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## Preview of Summer TEAM Training Dates

Although registration is not yet open for summer TEAM Training, you may view a **tentative schedule** of training dates and locations [here](#). Please also review [this document](#) for information about training sessions, testing out of in-person training, and certification policy in general. We anticipate opening registration for training in early April, but wanted to ensure you were able to identify dates and locations that will work for you as you plan your summer schedule. If you have any training questions, please direct them to [TNED.Registration@tn.gov](mailto:TNED.Registration@tn.gov).

## A Bright Idea for Engaging Struggling Students

Many educators are familiar with the adage, “The one doing the talking is the one doing the learning.” A library media specialist in Memphis is taking this powerful concept to an advanced level by supporting Algebra I and II students at Westwood High School in making their own instructional math videos. Read more about how Jason Carr engages all students, especially struggling students, in learning [here](#).

# Student Voices: Writing About Writing

Across Tennessee, students and teachers are hard at work developing essential writing skills. We asked Tennessee students to share their thoughts about why writing matters, and are excited to continue publishing students' "writing about writing" pieces on Classroom Chronicles this month. Take a few minutes to read how a novel changed a [Williamson County fourth grader's](#) perceptions about his fellow students and helped him believe in himself. You can also read about why an eleventh grader from [Collierville](#) thinks writing is so important.

## Why I'm Thankful for My Teacher

Students have just over one week to submit their essay for our second annual "Why I am Thankful for My Teacher" essay and scholarship competition. This essay competition gives students a chance to publicly recognize a current K-12 Tennessee educator, and the authors of the winning essays will each receive a \$700 scholarship. Students are encouraged to write an essay sharing how a teacher has impacted his/her life and why the student is thankful for them. Submissions should be no longer than 500 words and are due by **5 p.m. CDT on Friday, April 3**. For more information, check out this [blog post](#).

## Upcoming Deadlines

- The final date for teachers participating in the Fine Arts, Physical Education, and World Languages portfolios to submit their portfolios in GLADiS is

Wednesday, April 15.

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