

Challenging All Students: Practical Strategies for Differentiation and Assessment

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Carolyn Coil, Ed.D.
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Michigan Alliance for Gifted Education 2008 Fall Conferences



November 18, November 19, or November 20, 2008

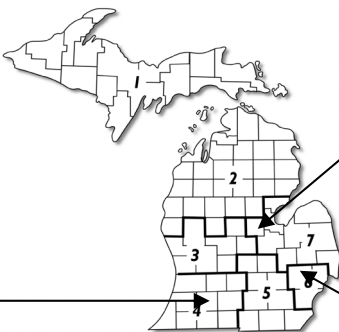
Dear Friend of Gifted Education:

Whether you're a "newby" with differentiation or have had all kinds of exposure to professional development on the topic and have been trying your hand at it for a while, this opportunity is for you! Dr. Carolyn Coil is nationally and internationally known for her practical, "how-to" approaches to differentiation, as well as her dynamic presentations and her teacher-friendly books on differentiation and assessment. We're delighted to bring Carolyn Coil to three different locations in Michigan in November to energize you and/or your school district team with down-to-earth, hands-on tips and tools you can use right now. Her morning workshop on "Differentiating for Gifted Students in the Regular Classroom" will focus on the "how-to" of implementing and managing differentiation in the classroom with an emphasis on tried and true strategies for meeting the needs of gifted and high ability students. Her afternoon workshop on "Solving the Assessment Puzzle" will look at the "nitty-gritty" of how to develop and use all kinds of performance and authentic assessments in ways that help you differentiate instruction easily and effectively. The two presentations are designed to work together to help you meet the diverse needs of all of the students in your classroom, including those who are gifted/talented and can be such a challenge for teachers to provide for appropriately.

Our Fall Conferences are structured for maximum flexibility—you choose your site and then **you may attend the entire day OR either the morning or the afternoon only**. Don't miss this unique opportunity to develop your proficiency with differentiation right here in Michigan.

Target Audience: K-12 teachers, district teams, building administrators, curriculum directors, and parents.

Identical presentations will be offered in three locations—you decide whether the Portage site, the Midland site, or the Waterford site is closer to home or works better for your calendar:



In Portage:

Tuesday, November 18, 2008
8:30 am - 4:15 pm

Site: **Kalamazoo RESA**
1819 E. Milham Avenue
Portage, MI 49002
www.kresa.org

In Midland:

Wednesday, November 19, 2008
8:30 am - 4:15 pm

Site: **Midland Schools Administration Bldg**
600 E. Carpenter
Midland, MI 48642
www.mps.k12.mi.us

In Waterford:

Thursday, November 20, 2008
8:30 am - 4:15 pm

Site: **Oakland Schools**
2111 Pontiac Lake Road
Waterford, MI 48328
www.oakland.k12.mi.us

Featured Speaker Carolyn Coil, Ed.D.



Carolyn is an internationally known speaker, author, trainer, consultant, and educator with an enthusiastic, motivating and energetic style. With an M.A. in Gifted Education/Special Education and an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from the University of South Florida, Carolyn works with teachers, parents and students offering practical strategies for raising student achievement, differentiating curriculum, implementing a variety of assessment strategies, and dealing with the problems and challenges associated with preparing ourselves and our children for living and working in the 21st Century. She has worked in the field of education and training for over 30 years. Carolyn is the author of numerous books and articles, including Standards-Based Activities and Assessments for the Differentiated Classroom. She currently teaches courses in gifted and talented education and does workshops for schools and school districts on a wide variety of topics. She has been an Adjunct Professor at several different universities and has worked in the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Bermuda, the Marshall Islands, Spain, Germany, Ecuador, Croatia, and South Korea.

Dr. Coil will present two three-hour workshop sessions:

Differentiating for Gifted Students in the Regular Classroom. How can teachers meet the needs of all their students when these needs and ability levels are so diverse? This workshop focuses on practical strategies showing teachers the “how-to” of differentiation with the emphasis on meeting the needs of gifted and high ability students. Strategies include flexible grouping, tiered lessons and units, curriculum compacting, independent study, learning centers, learning contracts, ways to give students choices of learning activities, classroom management strategies in a differentiated classroom, and more. Teachers will learn how to assess and document what their students already know, how to plan for and monitor challenging alternate activities, and how to design and implement learning activities which promote higher level thinking.

Solving the Assessment Puzzle. How and why we assess students are the essential questions of this workshop. This workshop will look at how to develop and use types of performance and authentic assessments, especially when differentiating classroom instruction. Included is how to link standards to curriculum units, how to develop assessment criteria for specific products and performances, how and when to create complex rubrics, how and when to use product criteria cards and the use of student logs, rating scales, checklists, portfolios, student self-assessments, and group assessment procedures.

