



## **Techniques for Success 2014 Frederick County Public Schools MSDE Credit Option**

This year, FCPS educators can once again receive **one MSDE credit** for attending the *Techniques for Success* conference. As before, in order to receive MSDE credit attendees **must** fulfill an additional requirement. This requirement is outlined below and will require the attendee to implement a new strategy or strategies learned from the conference (minimum of one full week of implementation with students), write a reflection based on the experience, and return completed work **by November 25, 2014** to FRIENDS. *Please submit written reflection electronically to [TechniquesForSuccess2014@gmail.com](mailto:TechniquesForSuccess2014@gmail.com) or by mail to 6837 Whooping Crane Way, New Market, MD, 21774.* **Please note that any written reflections submitted after the due date will not be accepted for credit.**

### Guidelines for the Written Reflection:

- 1.) Discuss how you found the conference helpful to your classroom situation. What information/techniques did you implement with students?
- 2.) Discuss your impression of one of the techniques you used in your classroom.
  - a. How did you incorporate it into your lesson plans?
  - b. If it worked,
    - i. Why do you think it was effective?
    - ii. How did you implement it?
    - iii. Did it work as expected?
    - iv. Did you need to make adjustments to make it effective?
    - v. Would you recommend the technique to your colleagues?
  - c. If it didn't work,
    - i. What do you think prevented it from working?
    - ii. What suggestions would you make to help it work better?
    - iii. Would you recommend the technique, with adjustments, to your colleagues?
  - d. Do you feel the technique was/may be valuable for students without special needs?
- 3.) What other topics would you like to see included in future conferences that you feel would be valuable for helping you work with students with Down syndrome and/or other special needs?

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST AND COMMITMENT  
TO IMPROVING THE SCHOLASTIC EXPERIENCE  
FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS!**



**Instructions for FCPS Educators  
To Obtain MSDE Credit for Participating in Techniques for Success 2014**

1. Attend the TFS Conference on October 25, 2014.
2. Obtain an MSDE credit form from the registration desk.
3. Complete the form.
4. The Course Name is "Special Projects / Special Topics – TFS 2014 – Reading with Understanding, Behavioral Strategies, and Curriculum/Instructional Resources for Teaching Common Core State Standards."
5. THE MSDE Number is 13-00-19.
6. Turn in the completed MSDE credit Form to the registration desk.
7. Review the requirements for MSDE credit (copy available at Registration Table and at [www.techniquesforsuccess.org](http://www.techniquesforsuccess.org) and [www.Friendsoffredco.org](http://www.Friendsoffredco.org)). Any questions regarding the process can be directed to Bob Walsh at the conference or, if after the conference, sent to Bob Walsh via e-mail ([TechniquesForSuccess2014@gmail.com](mailto:TechniquesForSuccess2014@gmail.com)) or phone at 301-865-0558.
8. Thoroughly complete your written reflection being sure to include ALL of the required elements outlined in the guidelines for MSDE credit and submit your written reflection to FRIENDS at the e-mail address [TechniquesForSuccess2014@gmail.com](mailto:TechniquesForSuccess2014@gmail.com). If you are unable to submit your response electronically you can contact Robert Walsh at 301-865-0558 to make other arrangements or mail it to him at 6837 Whooping Crane Way, New Market, MD, 21774. If you choose to mail it, the envelope **must be postmarked by November 25, 2014.**
9. Remember to submit your written reflection by **November 25, 2014!** **Late submissions will not qualify for MSDE credit.**