

Learning from Kentucky's Classrooms 2018 Conference



September 7-8, 2018

Embassy Suites
1801 Newtown Pike
Lexington, KY 40509

The conference is free for all registered participants. Click [here](#) for hotel information.

Join us for two days of learning led by Kentucky teachers and educators. Pre-conference sessions, keynotes, and breakout sessions will focus on lessons learned in forward-thinking instruction and instructional systems that make a difference for *Our Children, Our Commonwealth*.



[Register for pre-conference and conference sessions here.](#)

Pre-Conference Sessions:

Commonwealth Acceleration Study Sites

Friday, 8:30 am- 3 pm

Three study sites will open their doors on Friday, September 7 to educators from across Kentucky who wish to learn from their improvement planning, efforts, and processes. Each site will provide opportunities to learn from teachers and administrators regarding their instructional transformation efforts.

Participating districts:

- [Fleming County](#) – Personalizing learning for educators: NBCT cohort, benchmark assessment system
- [Fayette County](#) – IT Mathematics – MDC learning walks
- [Lee County](#) – LDC and formative assessment in mathematics; backwards design in unit planning

Pre-Conference Workshop

Transforming Instruction Through Cultural Competency

Roger Cleveland, Ed.D.

Friday, 12- 3 pm

Dr. Cleveland, a member of the ECU faculty since 2008, is known for his work in the areas of diversity, instructional equity, cultural competency, closing achievement gaps, learning styles, transforming school culture and school improvement planning, among other areas of expertise. He is frequently sought to conduct staff development and workshops for schools and school districts, state educational agencies and universities, and social service agencies.

Roger Cleveland was inducted into the Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame in 2014, and is also a recipient of the Individual Champion of Diversity Award from the Urban League of Lexington-Fayette County and the P.G. Peoples Equity and Excellence Achievement Award from the Fayette County Equity Council.

The Lexington resident is the associate director of the Black Males Working Academy at First Baptist Church of Bracktown, which helps African American males prepare for colleges and careers through classwork, encouragement, supervision and field trips. He has also been actively involved with ECU's Call Me MISTER Program, which encourages more African American males to enter the teaching profession.

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Literacy Design Collaborative Coaching Cohort A & B
Pre-Conference Work Session
Friday, September 7, 4-6 p.m.
Embassy Suites and Convention Center, Lexington, KY

Kimba Rael - *Professional Learning Manager, Literacy Design Collaborative*

Kelly Philbeck - *Expert LDC Coach & Director of Continuous Improvement, Bourbon County Schools*

Kate Grindon - *Expert LDC Coach & Director of Instruction, Southern High School, Jefferson County Schools*

This session is by invitation only and will provide an opportunity for members of Kentucky's Literacy Design Collaborative Certified Coaching Cohort A or B to receive personalized support for credentialing and implementation of LDC coaching plans. Participants may receive feedback on tasks and/or ladders that are in progress, explore or plan use of teacher licenses in a professional learning cohort, or discuss implementation plans for LDC at the local and/or regional level.

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Conference-at-a-Glance

8:15-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:15	Welcome
9:15- 10:30	<i>From Profiling to Proficiency: Implicit Bias in Classrooms</i> Roger Cleveland, Ed.D
10:45-11:45	Breakout Sessions
11:45-12:45	Lunch (<i>On your own</i>)
12:45-1:45	Breakout Sessions
2:00-3:00	Breakout Sessions
3:00	Closing

Conference Strands:

- Cultural Competency
- Standards-Based Instruction
- 21st Century Learning
- Leadership
- National Board

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Breakout Sessions

10:45-11:45 am

Contextualizing Community Building As Academic Strategies

Kennita Ballard, *Teacher, Jefferson County*

This session will explore and discuss contextualizing community building in the classroom as a way for students to access and engage in academic concepts and skills.

Location: Bourbon

Conference Strand: Cultural Competency

Grade Level Focus: Elementary, Middle

Intended Audience: Students/Pre-Service & Classroom Teachers/Professors, Specialists/Coaches

Making connections between the SMPs & MTPs to engage ALL students (6th-10th)

Magali Terry, *Instructional Coach, Shelby County*

In this session, participants will learn strategies to plan, facilitate and foster engagement in students using the standards of math practices, the math teaching practices & Illustrative Math Tasks as a tool to deepen students' conceptual understanding for a general, co-teaching classroom, or ECE resource classroom.

Location: Clark

Conference Strand: Standards-Based Instruction

Grade Level Focus: Elementary, Middle, High

Intended Audience: Students/Pre-Service & Classroom teachers/Professors, Specialists/Coaches, Administrators/Supervisors

Take This Class And Flip It- Flipped Classroom Pedagogy for Middle Grades Teachers

Garris L. Stroud, *Teacher, Hopkins County*

In this session, flipped classroom teacher Garris L. Stroud will discuss cross-curricular flipped classroom implementation at the middle grades levels. Participants will learn the ins and outs of instruction, assessment, and student engagement from a flipped classroom perspective.

