

# LEAD THE FUTURE OF NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATION WITH RETHINK EDUCATION

**Now is the time to take what we've learned from the challenges of responding to COVID-19 and rethink how we educate our students.**

Rethink Education helps our school communities prepare to adapt and focus on what matters most: supporting the safety and success of North Carolina students no matter the challenge or learning disruption. An initiative of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Rethink Education is supported by a grant from the US Department of Education.

Rethink Education is preparing teachers to engage in blended learning, providing high-quality K-8 content through GoOpen, sharing resources for parents and supporting districts to prepare for future learning disruptions.



## Be Part of the First Rethink Education Facilitator Cohort

To help implement the statewide blended instructional model, Rethink Education staff will prepare three cohorts of facilitators to be blended-learning trainers and leaders for your district.

Each district can submit up to a total of 10 certified staff and each charter can submit up to 2 certified staff to be trained as a facilitator. There will be three cohorts through May 2023, so in addition to the upcoming September 2021 cohort your participants will have two future opportunities to join.

- The first facilitator cohort training will **begin September 20, 2021** and end in April 2022.
- This training is open to teachers, administrators, curriculum coaches, media specialists, district leaders, and other certified staff.
- The training will take place both asynchronously online and synchronously online after school for a total of 40 hours and Rethink Education coaches are available to support participants' learning.
- Facilitator training is at **no cost to the district**. Upon completion **participants will receive a \$500 stipend** and a Rethink Education Facilitator's Badge.
- Facilitators who earned a badge will be equipped to **train others in your district how to use blended instructional models**.
- Educators not interested in becoming a facilitator can earn a Blended Instructor Badge by completing a shorter course with a badged facilitator.

Educators who are trained in the statewide blended learning model will be **equipped and ready to effectively use blended learning in many different situations**, even in disrupted learning events like the COVID-19 pandemic. This can help build a more resilient future for your district.



**August 30, 2021 is the deadline to nominate your talented staff to be Rethink Education Facilitators.**

To submit your participants for the inaugural Rethink Education Facilitator Cohort, use the link in the email sent to superintendents on July 21 or reach out to the Rethink Education Program Manager, Rachel Wright Junio, at [Rachel.WrightJunio@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:Rachel.WrightJunio@dpi.nc.gov).