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Increase test scores and promote better learning through Performance-Based Assessment!

How to Implement Performance-Based Assessment and still get home in time for dinner!

*Discover straightforward answers and **teacher-tested tools** to make performance-based assessment and portfolios a reality in your classroom.*

*A 2-Day workshop for teachers of grades 1 through 6, specialists, and administrators who are in the **early stages of implementing performance-based assessment***

Today's test items and tasks are designed to allow students to tell and show us all they know and can do, not just to recite a memorized fact or skill. Performance-based assessment in the day-to-day classroom setting effectively prepares students for the new format of today's tests. Even so, many teachers are still reluctant to switch to performance-based assessment. The thought of change and the uncertainty about how to move to authentic assessment practices hold teachers hostage to the same old worksheets and tests.

This workshop will dispel the myths and anxiety about performance-based assessment. To compliment your understanding and resources, you will be involved with dozens of examples of standards, rich tasks, usable rubrics/matrices, writing prompts, and portfolio organization forms that will **save you countless hours of work and stress**. Return to your classroom with a wealth of practical assessment skills and an *excitement that will empower your students*.

In This Workshop You Will Discover:

How Goals and Standards help define and communicate what we value

- Guidance from our professional organizations, states and districts
- School mission statements as living documents

How rich, meaningful tasks...

- require decision-making, reasoning, communication, and problem solving.
- promote connections with patterns, trends, situations, and related content.

How performance-based assessment compares with traditional assessment

- Determining whether students understand a concept
- "Just because they got it right doesn't mean they understand."

Why rich, open-ended assessment tasks enhance student learning

- Promote problem solving, creativity, reasoning, and perseverance.
- Facilitate learning as a continuous process.
- Reveal strengths and needs.
- Aid in planning for future instruction.

How to assess what we value

- Should we assess imagination?
- How do we assess verve?
- What is our reward system?

How to select, design, and implement performance assessment tasks

- What is it that you want to know about each student?
- What skills do you want to foster?

How to use a variety of techniques and tools

- Performance-based tasks
- Observations
- Graphs, charts, diagrams
- Student writing
- Technology

Strategies for constructing a rubric/matrix

- Rewarding higher levels of quality performance
- Communicating a plan for improvement
- Fitting the scores into a grading system

Using rubrics/matrices to assess a variety of real-life situations

- Communicate characteristics of various levels of performance.
- Force an analysis of the desired product.
- Clearly state standards for improvement.

Differentiating and using the three types of assessment

- Pre
- Formative
- Summative

Why authentic assessment is seamless

- Assessment tasks as learning tasks
- On-going assessment

Student portfolio management

- What is a portfolio?
- What goes into a portfolio?
- How and when are portfolio entries selected?
- How do I evaluate portfolios?
- Do I pass the portfolios to the next teacher?
- What are the advantages of portfolios?
- How do I manage portfolios?
- Is it worth it?

Student involvement in the portfolio process

- Encouraging responsibility through portfolio management
- Directing students to evaluate their own progress
- Guiding students in the development, care, and sharing of portfolios

How to get parents on the portfolio team

- Selling the benefits of portfolios to parents
- Involving parents in the selection process
- Parents as assessors of their child's learning
- Parent, student, teacher conferences

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2 Days**