Schedule of Events

- 8:00 - 8:30 am Registration for full-day and morning-only participants
- 8:30 - 8:45 am Overview of Program
- 8:45 - 10:15 am **Morning Workshop “Differentiating for Gifted Students in the Regular Classroom”**
- 10:15 - 10:30 am Break
- 10:30 - noon **Morning Workshop Continued**
- Noon - 1:00 pm Lunch and book signing*
- 12:30 - 1:00 pm Registration for afternoon-only participants
- 1:00 - 2:30 pm **Afternoon Workshop “Solving the Assessment Puzzle”**
- 2:30 - 2:45 pm Break
- 2:45 - 4:15 pm **Afternoon Workshop Continued**

***Full day registration includes the cost of lunch. Half day registration does not include lunch.**

Carolyn Coil Registration Form
(Use one form per registrant - duplicate as needed)

Name (Print Clearly): _____
 Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Daytime Phone: (____) _____ Fax (____) _____
 Email: _____
 Parent Educator (School District: _____ Position: _____)

	Member		Non-Member		Total
	Before Nov. 7	After Nov. 7	Before Nov. 7	After Nov. 7	
PORTAGE LOCATION November 18, 2008—Full Day (includes lunch)	\$ 80	\$ 85	\$ 95	\$100	
PORTAGE LOCATION November 18—Half Day (Morning <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon <input type="checkbox"/>)	\$ 45	\$ 50	\$ 60	\$ 65	
MIDLAND LOCATION November 19, 2008—Full Day (includes lunch)	\$ 80	\$ 85	\$ 95	\$100	
MIDLAND LOCATION November 19—Half Day (Morning <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon <input type="checkbox"/>)	\$ 45	\$ 50	\$ 60	\$ 65	
WATERFORD LOCATION November 20, 2008—Full Day (includes lunch)	\$ 80	\$ 85	\$ 95	\$100	
WATERFORD LOCATION November 20—Half Day (Morning <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon <input type="checkbox"/>)	\$ 45	\$ 50	\$ 60	\$ 65	
SB-CEU PREREGISTRATION <input type="checkbox"/> 0.3 SB-CEUs (half day) <input type="checkbox"/> 0.6 SB-CEUs (whole day)	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 2	
ALLIANCE DONATION (your tax-deductible donation supports efforts on behalf of the gifted)					
MEMBERSHIP DUES (Please complete Membership Application below)					
TOTAL DUE					

* Group pre-registration rate: deduct \$5 per person. To qualify, three or more registrations must be submitted together. Please enclose a separate registration showing AM or PM or Full Day selection for each registrant.

Personal Check # _____ School District Check # _____
 VISA or MASTERCARD or DISCOVER - Card # _____ Exp. Date: _____
 Name of credit card holder (Print Clearly) _____
 Signature of credit card holder _____

Mail to: Sue Belaski, Executive Secretary, Michigan Alliance for Gifted Education, 5355 Northland Drive, N.E., Ste. C-188, Grand Rapids, MI 49525; Phone: (616) 365-8230; Fax (616) 364-1114; Email: sbelaski@comcast.net

General Information

- ◆ Persons who register by November 7, 2008 are eligible for discounted “early bird” rates.
- ◆ **Current Members** are those who hold a membership in the Michigan Alliance for Gifted Education which runs through November 2008 as well as new or renewing members who pay their membership dues with their conference registration.
- ◆ If you are not a current member, join now and receive *Images*, the quarterly Michigan Alliance for Gifted Education newsletter, discounted Alliance events, and much more plus providing support for state advocacy for the gifted learner. You will find a membership form on the last page of this brochure.
- ◆ Group pre-registration rate available: deduct \$5 per person. To qualify, three or more registrations must be submitted together. Please enclose a separate registration showing breakout selections for each registrant.
- ◆ Limited financial assistance is available. Contact Alliance Executive Secretary by November 7, 2008 to apply.
- ◆ No refunds will be issued unless a written request is received by November 7, 2008. Refunds, less a \$20 processing fee, will be issued two weeks after the spring conference.
- ◆ Books by Carolyn Coil and others published by Pieces of Learning will be available for sale and signing at the conference.
- ◆ **0.6 SB-CEUs available for the full-day conference, 0.3 SB-CEUs are available for either morning or afternoon session only. Please preregister above and submit a \$2 processing fee (good for either half day or whole day registrations).**
- ◆ Look for most current conference information on the Alliance website, www.migiftedchild.org.

Membership Form



I would like to join the Michigan Alliance for Gifted Education as an:

- Individual member** - open to any individual interested in furthering the goals of the Alliance. Yearly Dues: \$30.00
- Institutional member** - open to any organization or institution interested in furthering the goals of the Alliance. *Institutional membership entitles the organization or institution to designate four individuals as members of the Alliance.* Yearly Dues: \$100.00
- Affiliate member** - Name of my Affiliate: _____
Yearly Dues: \$20.00
- Donation to the Michigan Alliance \$ _____
(The Michigan Alliance for Gifted Education is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, tax-exempt organization.)
- New Renewal Student Teacher Parent Administrator Other

Name _____ Referred by _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

County _____ School _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Make checks payable to Michigan Alliance for Gifted Education.
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