

Escape from the Textbook!

**A Sharing and Collaboration Conference
for Middle and High School Math Teachers
who want to escape from the textbook
for a lesson, a unit, or an entire course**

Saturday, February 12
8:45 am to 3:00 pm
at the Urban School of San Francisco
1563 Page St, SF, 94117



Speakers

Jo Boaler, Stanford University
author of *What's Math Got To Do With It?*
"The Many Colors of Algebra – Engaging
Disaffected Students Through Collaboration
and Agency."

Paul Zeitz, University of San Francisco
author of *The Art and Craft of Problem Solving*
"Games, investigation, and problem solving"

Sharing and collaboration workshops

- ◇ Middle School
- ◇ Algebra 1
- ◇ Geometry
- ◇ Algebra 2 / Precalc
- ◇ Precalc / Calculus
- ◇ Statistics

More info, registration:
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Why you should attend:

This conference is an opportunity to share ideas and strategies, and to get help where you need it.

We hope participants will bring artifacts from their schools, as well as burning questions and dilemmas. Here are some of the outcomes we hope for:

- ◇ strategies to complement or replace textbook units
- ◇ networking with like-minded teachers
- ◇ ongoing multischool collaboration groups

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A Sharing and Collaboration Network for Middle and High School Math teachers

As secondary school math teachers, we find that almost every off-book activity we plan is well received by our students, leads to greater interest and motivation, and promotes deeper learning. Freeing ourselves from the constraints of set-in-stone curricula allows us to better respond to the realities of the individual classroom, to better tackle situations such as heterogeneous classes, and to better implement cooperative and hands-on learning models. However, the pressures of coverage, lack of time, external mandates, and isolation from like-minded teachers can undermine our efforts. Working together, we can help each other escape from the textbook, whether for a lesson, a unit, or an entire course.

Join our online and in-person community!

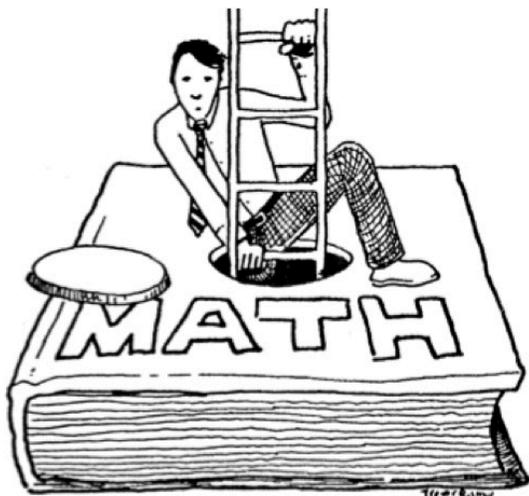
On line: we have a community on www.edWeb.net, for long-distance sharing and collaboration with fellow math teachers all over the US and the world. Members ask for suggestions on anchor problems for algebra, for feedback on new worksheets, for approaches to developing students' understanding of angles, and so on. Other members respond with helpful ideas.

Sign up by going to www.edWeb.net/escape — include a brief note about yourself.

In person: we have quarterly meetings in the San Francisco Bay Area, where we do math together and discuss pedagogical questions. Those meetings are announced on the edWeb site.

We hope to see you soon — on line or in person!

— Henri Picciotto and the other members of
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