



Executive Summary

Inside the School 20-Minute Trainer: *How Can I Keep My Students Focused During Group Work?*

Employers say time-and-time again that working in a team environment to solve a problem is one of the most important skills they look for. As an educator, it's your responsibility to prepare students for this real world situation. Working in groups is part of the learning process and the more – and better – students do this, the more they will improve their learning experience.

Educator Suzanne Tingley's 20-Minute Trainer *How to How Can I Keep My Students Focused During Group Work?* will provide you the dos and don'ts for productively overseeing group projects.

How Can I Keep My Students Focused During Group Work? includes discussion of an academic rubric that can be used for every group work session. The academic rubric can be applied to all classes and clearly defines group member expectations, behavioral expectations and achievable standards. The rubric will guide the students focus away from their grade and rather onto their performance, which enhances their learning experience.

After viewing the 20-Minute Trainer you will learn:

- How to enhance students' group work learning experience
- How to clearly set achievable expectations for group work
- How to apply an academic rubric to enhance learning experience
- How to get students to focus on their group performance and evaluations rather than just the grade

About the Presenter: Suzanne Tingley

Suzanne Tingley began her career in education by teaching English in Paraguay, South America as a Peace Corps Volunteer. She served as an elementary school principal for 3 years and then became a superintendent of schools, retiring after 15 years in that position.

Tingley has published over 60 articles in education journals including seven commentaries in *Education Week*, the education journal of record.

She is an adjunct professor for the State University of New York in the Department of Education Administration. In 2007 she was named a "Woman of Distinction" by the New York State Senate. Tingley holds a BA from The Ohio State University and an MS from the State University of New York at Oswego.

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