

Gifted and Advanced Learners: Better Differentiation and Less Prep Time (Grades 1-8)

NEW Seminar Presented by **Valerie Jasinski**

Outstanding Educator and National Presenter

Specifically Designed for Educators Serving Grades 1-8: Gifted Education Teachers, Classroom Teachers, Instructional Coaches, and Administrators

- **Move beyond “more work” to purposeful differentiation** that better meets the needs of gifted students
- **Timesaving strategies and tools** for managing a differentiated classroom while decreasing your prep time
- **Ready-to-use ideas** to increase rigor and deepen thinking for your advanced students
- **Receive an extensive digital resource handbook** packed full of ideas, strategies, lessons, and useful resources you can use immediately to help your gifted and advanced learners thrive



A Unique One-Day Live Online Seminar

October 28

**9 AM Central, 8 AM Mountain,
7 AM Pacific, 10 AM Eastern**

November 5

**9 AM Eastern, 8 AM Central,
7 AM Mountain, 6 AM Pacific**

CEUs and Graduate Credit Available, see page 6 for details.

Ten Key Benefits of Attending



*"Just want to say
I think Valerie did
an amazing job.
I'm thrilled with all
I have learned!"*

Who Should Attend

Educators Serving Grades
1-8: Gifted Education
Teachers, Classroom Teachers,
Instructional Coaches, and
Administrators

- 1. Practical Differentiated Instruction Strategies to Meet the Needs of Your Gifted and Advanced Learners**
Learn classroom proven, timesaving techniques for using differentiated instruction to more effectively meet the needs of gifted and advanced students while decreasing your preparation time
- 2. Differentiate Using Your Existing Curriculum to Elevate Learning for All Students**
Discover how to differentiate your board adopted curriculum, no separate lesson plans required ... Meet the needs of your advanced learners while elevating the learning experience for all your students!
- 3. The Latest Tools to Differentiate Learning Without Adding to Your Workload**
Make the most of free, easy-to-use tools that promote deeper thinking, creativity and independence in advanced learners while saving you time and energy
- 4. Provide the Right Level of Challenge for Advanced Learners**
Move beyond more work to meaningful challenge ... Learn how to adjust content, process and product so gifted students consistently engage in rigorous high-level learning
- 5. Use Feedback to Deepen Advanced Thinking Even Further**
Align learning goals with targeted feedback that stretches advanced learners thinking ... Provide specific timely and actionable feedback that encourages reflection, growth, and self-direction
- 6. High-Impact Strategies for Improved Motivation**
Get better student engagement with high impact strategies for creating meaningful connections, reasoning, and more rigorous discussions across content areas
- 7. Support Higher Level Thinking and Improved Achievement**
Create a culture where advanced learners thrive ... Learn practical classroom routines structures and expectations that boost challenge promote motivation and perseverance
- 8. Use Pre-Assessment to Streamline Differentiation for Advanced Learners**
Learn practical efficient ways to pre assess so you can quickly identify what advanced students already know ... Eliminate unnecessary repetition and ensure students move directly into appropriately challenging work
- 9. Create Meaningful Choice That Increases Engagement and Ownership**
Design purposeful choice options that promote autonomy, creativity, and higher-level thinking ... Empower advanced learners to take greater ownership of their learning while staying aligned to your goals
- 10. Receive an Extensive Digital Resource Handbook for Teaching Gifted and Advanced Learners**
Leave with a comprehensive digital resource handbook filled with ready to use strategies, tools and ideas specifically designed to better support gifted and advanced students

Practical Ideas and Strategies

Join experienced educator **VALERIE JASINSKI** for a highly interactive seminar designed to help you meet the needs of your gifted and advanced learners. This one-day seminar focuses on the latest evidence-based strategies that integrate seamlessly into any subject or curriculum to help your gifted and advanced learners thrive.

Rather than “adding one more thing” to your plate, learn how to enhance differentiation through small, intentional shifts that increase rigor and provide targeted support while saving you time. Discover how to tap into student readiness, interests, and learning preferences to meet them right where they are. Gain insightful ways to plan a differentiated classroom while decreasing your overall prep time.

Whether you are brand new to differentiation or a seasoned veteran, you will leave with dozens of “use-tomorrow” ideas. Throughout the day, Valerie will model these strategies in action, ensuring you walk away with the confidence to fine-tune your lessons and help every student master more challenging content.

