

# **BEGINNING TEACHER CONFERENCE**

***Celebrating 20 Years***

***of Beginning Teacher Support***

***Evaluation Summary***



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## *General Conference Ratings -- Summary*

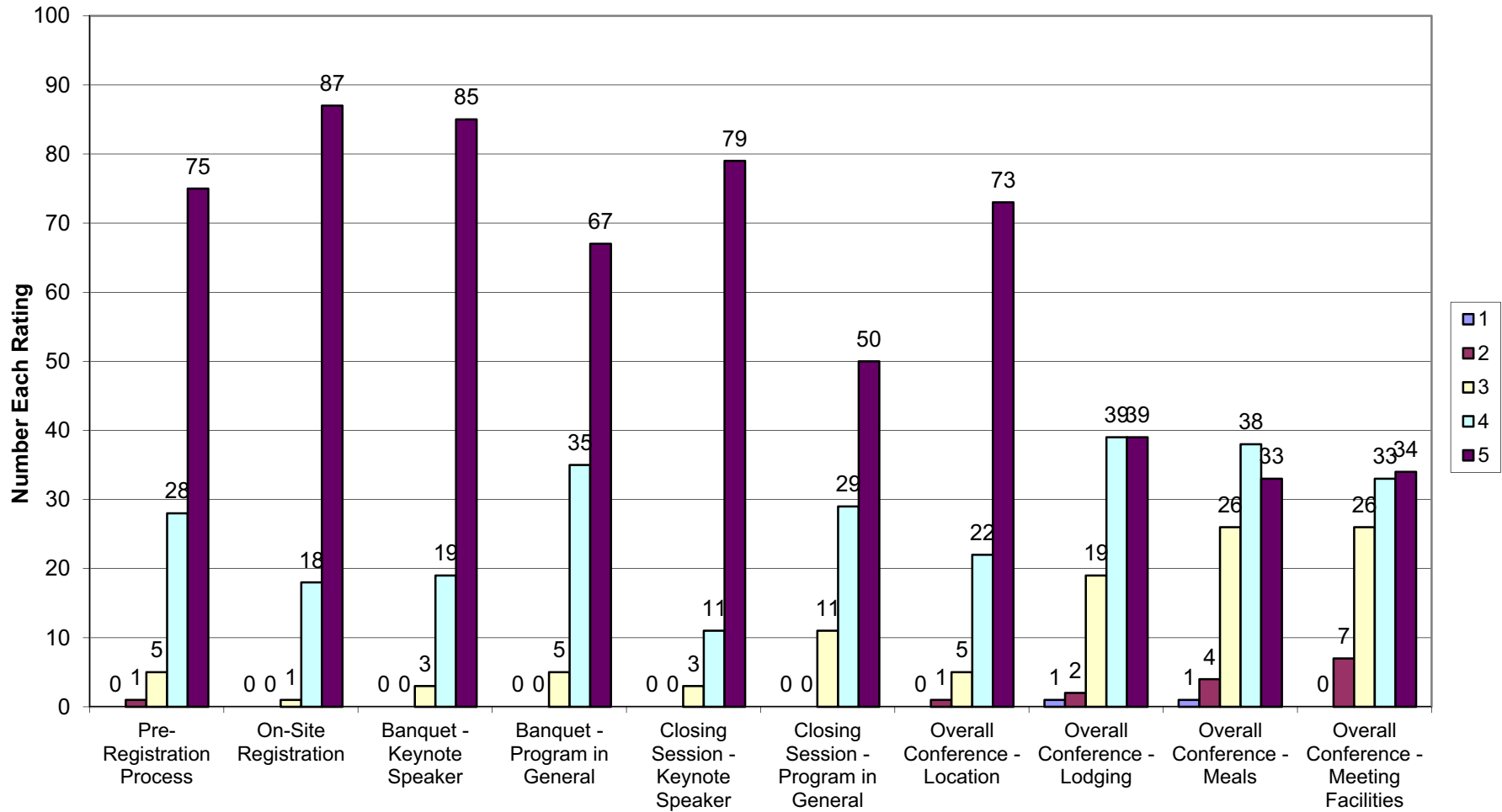
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<u>Average</u>	<i>( 5.0 Maximum )</i>
4.60	<i>CGR01: Pre-Registration Process</i>
4.66	<i>CGR02: On-Site Registration</i>
4.17	<i>CGR03: Banquet -- Keynote Speaker</i>
4.03	<i>CGR04: Banquet -- Program in General</i>
4.82	<i>CGR05: Closing Session -- Keynote Speaker</i>
4.43	<i>CGR06: Closing Session -- Program in General</i>
4.65	<i>CGR07: Overall Conference -- Location</i>
4.13	<i>CGR08: Overall Conference -- Lodging</i>
3.96	<i>CGR09: Overall Conference -- Meals</i>
3.94	<i>CGR10: Overall Conference -- Meeting Facilities</i>

