

## Summer Institute: Gr 7-9 Social Studies Supports



PRESENTED BY

**Julia Drefs**



SERIES SESSIONS

Date	Time
August 24, 2026	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
August 25, 2026	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM



LOCATION

**FVSD Central Office - 5213 River Road**

FEE

**\$40.00**

QUESTIONS?

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### Learning Opportunity

Teachers will continue collaborative work with curriculum specialist Julia Drefs to support implementation of the new Grade 7–9 Social Studies curriculum. Sessions will focus on year planning, assessment design, and unit development, with opportunities to align instruction, assessment, and curricular outcomes.

### Presenters

#### Julia Drefs

Julia Drefs is a strong advocate for student-centered assessment, believing that high expectations, curiosity with relevant & engaging learning, community partnerships, and intentional student growth with increasing learner confidence makes education joyful for all. Ultimately, Julia advocates for collaborations and common understandings among Alberta educators to foster student success.

Drawing from over three decades of diverse experience in education, Julia is an avid reader of pedagogical research. She has degrees from Western University (UWO), McGill University, and a Master of Education in 21st Century Teaching and Learning with the University of PEI. She has taught grades 5-9, served as a principal, mentored teachers, and supported teachers in the areas of curriculum and assessment. Her lifelong commitment to language education is evidenced by her academic pursuits in French, German, and Russian across various universities, including international studies in Nice, France; her support for student exchanges; and as an examiner for le Diplôme d'études en langue française (DELFP).

#### Areas Of Expertise

##### Curriculum

- Concept Based Learning, Instruction, and Assessment

- Support for Implementation

#### Language Arts

- Reading and Writing - the entwined literacies
- Anchor and Mentor texts
- Literature Circles
- Vocabulary Best Practices

#### Leadership

- Coaching (Cognitive Coaching, Jim Knight, Erickson)
- Mentoring new teachers

#### Pedagogy

- Conceptual Understanding and Transfer of Learning
- Assessment Practices (Transfer, DoK, student goals)
- Student Engagement
- Socratic Circles
- Flexible Groupings

"Wisdom begins in wonder." Socrates

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## Registration Notes

Please state any dietary requirements.



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