



# Mechanically Inclined

A workshop for Teachers of  
Adolescent Writers — Grades 4-10  
Presented by: Jeff Anderson , M. Ed.  
“The Write Guy”

## April 20, 2010

8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Macomb ISD

44001 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, MI

*The words grammar and editing aren't popular with most students (and many teachers). How do we help students become a part of this vital element of the writing process? Using wall charts, literature, and patterns, teachers discover how merging craft with grammar and editing can and will engage students.*

*Reading, writing, and critical thinking are an essential part of life. This workshop will focus on how to motivate and help develop young struggling students to become great at reading, writing, and critical thinking. Jeff includes instructional strategies in writers workshop and process thinking with particular interest in making editing and grammar in context a “meaning making” experience for students and teachers.*

*Strategies will be shared to create positive attitudes as well as the confidence needed to inspire young writers.*

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Jeff Anderson has taught writing and reading for more than eighteen years. Over his career, Jeff has worked with writers in kindergarten through twelfth grade, focusing in grades four to eight. Jeff's passion is motivating and developing struggling writers with instruction strategies such as writer's workshop and process writing, with a particular interest in making editing and grammar in a context meaning-making experience for students and teachers. Sharing strategies to create positive attitudes and confidence in young writers are central goals of his staff development and writing. Jeff has published articles in *Voices from the Middle*, *English Journal*, and *Educational Leadership*. NCTE recently awarded Jeff with the Paul and Kate Farmer Award for his *English Journal* article on teaching grammar in context. He is also the author of *Everyday Editing* (Stenhouse 2007) and the video set *The Craft of Grammar* (Steinhouse 2007). You can visit Jeff's website at [www.writeguy.net](http://www.writeguy.net).



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- DATE:** April 20, 2010
- LOCATION:** Macomb ISD - Room 100  
(Enter the building through the SOUTH ENTRANCE)  
44001 Garfield Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48038
- TIME:** 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m. (breakfast and lunch provided)
- FEE:** \$130 PDF option is available for Macomb County district teachers (see online link to eligibility)
- MATERIALS:** Participants will receive Jeff Anderson's book, *Mechanically Inclined*.
- CONTACT:** For registration information, please contact Jody Hinebaugh at [jhinebaugh@misd.net](mailto:jhinebaugh@misd.net) or 586-228-3499.
- SB-CEUs:** approval of SB-CEUs pending

## ONLINE REGISTRATION

- Go to MISD's web page at [www.misd.net](http://www.misd.net)
- Click on the tab titled *COURSE OFFERINGS*
- Click on *VIEW BY INTEREST* at the top of the page
- Select the *LANGUAGE ARTS* category from the drop-down menu and click GO
- Select and open the date of the workshop you wish to attend. Select the appropriate payment option and then click on REGISTER TODAY at the very bottom of the screen (MISD PDF option available for Macomb district teachers)
- Complete and submit the registration form at the bottom of the page. Print 2 copies of the confirmation page that pops up— One for your district to send with payment and one for your record.

Registration is a commitment of payment and attendance. Late cancellations or “no shows” will be billed the total cost of the workshop (only attending participants will receive materials/books).

All cancellations must be in writing to [jhinebaugh@misd.net](mailto:jhinebaugh@misd.net) 7 days prior to the day of the workshop.

Please Mail a copy of your *online registration and payment* (payable to the MISD) via US or Van mail to:

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