Our Philosophy

Beyond mere product training, the TCR Staff Development Institute is based upon research indicating that effective staff development must be active and collaborative. Rather than simply focusing on the features of a software application, TCR workshops actively involve teachers in constructing their own resource-based instructional units.

These unique programs are designed to:

- support interaction and collaboration
- build upon teachers' own expertise
- be "needs-based," practical and relevant
- give flexibility and "just-on-time" support
- create an improved learning experience for all students

Featuring *The Big6*™
Developed by Michael Eisenberg and Robert Berkowitz, *The Big6*™ is a practical, systematic, and proven approach to developing both information technology and problem-solving skills in the context of subject-area content.

Professional Services
Designed to meet the needs of your school or district

On-site Workshops
Interactive, hands-on, collaborative workshops conducted in your school, each led by a TCR Staff Development Specialist.

On-line Workshops
Unique, self-paced workshops conducted via the Internet, accessible 24 hours a day—seven days a week.

Classroom Modeling
A TCR Curriculum Specialist (certified teacher) models effective orientation and research activities by leading a real class of students. For added convenience, these sessions can be held during your regularly scheduled faculty meetings.

Customized Correlation Services
Provides your teachers with a formal alignment to your district/state curriculum standards or textbooks, including suggested topics, keywords, sources, activity plans, and assessment options.

Evaluation Services
Our highly-credentialed program evaluation specialists will custom-design, develop, and implement a technology evaluation for your district. Services include initial needs-assessment, monitoring implementation milestones, data collection, analysis, and summative reports/future recommendations.

Customized Workshops

TCR specializes in tailoring our workshops to support your own district/school staff development program. We focus on:

- local and/or state curriculum goals
- targeted subject areas
- other instructional initiatives (e.g. multiple intelligences, alternative assessment methods)

Florida State University's Center for Professional Development and School of Information are our professional development partners. Teachers may earn continuing education units (CEU's) for TCR workshops through FSU.

On-site Workshops

Interactive, hands-on, collaborative workshops conducted in your school, each led by a certified TCR Curriculum & Instruction Specialist. Each 3–6 hour workshop is targeted to help teachers effectively integrate TCR into their specific subject or program area.

1 — INTEGRATING TCR CONNECTIONS AND TCR CONNECTIONS FOR KIDS
This practical, hands-on workshop introduces teachers to TCR's research-based, best teaching practices to promote reading, writing and critical thinking across the curriculum.

2 — READING, WRITING AND THINKING IN THE CONTENT AREAS FOR IMPROVED ACHIEVEMENT
Beyond drill-and-practice, learn research-based techniques for improving strategic reading/writing skills using meaningful, real-world content. Emphasis is placed on transferable reading/writing skills that naturally help students in all subjects.

3 — THE POWER OF GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS
Students will develop better critical thinking and reading skills in all subjects when they learn to use graphic organizers to analyze, organize, synthesize and apply information from multiple sources. Related topics include: comprehension, assessment implications, metacognition and engaged learning.

4 — TCR IN THE SCIENCE CLASSROOM
Designed around state/national standards and topics relevant to the science curriculum, this workshop helps teachers directly connect technology use to standards and assessment. Related topics include: integrated science, scientific inquiry and current issues in science.

5 — TCR IN THE SOCIAL STUDIES CLASSROOM
Designed around state/national standards and topics relevant to the social studies curriculum, this workshop helps teachers directly connect technology use to standards and assessment. Related topics include: integrating social studies with language arts, problem-based learning andlinking history with current issues.

6 — TCR IN THE LANGUAGE ARTS CLASSROOM
Designed around the state/national standards and topics relevant to the language arts curriculum, this workshop helps teachers directly connect technology use to standards and assessment. Related topics include: integrated language arts, linking literature to content areas, strategic reading skills, graphic organizers, performance assessment.

7 — INTEGRATING ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL SKILLS
Learn to build stronger school-to-career connections by incorporating SCANS employability, lifelong learning skills, and information problem-solving skills across the curriculum. Designed for both academic and vocational teachers. Learn to connect academic courses to the real-world while using technology to support both academic and vocational success.

8 — ESL IN THE CONTENT AREAS
Use technology to apply the latest research findings that suggest effective ESL instruction must integrate student linguistic, academic, and cognitive development. Raise expectations and improve student motivation by teaching important language skills in meaningful real-world contexts. Includes an optional Spanish dual-language module.

9 — INFORMATION-LITERACY AND TECHNOLOGY-LITERACY SKILLS ACROSS THE CURRICULUM
In our information age, what skills are more important than the ability to critically use multiple sources/media to access, evaluate, analyze, synthesize and apply information to solve problems? This workshop shares practical instructional models that integrate information literacy skills in support of required learning standards—in all subjects.

10 — REAL-WORLD PROJECTS FOR MOTIVATING AT-RISK STUDENTS
Engage students with relevant, real-world learning that creates a higher quality learning experience for at-risk students. Use technology to teach reading, writing and thinking skills in meaningful contexts that challenge students to actually apply skills and think critically.

11 — INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT
An enlightened approach to both formative and summative assessment must integrate multiple indicators to measure student learning. Learn to use practical tools to support multiple assessment models, including: standards-based, standardized test prep, portfolio-based, project-based and performance-based assessment.

12 — ADULT LITERACY AND GED
Translate adult learning theory into practice through by creating an environment that integrates literacy skills and lifelong learning skills with high-interest, real-world subject matter.

13 — TRAIN-THE-TRAINER
Become a certified "TCR Staff Development Specialist" in your school or district. Gain an in-depth understanding of the TCR program, as well as effective training techniques to lead your own successful TCR workshops.

14 — TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY FOR ADMINISTRATORS
Designed for administrators, this collaborative workshop identifies factors that school leaders must consider in order to assure technology is effectively implemented to help teachers and students. Key topics include: break-through strategies, barriers that impede success, staff development that transfers to the classroom and success stories.

TCR The Curriculum Resource