

Meeting the Needs of Your GIFTED STUDENTS and Advanced Learners: High Yield Strategies (Grades 1-8)



A Unique One-Day Live Online Seminar Presented by

Michelle Swain

Master Teacher Trainer, National Presenter and Award-Winning
Educator of Gifted Students

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

Dozens of highly practical strategies and techniques to help your gifted students
and advanced learners attain the highest levels of achievement

The **current, best strategies** for meeting the needs of your gifted and
advanced learners

A wealth of innovative ideas that you can immediately implement in your
own program

Demonstrations, models and an extensive digital resource handbook filled with
ready-to-use ideas, strategies and resources

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February 5

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*'There were a lot of
great resources and
ideas that I can
use immediately!'*
- SANDRA CASTIGLIA,
ENRICHMENT TEACHER

Ten Key Benefits of Attending

'This was an amazing seminar. I received so many valuable resources that I can't wait to try with my students. Thank you for this opportunity!'

– GAIL WEIDNER, GIFTED AND TALENTED TEACHER



Who Should Attend

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

1. Enhance the Achievement of Your Gifted Students

A wealth of practical strategies to extend and enrich your existing instructional programming to help your gifted and high ability students excel

2. More Effectively Meet the Needs of Your Gifted Students in the Mixed-Ability Classroom

Learn a variety of practical strategies for effectively providing realistic differentiation practices flexible for the range of learners in your classroom

3. Current Research on Motivation and Mindset

Explore the impact of student perspective on how they approach learning and school work ... What teachers can do to support the growth of gifted and advanced learners

4. Differentiate Your Existing Curriculum – Practical “How To” Strategies

Learn a variety of practical strategies for revising classroom materials and instruction to help your gifted and high ability students achieve a greater depth of content and complexity of understanding

5. Increase Your Students’ Ability to Think Critically and Creatively

Help your students question, explore alternatives, analyze problems and evaluate solutions ... Specific strategies, proven successful in gifted programs

6. Employing and Managing Flexible Grouping Options

Proven methods for assessing students, grouping appropriately, keeping track of key information, and making sure that your students’ needs are being met

7. More Effectively Develop and Manage Alternative Activities and Individualized Opportunities

Learn proven ways to accommodate a variety of skills, abilities and talents in the same classroom

8. Strengthen Your Students’ Problem-Solving Skills

Successful strategies for helping your gifted students and advanced learners to develop and strengthen their problem-solving skills

9. Approaches for Increasing Your Students’ Creativity

Challenging games, activities, projects, and new ideas to engage your gifted students

10. Receive a Comprehensive Digital Resource Handbook

You'll receive an extensive digital resource handbook specifically designed for this seminar with outstanding resources you can implement in your own program for gifted students and advanced learners

Outstanding Strategies You Can Use Immediately

What You Will Learn ...

- **Highly practical strategies** for improving the academic achievement of your gifted and advanced learners
- Questioning techniques that **stimulate higher-level thinking**
- **Dozens of strategies** to meet the needs of the gifted and advanced learners within the general classroom
- **Exciting tips and tools** to infuse the key components of creativity into the content areas
- Ideas that enhance **transfer of knowledge and retention of material**
- **Highly effective critical thinking and problem-solving strategies** that will challenge your gifted students
- Engaging strategies that **challenge gifted students in all areas** of the curriculum
- **Hands-on activities** that encourage quality performance in your gifted students
- Strategies and management techniques for **compacting and differentiating the curriculum** to meet the needs of your students
- **Lesson plans and units** designed to strengthen critical thinking, problem solving and decision making
- **Cooperative learning strategies** that broaden leadership ability and group process
- **Flexible, easy-to-implement grouping practices** to more effectively meet the needs of your students
- **Realistic strategies for incorporating technology** into your existing program
- Effective strategies for organization and **management of gifted and advanced learners with differing learning abilities**



'Michelle was knowledgeable and presented the material in an easy-to-understand format while providing a variety of resources for us.'

– WILL HANNIS, 5TH GRADE TEACHER

Practical Ideas and Strategies

If you are looking for ways to strengthen instruction for your gifted students and advanced learners, this outstanding seminar is designed for you. **MICHELLE SWAIN** will provide you with dozens of strategies and techniques to help your gifted and advanced learners reach the high standards you have set for them. The emphasis will be on improving your students' critical thinking and problem-solving skills across the curriculum.

