

2017 Summer Highlights:



Nancy Motley's love for her students and her commitment to their education has motivated her diverse career path within the public system. She is currently an Educational Consultant for Seidlitz Education.

Nancy is the author of *Talk, Read, Talk, Write: A Practical Approach to Learning in the Secondary Classroom*. She is also the co-author of *The Diverse Learner Flip Book*, and has developed a variety of training sessions in thinking strategies, vocabulary development, non-fiction reading and writing, and ELPS implementation.

Featured Session: Talk, Read, Talk, Write - June 13th



Karen Green, M.Ed. has taught gifted children and educators who work on their behalf for over 15 years. Throughout her career, Karen has worked with students K- 12th grade to ensure their intellectual and academic needs are met. As the McKinney ISD Gifted and Talented Coordinator, Karen is responsible for supporting high-ability students, their parents, administrators and *teachers*. Mrs. Green has effectively advocated for and constructively partnered to significantly expand programs in MISD. She is a master at shifting back and forth between the big picture and long-term goal and then figuring out all of the intermediate steps to reach that goal within district guidelines and budgets.

Featured Sessions: The Power of Yet – July 19th



Because of her knowledge of ELLs and her engaging and enthusiastic presentation style, Dr. Michelle Yzquierdo has become a very popular and sought-after trainer and presenter, receiving accolades from individuals from all facets of education. She has presented at the local and state level on a variety of topics including best practices for ELLs, implementation of effective new arrival centers, factors contributing to the success of high school immigrants as well as numerous trainings addressing state and federal accountability and compliance concerns.

Dr. Yzquierdo holds an undergraduate degree from Texas A&M University, a Master's Degree from the University of Houston, and most recently completed a Doctorate Degree from Lamar University in 2013. Her doctoral research focused on the factors contributing to the success of high school immigrant students and she continues researching and presenting on this important topic.

Featured Sessions: 38 Great Academic Vocabulary Builders – July 17th
Meeting the Needs of Diverse Learners – July 26th

Deborah Louis is the founder of Louis Educational Concepts, an independent consulting firm which provides professional development training to educators in English Language Arts as well as reading and writing across the curricula with technology integration.



A former College Board consultant, she has taught on-level, Pre-AP, and AP English to middle school and high school students in Texas. She has served as a Secondary English Vertical Team Coordinator and District Lead AP Teacher, leading the design and development of an aligned and comprehensive 7-12 Pre-AP and AP English program in three Texas school districts. She was one of five national presenters for the Jane Schaffer Writing Program, which she now owns.

Deborah holds a B.B.A. in Marketing from The University of Texas at Austin, an M.A. in English with an Emphasis in Classical Rhetoric from The University of North Texas in Denton, and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Pacifica Graduate Institute in Carpinteria, California. She resides in Dallas, Texas.

Featured Sessions: Writing Across the Curriculum – July 31st
Close Reading Strategies – August 15th

Tricia McKale Skyles began her career in education as a middle school teacher in Delphos, Kansas. After several years in the classroom, she began working as an instructional coach with Pathways to Success, a GEAR UP project that partnered the University of Kansas Center for Research on Learning and Topeka Public Schools. In this role, Tricia provided on-site one-to-one professional development for teachers, coaching them in best teaching practices for instruction and behavior management.

Tricia co-authored *Coaching Classroom Management: A Toolkit for Administrators and Coaches* with Randy Sprick, Jim Knight, and Wendy Reinke.

In her role as a *Safe & Civil Schools* consultant, Tricia has provided training in:

- CHAMPS: A Proactive and Positive Approach to Classroom Management
- Coaching Classroom Management for Coaches
- Coaching Classroom Management for Administrators
- Foundations: Establishing Positive Discipline Policies
- ParaPro: Supporting the Instructional Process

She consults with many schools in all areas of behavior management, school-wide interventions, and best instructional practices.

Featured Session: CHAMPS for Elementary – July 24th
CHAMPS for Secondary – July 25th