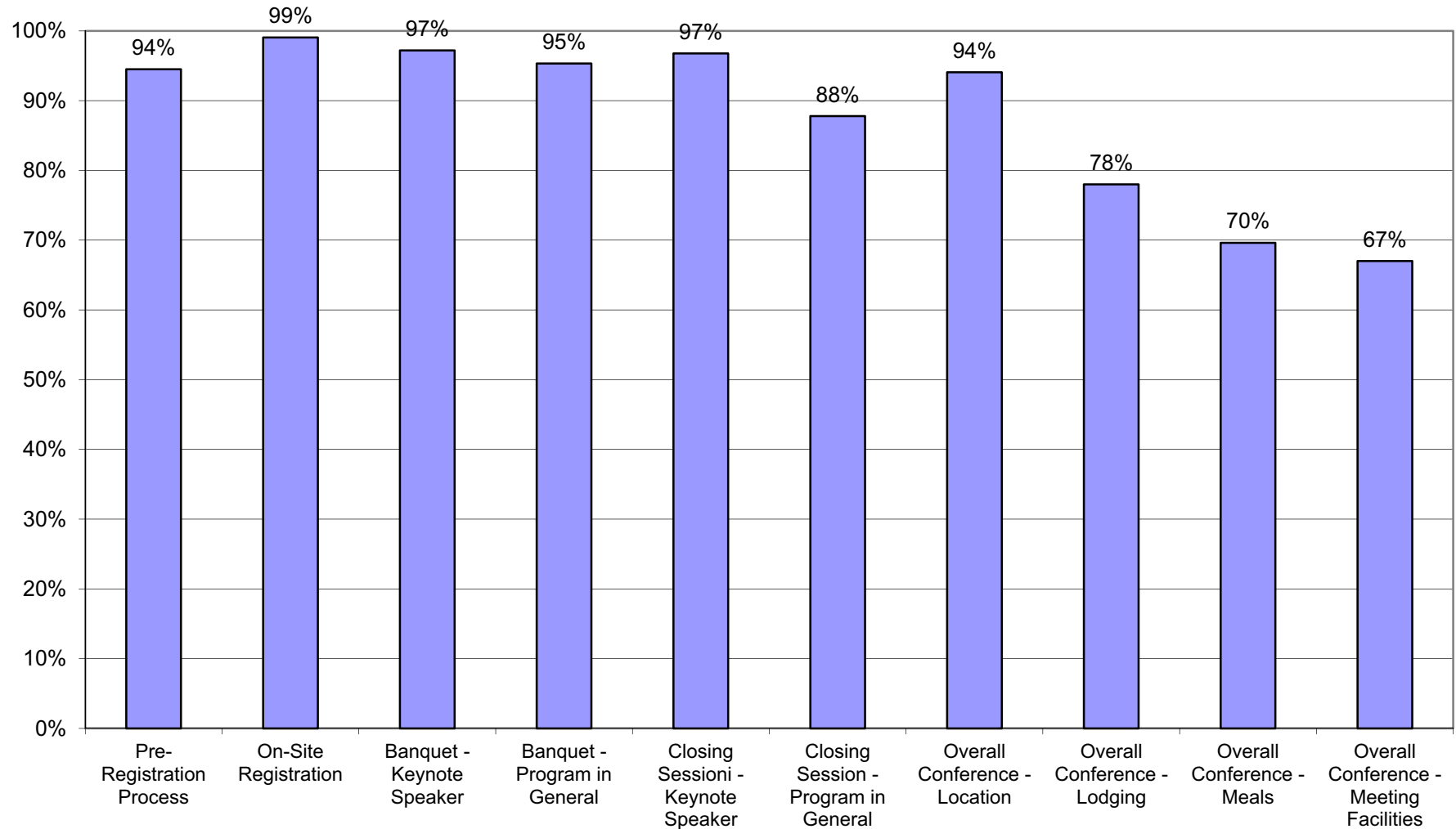
## New Teacher Conference - General Evaluation Tally

