

Making Standards Work (MSW)

Making Standards Work (MSW) is a three-day basic seminar developed by Dr. Douglas Reeves, founder of the *Center for Performance Assessment* (CPA), an international organization dedicated to improving student achievement and educational equity.

This professional development activity will instruct teachers, administrators, and curriculum coordinators in a systematic process of analyzing curriculum to determine those elements essential to improving student achievement. Based on this analysis, participants will identify "Power Standards" and develop "Big Ideas" (i.e., enduring understandings) and "Essential Questions" that will inform their lesson planning. They will also design performance assessments based on an authentic curricular unit and develop scoring rubrics that support differentiation of instruction and assessment.

Participants in this three-day training will:

- narrow academic content standards to Power Standards;
- determine critical concepts and skills essential for academic achievement at each grade level;
- determine Big Ideas and Essential Questions to guide instruction and assessment; and
- create performance assessments and scoring guides to monitor student progress and improve student achievement.

Participants should bring curriculum materials (e.g., content standards, performance expectations, texts) for upcoming units to ensure that the process is learned within an authentic context. Participants are **strongly encouraged**, but not required, to register as teams.

Dates, Time, Location:

Wednesday, October 24, 2007
 Thursday, October 25, 2007
 and
 Friday, October 26, 2007
 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 Hilton Garden Inn, Glastonbury

Presenters:

Barbara Slone
 Janet N.Y. Zarchen
 CPA Certified SERC Consultants

Audience: Grades K-12

Fifty (50) teachers, curriculum coordinators, principals, and other district administrators, preferably in teams of two or more

CEUs: 1.7

Includes:
 Full Attendance (All 3 Sessions)
 Post-Activity Application of Learning

Registration Fee:

\$255.00 per person
 Payable to Rensselaer at Hartford
 Payment is due prior to the session upon confirmation of participation.

Questions/ Special Needs:

Contact: Heather Penfield
 Senior Project Assistant
 (860) 632-1485, ext. 263

Register By:

October 12, 2007

Please return application to SERC, CALI, 25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, CT 06457-1520. Participants will be selected on a first come, first served basis with regional consideration. Applicants will receive written confirmation regarding participation shortly after the registration closing date. The registration fee is payable upon notice of acceptance.

APPLICATION FORM: **MSW Basic Training**

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District/Region _____ School/Program _____ Work Phone (____) _____

Team Member #1 _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Position/Role _____ Grade Level _____ Email (Please Print.) _____

Team Member #2 _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Position/Role _____ Grade Level _____ Email (Please Print.) _____

Release time is approved for educators: Administrator's Signature _____

In which region do you receive/provide services? ACES // CES // CREC // EASTCONN // ED CONNECTION // LEARN

(Please duplicate form for a maximum of two additional team members.)



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