Preparing for the Test of Life

Analyze Conceptualize

Work in Teams

Communicate

Solve Problems

Manage Oneself

Adapt to Change

Create Innovate Critique

Engage in Learning Throughtout Life

Reflect on Performance

Description:
We believe that to make a difference in students' lives, beyond the test, we must focus on the skills that they will need today, tomorrow and forever. It is imperative that we are teaching students explicitly how to think - to analyze critically, to hypothesize with confidence, to clarify with purpose, to make inferences that matter if they are truly college and career ready.

Teachers will discover how teaching thinking skills is the key to student engagement. When students are challenged at their level they remain focused on the task at hand. Every state may have their own set of standards yet most of them are derived from the Common Core. There are rigorous thinking skills threaded throughout the Common Core and in all other state standards.

Teachers leave this professional learning experience able to integrate relevant instructional strategies into their classroom repertoire at every grade level and in any subject area or discipline.

Participants will:
- Know how to add rigor to any of their strategies
- Discover the power of questioning techniques that make students think deeply
- See that all their students can participate fully, in a thinking classroom
- Be able to design assessments that encourage thinking