

Getting Ready for the new Common Core Assessments: Backwards Mapping for CASPP

The new Smarter Balanced Tests (CASPP) require students to CREATE effective answers in writing during the constructed response as well as the on-demand performance tasks portions of the tests. No longer will students be able to rely on process of elimination to answer correctly on all test items. During a professional development session Charlotte will:

- Show teachers how to embed higher level questioning strategies with literature and informational texts
- Demonstrate strategies for the students to not only do the deeper thinking, but show their thinking in a well-written constructed response. (*Can be classroom demos, or within the teacher workshop.*)
- Model how to teach students to support their thinking in writing by citing evidence from text
- Provide a resource with the sample constructed response question stems from SBAC as well as generic question stems based on Depth of Knowledge
- Suggest a reasonable pacing of lessons to include leading up to this spring's test.

Contact Charlotte to schedule a session. There is still some availability the weeks of March 2, 9, and 30.



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**“Planning is bringing
the future into the
present so that you
can do something
about it now.”**

- Alan Lakein



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