

Expert Authors

The **Big Ideas Math** authors are dedicated to fostering curiosity and confidence in learners.



Dr. Larson and Dr. Boswell began writing together in 1992. Since that time, they have authored over three dozen textbooks. In their collaboration, Ron is primarily responsible for the Student Edition while Laurie is primarily responsible for the Teaching Edition.



Ron Larson, Ph.D., is well known as the lead author of a comprehensive program for mathematics that spans middle school, high school, and college courses. He holds the distinction of Professor Emeritus from Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, where he taught for nearly 40 years. He received his Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Colorado. Dr. Larson's numerous professional activities keep him actively involved in the mathematics education community and allow him to fully understand the needs of students, teachers, supervisors, and administrators.



Laurie Boswell, Ed.D., is the former Head of School at Riverside School in Lyndonville, Vermont. In addition to textbook authoring, she provides mathematics consulting and embedded coaching sessions. Dr. Boswell received her Ed.D. from the University of Vermont in 2010. She is a recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching and is a Tandy Technology Scholar. Laurie has taught math to students at all levels, elementary through college. In addition, Laurie has served on the NCTM Board of Directors and as a Regional Director for NCSM. Along with Ron, Laurie has co-authored numerous math programs and has become a popular national speaker.

We created Big Ideas Math because we recognized the need for a truly balanced approach to learning, using discovery learning and scaffolded instruction.

—Ron Larson, Ph.D.

Big Ideas Math encourages productive struggle. It's not about being hard. The entire program is accessible for all students.

—Laurie Boswell, Ed.D.