Specific Topics ... Here's What You'll Learn



- **Best, current ideas for differentiating your instruction** to meet the diverse learning needs of gifted and advanced students
- **Proven time saving differentiation techniques** which increase student success while decreasing teacher prep time
- **Examples of classroom-proven strategies** to help you implement, organize, and manage differentiated instruction
- **Powerful differentiation strategies** designed to increase academic success for advanced and gifted learners
- **Techniques for infusing creative thinking** into everyday lessons
- **The key characteristics** of an effective differentiated instruction framework
- **How to make best use of differentiated instruction** methods to increase student engagement and motivation
- **Timesaving, teacher-friendly differentiation tips** that work across varied student background, preference, and motivation
- **Fun, doable ways to create a low-stress, confidence-building yet challenging** learning environment for your gifted and advanced students
- **Dynamic, research-based** practices that engage learners while fostering individual student growth
- **Ideas, Ideas, Ideas** – perfect for grades K-6 – that work for differentiating instruction in small group, centers, and whole class environments

A Message From Your Seminar Leader, Valerie Jasinski



Dear Colleague:

As educators, we know that our gifted and advanced learners can end up waiting for others to finish, repeating what they already know, or disengaging with learning completely. Too often, this is met with additional work for both the students AND the teacher! Using key differentiation strategies, learning can be designed to extend thinking from the start, so there's no need to create extra work later for students who are already finished. Instead, from the beginning of your lessons, every student at every level can be actively engaged, appropriately challenged, and moving forward in their learning progression.

In this interactive, one day seminar, I will show you how to more easily identify what students already know to eliminate unnecessary repetition, increase rigor through tasks that meet students where they are, infuse creativity, and best of all, how to use practical strategies that fit all of the above into your existing lessons without increasing your workload! In our day together, learn how easily (and powerfully) you can enhance your lessons and activities to help each of your advanced and gifted students find appropriate levels of challenge regardless of background, preference, or motivation.

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As an experienced educator specializing in instruction for gifted and advanced students, I have learned, refined and implemented dozens of research-based strategies and techniques for differentiating instruction. My goal for this day is to demonstrate the best of the best of these exemplary differentiated instruction strategies, activities, and ideas with you. Plus, you will leave with a digital resource handbook! I hope you will join me to discover new ways to meet your gifted students' learning needs in the classroom!

Sincerely,

Valerie Jasinski

P.S. You will leave with dozens of ready-to-use practical ideas and strategies you can implement immediately to better differentiate for you gifted and advanced learners with less prep time and without assigning extra work!

Uniquely Qualified Instructor

VALERIE JASINSKI is an experienced and highly knowledgeable gifted education teacher who specializes in ensuring advanced learners' needs are truly met in today's classrooms. Drawing from extensive, real-world experience, Valerie shares practical, classroom-tested strategies that move beyond "more work" to meaningful differentiation through depth, complexity, and higher-level thinking. She helps educators recognize the unique characteristics of gifted and high-achieving students and

respond with purposeful instruction that keeps them challenged and engaged. Valerie is also the author of *Gifted and Advanced Learners: Better Differentiation and Less Prep Time (Grades 1-8)*, the extensive digital resource handbook you will receive at the seminar. Known for her clear, relatable style, Valerie provides actionable ideas and tools teachers can implement immediately to better support advanced learners while maintaining a strong learning environment for all students.



What Your Colleagues Say About Valerie Jasinski



*"The **ready-to-implement** strategies in Valerie's seminar were so beneficial."*

*"I feel like I need to listen to Val again and again... She was so **positive and encouraging!**"*

*"Valerie really understands the needs of gifted and advanced learners. I learned **so many new ideas that I can't wait to try!**"*

*"I can't wait to try these strategies in the classroom. **I know my students are going to love them!**"*

*"Valerie has such **a gift for breaking down complex concepts into bite-sized, actionable steps. I'm walking away feeling completely energized** and ready to revamp my lesson plans!"*

*"This was **hands-down the most useful** professional development I've attended all year. Valerie's passion for her students is infectious, and her methods are grounded in real-world classroom experience."*

*"**I've been looking for ways to truly challenge my high-achievers, and Val gave me exactly the toolkit I needed.** Her insight into the gifted mind is unparalleled."*



Special Benefits of Attending

Extensive Digital Resource Handbook

Each participant will receive an extensive digital resource handbook specifically designed for this seminar. The handbook includes:

- Practical, relevant strategies for using differentiated instruction so your gifted and advanced students can thrive
- Ready-to-use differentiated instruction strategies you can implement in your classroom right away
- Best tools to help you meet the needs of your gifted learners while reducing your prep time
- Tips and ideas to foster a higher functioning differentiated classroom, while saving yourself valuable time

Consultation Available

Valerie Jasinski will be available for consultation regarding your questions and the unique needs of your own program.

Meet and Share

This seminar provides a wonderful opportunity for participants to meet and share ideas with other educators interested in differentiation for gifted and advanced learners.

"I feel so seen and supported after listening to Valerie. She doesn't just teach content. She inspires educators to remember why we started teaching in the first place."



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