

PROTÉGÉ PLUS:

WAFCS MENTORING INITIATIVE

What are Essential Questions? For new professionals in FCS education they may encounter the need to formulate essential questions when developing curriculum. An informative resource available through ASCD (formerly the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development) is Essential Questions by Jay McTighe and Grant Wiggins.

In Chapter 1, through the use of a concept-attainment exercise, seven defining characteristics are discovered. A good essential question:

- 1 is open-ended
- 2 is thought-provoking and intellectually engaging
- 3 calls for higher-order thinking
- 4 points toward important, transferable ideas within disciplines
- 5 raises additional questions and sparks further inquiry
- 6 requires support and justification, not just an answer
- 7 recurs over time.

Looking for more information? Use this link

<http://www.ascd.org/publications/books/109004/chapters/What-Makes-a-Question-Essential%C2%A2.aspx>

For more information about the Protégé Plus mentoring initiative visit the WAFCS website and/or contact Catherine Lader at jclader@inwave.com using subject line “more info please”.

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