

For: Classroom Teachers, Special Educators, Department Heads, Team Leaders,
Curriculum Coordinators, Principals, and Assistant Principals



Developing Critical Thinking Skills in Our Students



Featuring **TEACHERS21** Presenter
Dr. Debra Block

Tuesday, April 4, 2017
at the MSSAA Office, Franklin

Sign-In/Registration: 8:00 am to 8:30 am
Workshop: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm
Fees: Member \$195/Non-Member \$260

6 Professional Development Hours

PD Content Area: *Curriculum and Instruction*

From “Where’s Waldo?” to “To Be or Not To Be?”, **questions** shape student learning. This practical, hands-on workshop will engage participants as they unpack model lessons and work to refine and develop their own curriculum. Using Common Core Standards, teachers will explore skill based instructional models that integrate Assessment, Criteria Based Learning, and Progressive Task Complexity to inform instruction. An essential takeaway will be to help teachers foster a learning environment where students are inspired to generate a range of questions and develop the tools to answer them.

Participants will:

- Become familiar with concepts of inquiry-based pedagogy, such as Visual Teaching Strategies and Making Thinking Visible.
- Be introduced to an integrative questioning model.
- Facilitate student inquiry of questioning in learning.
- Assess and Acquire sample curriculum.

Debbie Block specializes in curriculum development consulting. Dr. Block earned her Bachelor’s Degree from Brown University, a Master’s Degree from Columbia, and her PhD from the University of Pennsylvania. Her education focused on both History and Special Education, and her career applications are wide and varied. She taught history at the secondary level, including serving as Chair of the History Department at the Maimonides School in Brookline. She was Director of Education at the Norman B. Leventhal Map Center at the Boston Public Library from 2004-2012, and her recent consulting activities include Curriculum Development, Exhibition Support and Professional Development. Dr. Block currently serves as an Educational Consultant with TEACHERS21, focusing in the areas of Assessment, Curriculum Development and Critical Thinking.

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