE for OKA+
Member Schools
& Teachers**

[OKAPLUS.ORG/TLC-WORKSHOPS](https://okaplus.org/tlc-workshops)

OKA+ Spotlight Series: Meet Julie Lunsford, Administrative Specialist



Julie is the Administrative Specialist for Oklahoma A+ Schools Institute at UCO. She has been with OKA+ Schools since 2018 and takes care of a wide variety of tasks. Her favorite part of working at OKA+ is helping the staff be prepared for their work, and knowing that all we do is impacting teachers and students across the state.



Julie was born in Washington, but has lived most of her life in California where she graduated from California State University, Stanislaus.

She and her husband and their terrier mix, McKinley, moved to Oklahoma in 2017 to be closer to her adorable granddaughter who is now 5 years old and just started kindergarten. Julie's son and daughter-in-law live in Midwest City, and her daughter lives in Norman and works at OU.

Julie is a tremendous asset to our team here at A+, and we are so grateful to call her ours!

Q: Introvert or extrovert?

A: Mostly extrovert, but I don't mind being alone.

Q: Coffee or tea?

A: Tea- every morning!

Q: Dogs or cats?

A: Both, but hubby is allergic to cats so we have always had a dog. Miss McKinley is queen in our home.

Q: Dine-in or take-out?

A: Either if it means I'm not cooking for the night!

Don't MISS

- [THE Art Auction- 9/10](#)
- [New Teacher Mini-Summit- 9/15; 9/18](#)
- [TLC Workshop- 10/2](#)
- [New School Pre-Application Meeting- 10/5; 10/6](#)
- [Apprentice Fellow Orientation- 10/5](#)
- [Applications open for DaVinci A+ Teacher of the Year- 10/18](#)
- [Identity Scales Due- 10/19](#)
- [Leadership Retreat for Principals and Advocates- 10/19; 10/20](#)

Check out our new T.E.A. Time video! (Talking Education and Arts)



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