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An MSAA Professional Development Workshop for: K-5 Classroom Teachers, Department Chairs, Curriculum Coordinators, School Leaders, Assistant Principals, Principals, Special Educators, and Literacy Coaches

What is Rigor?: How to Challenge All of Our Students and Maintain High Standards



Featuring **TEACHERS21** Presenter:
Dr. Debra Block

Tuesday, December 4, 2018
at the MSAA Office, Franklin

Sign-In: 8:00am–8:30am
Workshop: 8:30am–3:00pm

PD Hours: 6
Content Area: *Curriculum and Instruction*

Fees: Member \$215 / Non-Member \$285

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How can we challenge our students while also supporting all learners? In this workshop participants will dig deep to understand what makes for a rigorous learning environment, while they also consider the pacing and location of curriculum elements that challenge our students. As we reach a common understanding, participants will identify and isolate elements of rigor in their own teaching and in sample curricula. They will then practice increasing the richness of more traditional materials while appreciating the need for differentiation through a variety of pedagogic approaches, such as cooperative learning and performance assessments. Finally, they will acquire new materials to add to their teaching repertoire.

Participants will:

- Unpack their own pedagogy.
- Appreciate opportunities for rigor in unexpected places.
- Assess sample curriculum.
- Model and practice creating rigorous lessons.
- Acquire effective curriculum materials that simultaneously differentiate and challenge.

Debra Block, Ph.D. has held various positions during her 38 year career—Teacher, Department Chair, Curator, Historian, Director of Education, Evaluator, Trainer, and Developer of Curriculum. She served on the panel that reviewed the new HSS standards. She has published extensive curriculum to enable educators to teach Social Studies in ways that are creative and engaging, <http://mattersofeducation.org/curriculum-overview/>

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