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AI & the English Teacher

Date:
February 26, 2026

Location:
Zoom

Time:
3:00 - 5:00 pm

Contact Hours:
2 contact hours

Target Audience:
English Teachers, Grades 6 - 12

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Aligns with the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce's 4 Priorities

- ☑ Literacy
- ☑ Learning Acceleration
- ☐ Student Wellness
- ☐ Workforce Readiness

The emergence of generative artificial intelligence has created a new set of problems for English teachers. However it's also brought new opportunities, and love it or hate it, it's here to stay. How do we navigate this new landscape in a way that takes advantages of those opportunities while minimizing its problems?

Join two experienced ELA teachers, Sara Nelson and Mercedes McGee, as they share their AI journeys in their classrooms. Both have embraced the use of AI to support their students' writing process. During this two-hour session, they'll talk about what they've found that works, what mistakes they've made along the way, and their recommendations for other ELA teachers.

What You'll Learn

- **Time-saving workflows for feedback, rubrics, and lesson planning**
- **Prompting strategies tailored to ELA tasks**
- **Ways to support struggling writers with scaffolds and models**
- **Ethical guidelines for classroom use**
- **Tools that spark creativity in reading and writing**
- **How to maintain student voice while using AI**

Sara Nelson teaches ELA to grades 6 through 8 at Sylvania's Timberstone Junior High. She has 24 years of experience in the classroom. She is a Power of the Pen coach and a founder of the state-wide high school writing competition, JustWrite.

Mercedes McGee teaches ELA to grades 9 through 12 at Rossford High School. She has 10 years of experience in the classroom.