

Thinking Maps® Workshop

Monday, November 30, 2009 • 8:00 am-3:30 pm

Presenter: Linda Reetz, Thinking Maps® Trainer Location: CESA 6, 2300 State Road 44, Oshkosh

What: Thinking Maps®, developed by <u>Dr. David Hyerle</u>, are visual teaching tools that foster and encourage lifelong learning.

They're based on a simple insight: The one common instructional thread that binds together all teachers, from **pre-kindergarten through postgraduate**, is that they all teach the same thought processes.

How: Each of the eight Thinking Maps® is based on a fundamental cognitive skill such as comparing and contrasting, sequencing, classifying, and cause-effect reasoning.

Multiple Thinking Maps® are used as an eight maps icon toolkit by students for constructing knowledge: for improving
the basics of reading, writing, and mathematics as well as for problem-solving and the development of higher-order
thinking abilities.

Why: If every teacher within a school utilized consistent visual tools across all grade levels and content disciplines students could learn more effectively and more efficiently.

- Objectives could be covered in less time with greater retention.
- Cause and effect reasoning in one class would be represented in a similar manner throughout the curricula, as would every other thought process!
- This **common visual language** would become such a familiar part of students' education that it would remain an effective learning tool throughout their academic careers and beyond.
- A wealth of research and published articles supports the use of different types of Visual Tools generally, and Thinking Maps® specifically. New brain research provides even greater insights into why most students perform better when using Thinking Maps®.

Audience: <u>Must attend as Teams</u>. Content area does not matter. **Choices:** begin at the elementary level, expand to middle school level and then to high school or organize teams with representation from each level.

(ost: \$225.00 (Includes the cost of all materials, including \$145 required binder, continental breakfast, and lunch).

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