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1		1	2	3	4	5
2	Pre-Registration Process	0	1	5	28	75
3	On-Site Registration	0	0	1	18	87
4	Banquet - Keynote Speaker	0	0	3	19	85
5	Banquet - Program in General	0	0	5	35	67
6	Closing Session - Keynote Speaker	0	0	3	11	79
7	Closing Session - Program in General	0	0	11	29	50
8	Overall Conference - Location	0	1	5	22	73
9	Overall Conference - Lodging	1	2	19	39	39
10	Overall Conference - Meals	1	4	26	38	33
11	Overall Conference - Meeting Facilities	0	7	26	33	34
12	<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>622</b>
13	<b>Average Number of Responses</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>62.2</b>

### Conference General Evaluation -- 2012



### General Conference Evaluation Summary - Percent Responses of 4 or 5 (max 5)



# *Conference Comments*

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## **Pre-Registration Process**

- 1 Easy
- 2 Easy to complete! Organized by alphabet sped up process!
- 3 Didn't understand the purpose of pre-registering for session if the organization of conference didn't go along w/ that.
- 4 Very quick
- 5 Very smooth process
- 6 Right there made it easy and welcoming.
- 7 We were very rushed b/c we had parents to work w/ after school.
- 8 My ILT coordinator helped the tremendously w/ pre-registration.
- 9 Easy, but would like explanations of sessions.
- 10 Computer-generated, awesome!
- 11 Great that we could complete and process immediately.
- 12 Easy
- 13 Friendly ladies
- 14 Packets should've been sent by email instead.
- 15 Don't remember it, must have gone fine.
- 16 Very easy to do and quick.
- 17 It was quick and easy!
- 18 Easy, smooth transition
- 19 Quick, efficient, well organized.

# *Conference Comments*

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## **On-Site Registration**

- 1 Very easy and organized
- 2 Easy
- 3 Very quick
- 4 Having directions.
- 5 Couple of BT's disappointed about room location. Overall - very positive.
- 6 Signing in was a breeze.
- 7 Friendly staff, well-organized.
- 8 Wonderful!!
- 9 Very nice ladies
- 10 Coordinators were pleasant and polite.
- 11 Very efficient!
- 12 Very efficient :)
- 13 Very smooth.
- 14 Glad I could do it a little early.
- 15 Also very quick and simple!
- 16 Great
- 17 Sweet and easy

# Conference Comments

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## Banquet -- Keynote Speaker

- 1 The speaker was obviously passionate about her work. However, her speech wasn't something I hadn't heard before.
- 2 Wish quotes for available for us to read on screen
- 3 Dr.Zenobia Smallwood did an awesome job in encouraging me to be the best teacher I can be. She was very motivational and I truly enjoyed her thought-out speech.
- 4 Very enjoyable - nice message.
- 5 Dr. Smallwood was excellent.
- 6 Very long day!
- 7 Love Zenobia! I want those poems!
- 8 Dr. Smallwood was great but maybe used a couple too many quotes. Still had some good nuggets.
- 9 Was difficult to hear in the back.
- 10 Speaking voice was fine - felt like a build up of how awesome teaching is rather than anything new/motivational
- 11 Nice lady, but lots of trite sayings.
- 12 Great
- 13 I loved her quotes. She did a great job to inspire us again.
- 14 She was very motivational - I really enjoyed her.
- 15 Wasn't in attendance
- 16 Many of the examples I had heard before, but still inspirational.
- 17 Very articulate
- 18 Needs to be more motivating
- 19 Wonderful speaker very encouraging.
- 20 Dr. Smallwood is a very engaging speaker! She always does a wonderful job!
- 21 Very inspiring
- 22 Awesome speaker! Loved the stories and analogies.



- 23 Wish keynotes started while dinner was still going on b/c after a day at work and a 3 hr. drive was a little much and long.
- 24 Very inspiring; I want a copy of that speech.
- 25 Very good!
- 26 Disengaging
- 27 Amazing!!!
- 28 She was a great story teller and she had relevant info to share.
- 29 didn't capture my attention
- 30 I'm sorry, I was tired but she was great!
- 31 Well spoken
- 32 Inspiring message, we must get students to believe in order to achieve.
- 33 Loved the speech-great stories. Can we get a copy of the violin story?

