

# Power Standards

## What are they?

Power Standards are defined as prioritized standards that have been identified through a systematic process. This approach shows teachers how to distinguish between the “must



know” standards and all the rest. Identifying the power standards is essential for maximizing instruction time so that you can get the most out of the time you have with your students. Now, with the new revised standards, this becomes even more important. Our process helps teachers clearly examine all the standards to determine the most important ones, and begins the process toward vertical alignment between grade levels.

## Why do I need to know about them?

With the new revised standards in Social Studies and Science and the proposed Common Core Standards in English Language Arts and Math, it’s easy to feel overwhelmed.

That’s why it’s important to sort the standards and identify the most “powerful” ones for your curriculum -- so you know best how to structure your time when teaching them. If you’re looking for an easy-to-use process for learning and categorizing all the standards, this Teacher 2 Teacher training is for you. Through a clear process you will learn how to identify the standards that are the most crucial for your students, without eliminating any of them. In this day of *No Child Left Behind*, educators are left struggling to unlock the puzzle of making sure all students learn what it is

that will make them successful in school and beyond. The process of identifying the power standards will help you to prioritize your instruction time so that you can get the “biggest bang for your buck.” This process will help you streamline your instruction so that you can be more efficient in your teaching. In addition, you’ll learn



more about the standards and how they play out in other grade levels. You’ll discover what’s truly important to the teachers in the grade levels below and above yours, as you work as a school team to develop power standards for each grade level. Understanding which standards are the most powerful ones will help you to better teach **all** the of standards to **all** of your students. After all, that is the goal of *No Child Left Behind*.

## *Tell me more about what I'll learn.*

In this seminar we take you through a step-by-step process that will lead you to the power standards for your specific grade level and subject area. You'll be able to take this process back to your school and duplicate it for yourself in other subject areas, as well as teach it to your colleagues so they can develop the power standards for their grade levels and content areas. This process is a common sense approach to "unpacking" the new revised standards. In addition, you'll discover what's important to your "receiving" teachers – the ones who will get your students the next year – as well as the skills that



students need to be successful with **any** content. This process takes into account the current state assessments, and shows you how to look at future state assessments in relation to instruction. Finally, you'll learn how to incorporate your power standards into your daily instruction, and how to assess them. The process that you'll learn in this session is one that will benefit your students immediately, as you come back to your classroom with a new awareness of what is essential for their success in school.

## *You'll leave this seminar knowing . . .*

- 1) the steps to determine power standards in any subject area/grade level;
- 2) the most important skills in the grade level that will be receiving your students;
- 3) what essential skills are the most important for student success across the curriculum;
- 4) the standards that your state test deems the most important as determined by frequency of test items;
- 5) how to align your power standards with the grade level above and below yours;
- 6) how to re-distribute your time so that you focus on the power standards;
- 7) how to set up your assessments so that you know the power standards are learned;
- 8) and, how to respond instructionally to the information gained by developing power standards.



In addition, we'll help you develop an Action Plan showing how you can take the information learned in the session and apply it into your classroom, school and/or district.

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