



K-12 Teachers Alliance Featured Presenter:

Maria Banks

Presentation Topics

- COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS
- DATA-DRIVEN INSTRUCTION
- URBAN EDUCATION
- RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION
- DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION

Biography

Maria Banks is an educator, consultant, and keynote speaker, coach. She is currently co-authoring the text *Integrating PLCs, DI, and RTI*. Maria has worked with educators and school communities throughout the country. Her forte is embedded professional development, which provides teachers opportunities to see live lesson demonstration and work in a collaborative fashion to reflect and change teaching practices.

She has experience teaching elementary through college levels. Maria is a Reading/Writing Project Fellow and a former curriculum specialist as well as supervisor for reading, ESL, (English as Second Language) and Library Media. For the past 7 years, Maria has served as a national consultant and adjunct professor.

Banks is a speaker whose consultancies and research focuses on the ways in which schools are influenced by social/emotional and economic conditions in any setting; urban, suburban or rural. Through inquiry-based teacher professional development, she seeks to enhance educational opportunities in reading,

writing, science and mathematics for student from all cultures and language communities. Ms. Banks sessions and classroom demonstration lessons focus on engaging, practical strategies that support teaches and increase student achievement. Her sessions are interactive, dynamic and include multiple opportunities for questions and explanations and accountable talk.

Academic & Professional Qualifications

- Master of Arts Degree – Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
- Bachelor of Arts Degree – Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
- 20+ years teaching experience
- National Reading / Writing Project Fellow
- 7 years experience as an international trainer for educators of all grade levels
- Co-author: *Integrating PLCs, DI, and RTI*

Affiliations:

- ASCD
- IRA
- NASD
- Choice Literacy for Staff Development
- Kappa Delta Pi
- National Reading and Writing Project
- Delaware Valley Minority Consortium

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