

HOW TO STAY AWAKE IN TEACHER INSERVICES: OFFERED AS A PUBLIC SERVICE...

Do you keep falling asleep in teacher meetings and in-services?

Here's a way to change all of that.

1. Before (or during) your next meeting, in-service or staff development prepare yourself by drawing a square. A 5" x 5" is a good size. Divide the card into columns - five across and five down. That will give you 25 one-inch blocks.

2. Write one of the following words/phrases in each block – The center is a free space:

- no child left behind
- test scores
- core competencies
- communication
- standards
- benchmarks
- proactive
- win-win
- think outside the box
- action plan
- result-driven
- technology
- assessments
- knowledge base
- at the end of the day
- touch base
- mindset
- differentiated
- retention skills
- background knowledge
- exemplars
- implementation
- free time
- piloting



3. Check off the appropriate block when you hear one of those words/phrases.

4. When you get five blocks horizontally, vertically, or diagonally stand up and shout "BULLSHIT!"

TESTIMONIALS from satisfied "Bullshit Bingo" players -

"I had been in the meeting for only five minutes when I won."

- Adam W., Atlanta

"My attention span at in-services has improved dramatically."

- David T., Orlando

"What a gas! Staff development will never be the same for me after my first win."

- Dan J., New York City

"The atmosphere was tense in the last in-service as 14 of us waited for the fifth box."

- Ben G., Denver

"The speaker was stunned as eight of us screamed 'BULLSHIT!' for the third time in two hours. The Bullshit Bingo Championship will be next in-service."

- Rod H., Nashville