



# Middle Level Education Research SIG

## National Middle Grades Research Project

### Common Planning Time (CPT)

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Training Agenda  
NMSA, Denver, CO  
October 30, 2008  
8:00a.m. – 12:00noon  
Room 216 Denver Convention Center

- 1) Introductions** **8:00 - 8:20**

Participant researchers will introduce themselves and briefly discuss their experience in qualitative research approaches.
  
- 2) Introduction to Research Program** [*Training Manual*: Section I] **8:20 - 9:10**
  - (a) National Program development and history
  - (b) Purpose of the *Training Manual*
  - (c) CPT project description
  - (d) Common definitions
  - (e) CPT project parameters

*10 min break*
  
- 3) Data Collection Protocols** [*Training Manual*: Section II] **9:20 - 11:00**
  - (a) Brief overview of the observation protocol (10 minutes)
  - (b) Gaining a common understanding of the behaviors to be observed  
Small groups of 3-4 participant researchers to review and discuss the observation protocol (15 minutes)
  - (c) Small groups bring comments and questions back to larger group for discussion (10 minutes)
  - (d) Brief overview of the interview protocol (10 minutes)
  - (e) Small groups to review and discuss the interview protocol (15 minutes)
  - (f) Small groups bring comments and questions back to larger group for discussion (10 minutes)

*10 min break*
  
- 4) Best Practices in Qualitative Interviewing and Observing** **11:10 - 11:30**

[*Training Manual*: Section III]

Large group discussion about best practices: Participant researchers share their expertise and questions about the project.
  
- 5) Data Submission Information** **11:30 – 11:50**
  
- 6) Memorandum of Agreement** **11:50 - 12:00**