

## COLLINS WRITING PROGRAM SPECIALTY INSTITUTE

# ***Open Response: 18 Strategies to Improve Student Performance in All Subjects (grades 3-10)***

*For teachers in all subject areas, curriculum committee members, principals, supervisors, school-based management team members, and special educators.*

This institute provides practical strategies and techniques for teachers as well as students. The activities will assist teachers in analyzing standardized tests, enabling them to plan purposeful writing assignments. It also provides teachers with a variety of activities that will help students read questions and/or passages for understanding, plan and write high quality responses, and score and revise their answers based on specific state rubrics in all content areas. The strategies focus on critical reading and writing skills and, without teaching to the test, help prepare students for standardized tests.

### **PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN HOW TO . . .**

- Analyze assessment tests and their questions
- Identify and teach general academic vocabulary that improves students' ability to understand open response questions
- Recognize and teach content vocabulary that enhances open response answers
- Develop and integrate questions that align with high stakes tests in all content subjects
- Create and incorporate on a regular basis open response questions that require understanding of content
- Design prewriting activities to yield high quality open response answers
- Facilitate activities which will help students "dissect" open response questions
- Help students evaluate and revise their own open response answers using specific rubrics
- Combine and integrate workshop content with daily writing in all content subjects without teaching to the test

Contact us for more information.



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