

## Tricia Salerno

Tricia has taught Singapore Math® since 2001 in grade levels kindergarten through seventh. She earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education from Wake Forest University. She went on to get a Juris Doctorate from the University of Notre Dame. After 15 years of practicing law, Salerno returned to her teaching roots to find her true vocation. In 2004, she received a Master's Degree in Mathematics Education and has trained teachers in Singapore Math® methods and Common Core Standards Mathematical Practices implementation throughout the United States, the Caribbean, and at the American School in Switzerland. Tricia trained the Hall County teachers prior to their implementation of Singapore Math® in their district. Salerno began by introducing Singapore Math® to Benchmark Charter School in Phoenix. Due to her efforts, the school became one of the first in the United States to implement Singapore Math® as a core curriculum. Serving as a teacher and math coach at Benchmark, Salerno taught grades kindergarten through sixth grade in addition to starting an honors program in Singapore Math®. After the first year of implementation, the math scores in Salerno's class moved from an average of 88 to 97 percent. Today, Benchmark continues to implement Singapore Math® and is frequently featured as being among the highest-rated schools for math in the state. (see ["Tricia Salerno and Benchmark on 12 News"](#))

Due to this success, Salerno is asked to share her experiences with other schools implementing Singapore Math®. In 2008, Salerno along with a Benchmark colleague, Sherri Adler, formed SMARTTraining, LLC, to share their expertise. Salerno has trained teachers and executed seminars throughout the United States and at the American School in Switzerland. She is a featured speaker with the Bureau of Education and Research for the past three consecutive years in addition to the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conference and numerous charter school groups.

Tricia's experience with the success of Singapore Math® is extended into her personal life as well. As a parent, she could see firsthand the benefits of using these materials and methods evidenced through the high math scores and the confidence of her youngest daughter. Tricia's enthusiasm grew as she was able to see students graduating from Benchmark and moving into numerous middle schools throughout the Phoenix area with confidence and competence in their mathematical abilities. This success and the desire to share this important tool with others looking for opportunities to excel in the area of mathematics inspired her to found SMARTTraining with her partner, Sherri Adler.

Tricia and Sherri are co-authors of the official training manual for the State of California for Marshall Cavendish's Singapore Math® Primary Mathematics Standards Edition.

As founder and CEO of SingaporeMathNOW!, LLC, Tricia Salerno is a pioneer in the United States Singapore Math® consultant community. After practicing Singapore Math® in the classroom for years, Salerno realized there was a gap within the industry to train other educators on the Singapore Math® learning style as it relates to the Common Core.

In 2010, Salerno launched her own company, SingaporeMathNOW!, LLC, to publish resource books that compliment the Singapore Math® curriculum. Salerno authored Math Sprints, for grades one through five, to help teachers incorporate the principles of mental math into the classroom. Additionally, she wrote Review Singapore Math® (RSM), a 180-problem workbook that reviews curriculum from the previous school year. Since the launch, Salerno continues to push the envelope in developing new Singapore Math® products under the SingaporeMathNOW! umbrella.