

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 the “nice to know” standards.



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. This process helps teachers clearly examine the most important standards, and begins the process toward vertical alignment between grade levels.

Why do I need to know about them?

If you’re feeling overwhelmed by the amount of standards you’re required to teach, this Teacher 2 Teacher training is for you. It will provide a clear, easy-to-understand process to show you 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. With the implementation of academic content standards, we have been overwhelmed with content – yet we have been given no additional time to get things done. Time, as always, seems to be our biggest issue.

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. Along the way, 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. You will examine the state test and determine which standards are assessed most frequently – an important criteria, as we are all required to meet AYP in our schools and districts.



Finally, you'll learn how to incorporate your power standards into your daily instruction, and we'll show you 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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