Michelle will share the current best strategies for gifted students and advanced learners. She will provide you with highly practical ideas, activities and methods proven effective with gifted students. These innovative ideas are ready for immediate use in your own classroom or program. All educators serving Grades 1-8, whether in general education classrooms or in specialized programs, will benefit from this seminar.



A Message From Seminar Leader, Michelle Swain



Uniquely Qualified Instructor

MICHELLE SWAIN, a highly qualified educator with over 31 years of working with gifted students and those who serve them, has a deep knowledge of what works in classrooms to elicit meaningful engagement and high performance from gifted and advanced learners. As an outstanding national presenter, Michelle is known for sharing a toolbox of the most practical, highly effective strategies that can immediately be implemented in any classroom. She is the author of *Meeting the Needs of Your GIFTED STUDENTS and Advanced Learners: High Yield Strategies (Grades 1-8)*, the digital resource handbook each participant will receive at the seminar. While Michelle's strategies are research-based, they are also highly practical, easy to implement, and extremely helpful for accelerating the learning of your gifted and advanced learners. Join Michelle for a fast-paced, engaging, creative, and fun day full of new ideas!

Dear Colleague:

As educators who work with gifted and advanced learners, we are constantly seeking meaningful ways to engage and stimulate our students in ways that help them develop their potential as learners and leaders. We cannot be content with just teaching facts within subject areas. We must find ways to challenge our gifted and highly capable students to struggle with important issues and grapple with difficult problems in an accepting and intellectually stimulating environment. We must set high standards for gifted learners and then provide them with the support they need to reach those standards.

One of my goals as an educator is to encourage students to become lifelong learners who question what they encounter and seek out truth and knowledge. With this in mind, the activities in this seminar are structured to promote independent thinking, decision making, teamwork, and a strong sense of self-worth. There are many ways to support these students; we must constantly search for and employ the best ideas and add them to our toolbox. During this seminar, I will present a wide variety of practical strategies, methods, and tools to use with your gifted students and advanced learners.

Please join me for an energizing day full of ideas that can be used in your classroom immediately. I look forward to meeting you in the seminar and sharing with you the best strategies and techniques I have discovered.

Sincerely,

Michelle Swain

P.S. Join me for a great day of practical, easily implemented strategies and leave with an extensive digital resource handbook containing dozens of free resources designed specifically for this seminar!

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What Your Colleagues Say About Michelle Swain

"Did a great job of engaging everyone, as well as engaging the whole group and small groups."

– Bridget Wojciechowski, 3rd-5th Grade Gifted Pull Out Teacher

"This was fabulous and even better than I expected! I learned a lot and am coming away with so many resources to bring back to my classroom teachers and enrichment program!"

– Mary Hashbarger, Enrichment Coordinator

"I think this was a mix of both new and familiar ideas to me. Coming recently from college, some of these topics have been fresh in my mind. At the same time, being in a K-5 position, where my experience is in secondary, I am seeing these ideas with a brand new lens. I sincerely appreciate the knowledge that has been passed down today, and I cannot wait to begin implementing some of these ideas within my own teaching!"

– Robert Holmes, Enrichment Teacher



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A lot of great quick, easy strategies to use that I can apply to my classroom immediately. I also appreciate the strategies/tools that take more time and prep, Socratic seminars, tiered lessons, etc.'

– ERIN KNUDTZON, 5TH GRADE
GIFTED TEACHER

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- Current, innovative strategies for developing a student-centered culture where advanced learners experience increased motivation and engagement
- Powerful differentiation strategies with step-by-step directions you can successfully use across the curriculum with your gifted students
- Outstanding, FREE digital resources including lesson planning templates and graphic organizers that can immediately be used with your students
- Bibliography of websites, books, and resources to enhance your instruction
- And much, much more!

Share Ideas with Other Educators

This seminar provides a wonderful opportunity for participants to share ideas with other educators interested in enhancing their gifted students and advanced learners program.

Consultation Available

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

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— or —
☐ **3. I'd like to order the recorded version of this seminar**

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