Location: Fayette

Conference Strand: 21st Century Learning

Grade Level Focus: Middle

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Differentiated Professional Learning for 21st Century Teachers/Seat Time to Feet Time

Leah Wood, *Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment Specialist, Franklin-Simpson County*

Leah Wood (CIA), will share how administration and teacher leaders of Franklin-Simpson HS have built a system that allows teachers to choose 12 of their professional learning hours. Mrs. Wood will share some lessons learned and the logistics behind the system as it has been in place for three years.

Lora Shields, NBCT, ECYA-ENS, *Staff Developer, Shelby County*

Adam Watson, NBCT, AYA-ELA, Digital Learning Coordinator, Shelby County Schools

When you have a culture of professional development compliance, your staff may consider PD a passive, clock-watching moment to be endured. As we move to a competency-based education, we must make sure our professional learning parallels what we want for students. In this interactive workshop, a district's Staff Developer and Digital Learning Coordinator will share the path that led to our multi-year district plan for active, action-based PD.

Location: Coldstream V

Conference Strand: Leadership

Grade Level Focus: Elementary, Middle, High

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National Board Informational Session

Pam Coomer, NBCT *Teacher, Jefferson County*

The process of certification will help you improve your practice. Come learn how to be better for the students you teach. This session will give you an overview of the process and answer questions you might have.

Location: Coldstream IV

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Breakout Sessions

12:45-1:45 pm

When It's Tough

Jessica Dueñas, 2019 KY Teacher of the Year, Special Education Teacher, Jefferson County

Participants will walk away with strategies to help build relationships with individual students who historically struggled to experience success in the school setting.

Location: Bourbon

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Closing the Gap in Math, One Student at a Time

Larissa Adams, Teacher, Franklin-Simpson County

Larissa Adams, math interventionist at Franklin-Simpson High School, will discuss the system she has created to improve mastery for freshmen who are performing below grade level in math. She will describe how she began with a computer program, soon realizing it was not sufficient. She will then share her solutions.

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Teaching: Twenty-First Century Style

Patsy J. Adams, Teacher, Fleming County

Jenny Bays, NBCT, Teacher, Fleming County

Carla Prather, Teacher, Fleming County

Melanie Thompson, Teacher, Fleming County

Preparing our students to be College and Career ready means using innovative ideas in the classroom. We invite you to join us on a journey into a Chromebook classroom-teaching: twenty-first century style.

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Scheduling Students for Transition Readiness

Amanda Bills, *Guidance Counselor, Franklin-Simpson County*

Amanda Bills, Franklin-Simpson High School guidance counselor, shares the system created for optimum success in scheduling students for Transition Readiness. Using her scheduling system FSHS has experienced five years of graduating an average of 95% of its seniors as College and/or Career Ready (Transition Ready).

Location: Coldstream V

Conference Strand: Leadership

Grade Level Focus: Middle, High

Intended Audience: Guidance Counselors/Administrators/Supervisors

National Board Renewal

Holly Bloodworth, *NBCT, Immediate Past President, Kentucky National Board Network*

Pam Coomer, *NBCT, Teacher, Jefferson County*

Need to start thinking about maintaining you certification? This session will give you an overview of the process and help you get started.

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Breakout Sessions

2:00-3:00 pm

Walking in the Shoes of a Refugee

Dr. Azra Terzich, *ESL Teacher, Jefferson County*

The session will address the issues of ESL students and families who came to the US as refugees, from the point of becoming refugees to the burdens that they bring with them, as well as those that they face in their new country. It will also address the conditions in refugee camps and the process of resettlement into a country of permanent residency. Attendees will participate in building a mock refugee camp. This session will empower attendees to share their experiences with their colleagues.

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Live Action: A High Yield, High Impact Strategy that Works

Dana Lee Thomas, *Instructional Coach, Marion County*

Lesli VanWhy, *Instructional Coach, Marion County*

Amanda Farmer, *Instructional Coach, Marion County*

This presentation will focus on intentional, one-on-one feedback that feeds forward and is given to students immediately after writing. It will explain, using data driven instructional strategies, how writing "live scoring" can help enhance students' writing skills.

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Alternative Assessments in Traditional Classrooms

Johnna White-Robinson, *Teacher, Whitley County*

Amy Bowman, *Teacher, Whitley County*

Angela Singleton, *Teacher, Whitley County*

Identifying and using alternative assessments to meet diverse learner needs in 21st Century classrooms.

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Exploring accomplished teaching using What Teachers Know and Should Be Able to Do

Holly Bloodworth, NBCT, *Immediate Past President, Kentucky National Board Network*

The body of knowledge used for National Board Certification is a great resource for all teachers. Come join us as we dive into this great resource.

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