



What does “rigor” mean in an academic setting? Many people likely assume it means giving students lots and lots of work to do and tasks to perform, such as hours of homework and projects to complete.

At Quakertown Christian School we recently worked with a member of the Bucks County Intermediate Unit to co-construct a *working* definition of rigor for our school and the community we serve: *Rigor at QCS is defined as creating an environment where all students are expected and supported to develop a growth mindset and to reach their God-given potential.* We believe that our school’s interpretation of rigor is consistent with Jesus’ call to all people to find, develop and use whatever gifts and talents they have for the building and nurturing of the Kingdom. It is our goal that each and every student will engage with the curriculum and instruction that QCS offers and feel challenged and inspired to do *that* kind of rigorous work.