

*19th Annual  
Augsburg Paideia Institute  
June 23 - 27, 2008*

## *Great Ideas for Teaching a Standards-Based Curriculum*

- Involving children in active learning
- Creating learning communities
- Setting high standards for the next generation
- Assessing classroom learning through Socratic inquiry and skill development
- Enhancing critical thinking by examining issues
- Exploring the great ideas by which we judge and live
- Examining key primary sources for today's schools

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The Augsburg Paideia Institute is the only affiliated teacher training program sanctioned by the Paideia Group, Inc. (PGI), the national nonprofit organization that works with Mortimer Adler's Paideia program for educators.

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### *What is Paideia?*

*Paideia (Pie-day-uh)  
is a Greek word meaning  
the upbringing of a child.*

**P**aideia is a dynamic approach to teaching, bringing together the old and the new in the discovery of ideas. Rooted in Socratic teaching methods, Paideia empowers students to be active learners and critical thinkers. According to the Paideia Principles, "all children can learn," and the "primary cause of learning is the activity of the learner's own mind . . . ."

**Faculty:** Dr. Anne Kaufman and Dr. Patricia F Weiss are experienced Paideia trainers in Minnesota and nationally. They have devoted their careers to improving classroom teaching.

**Tuition:** The \$500 tuition includes continental breakfasts, lunches, all materials (including computer access), and 30 continuing-education credits. Two (2) graduate credits are available for an additional \$150 transcript fee. Refund is available, less a \$75 cancellation fee, if made 48 hours prior to the institute.

**Schedule:** The Paideia Institute is scheduled for June 23 - 27, 2008. Each day begins at 9 a.m. and concludes by 4:30 p.m. The final schedule and workbook with reading selections will be mailed to participants before the institute so they can prepare by reading the assignments.

**Housing:** Both on-campus and hotel rooms are based on availability. Call for on-campus rates or contact the following hotels:

Days Inn University  
800-375-3990 • 612-623-9303 • daysinnuniv@qwest.net

Holiday Inn Metrodome  
800-448-3663 • 612-333-4646

Both hotels provide free shuttle service to Augsburg. Please mention you would like the Augsburg academic rate.

**Registration:** Registration may be sent by mail to: Paideia Program, Augsburg College, 2211 Riverside Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55454 or by fax to Anne Kaufman at 612-330-1339. MasterCard and VISA are accepted. Registration deadline is June 1, 2008.

For further information contact: Anne Kaufman,  
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## The Augsburg Paideia Institute

offers educators hands-on experience with three types of teaching: didactic, coaching, and Socratic seminars. Sessions are designed for participants to feel the excitement of learning through discussion and to gain know-how and ideas for implementing Paideia in their classroom.

In Paideia seminars, the new roles taken on by students and teachers promote learning through deepened insights and enlarged understanding of ideas. Students enjoy acquiring skills for discussion, agreement, and disagreement that carry over to other aspects of their lives.

In this institute, we emphasize primary sources that help us to think critically, understand timeless ideas, listen carefully, question thoughtfully, and make education work.

## What are the Key Elements in the Training?

The Paideia Institute focuses on the big picture of teaching and learning:

- Didactic teaching for the retention of facts and information.
- Coaching for skill development.
- Socratic seminars for enhancement and understanding of ideas.

In a five-day, concentrated schedule, the institute offers experience and practice for new and veteran Paideia teachers at all levels of schooling. The schedule includes seminars, debriefings, small group sessions, selecting materials, coaching for specific skills, curriculum development, and writing.

## What are the Results?

Teachers give Paideia top grades for:

- Increasing critical thinking skills and reading comprehension.
- Improving communication skills, oral and written.
- Focusing more time on integrated curriculum.
- Improving participation of students across different levels of performance and cultural backgrounds.
- Changing the dynamics between teacher and learner.
- Contributing to better attendance.

