

Laurie Westphal

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Author/Speaker who focuses on making differentiation a teaching lifestyle

Biography

After teaching science for more than 15 years, both overseas and in the U.S., Laurie E. Westphal now works as an independent gifted education and science consultant nationwide. She enjoys developing and presenting staff development on differentiation for various districts and conferences, working with teachers to assist them in planning and developing lessons to meet the needs of their advanced students. Laurie currently resides in Houston, TX, and has made it her goal to share her vision for realworld, product-based lessons that help all students become critical thinkers and effective problem solvers. She is the author of the Differentiating Instruction With Menus series, Ready to Use Differentiation Strategies series as well as Hands-On Physical Science and Science Dictionary for Kids.

Availability

Keynote, Panelist, Workshop, Author Appearance

Industry Expertise

Corporate Training, Education/Learning

Areas of Expertise

Differentiation Strategies, Choice Menus

Affiliations

TAGT Business member

Sample Talks

Ready to Use No/Low Prep Differentiation Strategies

Differentiation is more than just an add-on to instruction; it can be a way of life in the classroom. This session shares multiple low/no prep activities which can be used during various aspects of the lesson cycle. Be prepared to brainstorm and leave with ideas you can use right away in your classroom!

Differentiating Instruction with Menus

This session shares the nuts and bolts behind creating and effectively using menus in the classroom. It includes choosing appropriate products as well as the considerations for developing and implementing the ten types of menus. Participants should Come prepared to brainstorm ideas and leave with menus they have created - ready to use in their classroom.

Education

Jones International University
Master's Degree Adult Education

Grand Valley State University
Bachelors of Arts Double: Spanish and Group Science with an emphasis in Chemistry

Jones International University
M.Ed Adult Education

Frammingham University
24 hours of Masters credit Educational Adinimistration

Accomplishments

Nomination for TAGT Legacy Award
I have had six of my books nominated for the TAGT Legacy Award.

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