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Albuquerque Association for Gifted & Talented Students

~ 38th Annual Conference ~

Saturday, Jan 28, 2017

8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Differentiation for Gifted Learners: Beyond the Basics

Presented by Dr. Diane Heacox

Early Bird Registration before Dec 20 saves \$20-\$30.

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Differentiation: Beyond the Basics

8:30 – 9:00	Registration (Coffee provided. Snacks available for purchase.) <i>Simms Auditorium</i>
9:00 – 9:30	Announcements and Introduction of Presenter <i>Simms Auditorium</i>
9:30 – 10:30	Differentiation for Gifted Learners: Beyond the Basics Today's classroom teachers focus on differentiation to meet the needs of <i>all students</i> . However, gifted students have unique learning needs that are not addressed by differentiation strategies targeting only average, high achieving or struggling learners. How does differentiation go beyond the basics to the needs of gifted / advanced learners? This session provides a framework that supports the advanced pace, sophisticated complexity and greater depth required by the gifted /advanced learners. Practical, do-able, step-by-step strategies are highlighted.
10:30 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 11:45	Continuation of Differentiation for Gifted Learners <i>Simms Auditorium</i>
11:45 – 12:00	Discussion with APS Gifted Team
12:00 – 1:00	BBQ LUNCH provided <i>East Campus Dining Hall</i>
1:00 – 1:45	Workshop for Parents and Teachers: Stories w/ Holes (w/ Nathan Levy) <u>Powerful Strategies to Enhance the Learning of Gifted & Highly Capable Students</u> This workshop explores numerous, proven ways to reach gifted learners in challenging ways. The objective is to have participants leave with a variety of new strategies and specific ideas to help pupils become better creative and critical thinkers. Bring your thinki`ng caps and your funny bones.
1:45 – 2:00	Break
2:00 – 3:30	Workshop with the Speaker: Practical, Do-Able Assessment Strategies: A Toolkit In order to more systematically respond to academic diversity, teachers need tools that can effectively identify student learning needs and progress. Pre-assessment and formative assessment strategies must not only be practical, do-able and less time consuming, but also be effective in guiding instructional planning and differentiation. This session offers a “toolkit” of practical assessment strategies to enhance the educator’s ability to collect data on student learning needs and to plan for and respond to differences. <i>(If you are a parent, attend to understand how to evaluate a differentiation plan for your student).</i>

Dr Diane Heacox is a national & international consultant and professional development trainer focusing on strategies to increase learning success for all students. She is a Professor Emerita at St. Catherine University in St Paul, MN. She has taught both elementary and secondary school levels and has served as a gifted teacher and administrator. Dr Heacox is also the author of four books. She serves on the board of Directors of the MN Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development and the MN Dept of Education Advisory Board. For more information and book descriptions, visit www.dianeheacox.com