

MAINE SUPPORT NETWORK

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Differentiating With Graphic Organizers: Tools to Foster Critical and Creative Thinking

October 27, 2009 (Registration Deadline: October 20, 2009)
Time: 4:00 - 7:00 P.M. (Registration time: 3:30 P.M.)
Helen Thompson Elementary School, West Gardiner, ME

Graphic organizers have proven to be successful tools for helping students more readily understand and retain information. In this workshop session, teachers take graphic organizers one step further by fostering their students' critical and creative thinking through the use of cognitive graphic organizers. These graphic organizers can improve teaching practices, help differentiate instruction in the classroom, and raise learning outcomes for all students. If you believe all students can, and should, do high-level thinking, this workshop is for you.

By the end of the session, participants will be able to:

- Use a variety of critical-and creative-thinking graphic organizers,
- Reflect on the six different ways to differentiate, using graphic organizers.
- Use rubrics and/or rating scales to provide students with quality feedback specific to the thinking skill.
- Create an activity grid to manage which graphic organizer to use for each purpose.

Presenter: Patti Drapeau is currently an educational consultant and author, and serves as adjunct faculty at the University of Southern Maine. She presents at state and national conferences, and consults nationally. Patti provides workshops and trainings on the following topics: differentiation, critical and creative thinking, integrating curriculum, graphic organizers, and meeting the needs of special populations. She has published three books, *Differentiating With Graphic Organizers - Tools to Foster Critical and Creative Thinking* (Corwin Press, 2009), *Differentiated Instruction - Making It Work* (Scholastic Books, 2004), and, *Great Teaching With Graphic Organizers* (Scholastic Books, 1998).

Workshop fee of \$65.00 includes hearty snacks and handouts. Handouts will be available digitally for participants who would like to bring their laptops. Discounts available: \$5.00 discount for registering or preregistering online using C-vent. Our cancellation policy is 72 hours prior to the event. You will be expected to pay if you do not attend and cannot provide printed confirmation of your cancellation.

Three Clock Hours will be awarded.

Co-sponsors: Maine Support Network, the Maine Chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children, and MSAD #11.

On-site facilitator: Corda Ladd Kinzie, Central Regional Facilitator.

This workshop is designed for general educators, special educators, and educational technicians.

Directions: Helen Thompson Elementary School, 309 Spears Corner Road, West Gardiner, ME 04345

All workshops meet Highly Qualified state criteria.



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Please fill in the form below completely.

Participant Name: _____

School District: _____ School Name: _____

Home Address: _____

School Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Grade Level: _____

Position: _____ Email address: _____

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