# Conference Comments

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## **Banquet -- Program in General**

- 1 A little long. I taught all day, drove 4 hrs.; just to sit 2 hrs.
- 2 Very good - long though for the first night since we had all been working all day and then drove.
- 3 Good kick off, ran too late - needs to end earlier.
- 4 Too long. 9:30 am is very late to hold a meeting on a Friday after a long week of school.
- 5 Too long on Friday. 9:30 pm after teaching all day.
- 6 Food was very good, but the program was very long for a Friday evening.
- 7 Would've been better to end early. 9:30 is exceptionally late after 2 hrs of "stuff" following the end of the week of school.
- 8 It was too long - inappropriate to break into small groups after the banquet.
- 9 The dinning process wasn't smooth. If caterers aren't going to bring food to attendees, there should be a method to the madness in getting the food, so ppl know what to expect.
- 10 It ran pretty late for the ppl who had to work/drive all day.
- 11 Network/ reflection group was tired and ready to call it a day.
- 12 SLEEPY! Some of us are down at 9pm! Other than that, enjoyable.
- 13 :)
- 14 Needed music entertainment like an encouraging song before speaker speaks
- 15 Good, a little long.
- 16 Adequate facility.
- 17 It went a little late. Maybe start the program earlier.
- 18 Fish was dry, but very nice overall
- 19 A little long for a Friday night after a full day of teaching
- 20 Music was a nice surprise.
- 21 Great!
- 22 A bit long. We are tired on a Friday night! Is the meeting about skits really needed?
- 23 Great just late for all on Friday.

- 24 Shorten eating time - lagged between dinner and speaker.
- 25 Very fun and positive atmosphere!
- 26 It was all good-the temperature is my only complaint - it was cold!
- 27 The banquet was awesome. The food was delicious. The fellowship and music was great!

# Conference Comments

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Closing Session -- Keynote Speaker

- 1 Style/ content feels more appropriate for an opening keynote.
- 2 I had to leave early, but I am sure Vann was exceptional!
- 3 Vann didn't disappoint. His message was inspirational.
- 4 Mr. Vann is amazing and insightful.
- 5 Vann Lassiter was great! Very enthusiastic!
- 6 Amazing!
- 7 Energetic! He definitely keeps the audience captivated.
- 8 Vann Lassiter was awesome. Very motivational and encouraging.
- 9 Enthusiastic and humorous. Mr. Lassiter had some nice words of encouragement.
- 10 So much energy
- 11 Vann is wonderfully enthusiastic. Need more presenters like him.
- 12 Could Vann be given anything less than a 5?
- 13 Great!
- 14 Great energy!
- 15 Thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to hear Vann Lassiter again!
- 16 Left early.
- 17 Vann is super energetic and inspiring. It was a little loud and some parts seemed jumbled. In general, good :)
- 18 <3 <3 <3
- 19 Wonderful motivational, great speaker. Super Vann! Beautiful.
- 20 I attended his session and he was just as engaging as he was this morning!
- 21 Loved the speaker! Very inspirational and fun!
- 22 A great person to close out a great weekend.
- 23 Very energetic!
- 24 Very good speakers!

- 25 Vann is awesome!
- 26 I really enjoyed it!
- 27 Very exciting and engaging
- 28 Vann Lassiter was awesome!
- 29 Amazing!
- 30 Awesome! Awesome! Awesome!
- 31 A great way to sum up the weekend!
- 32 Very energetic, good information.
- 33 Great! Definite energy!
- 34 AMAZING!! Loved the video, seeing his kids and his classroom.

# *Conference Comments*

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## **Closing Session -- Program in General**

- 1 Great closing! I am ready to go back and be a rock star!
- 2 Very informational and good way to close session
- 3 Comical, interactive, and fun!
- 4 A bit long, have more door prizes! Maybe something small for everyone at the door...whiteboard marker each?
- 5 Wonderful
- 6 Very good program!
- 7 Paula's video was outstanding!
- 8 This didn't seem necessary.
- 9 It seems like the closing could/ should've happened at the end of Saturday...unless there was more (content-wise) to offer. A fifth session on Sunday?
- 10 Saturday was the most valuable day. Friday and Sunday could have been reduced in terms of programming w/out compromising the conference.
- 11 Better than opening - pace was better, more opportunities for focus switches.
- 12 Very useful
- 13 Very fun way to close program/weekend out!! Thank you so much!
- 14 Needs to be a little shorter.

# *Conference Comments*

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## **Overall Conference**

- 1 I thought all the sessions were great! Loved the fact that they all had handouts or websites available.
- 2 Got a lot out of a weekend.
- 3 Fish was dry. Thanks for the gravy Sunday morning.
- 4 Very rewarding..
- 5 love the beach, but not during Bike Week. Hotels could be better, but the banquet rooms are a little cramped.
- 6 Most sessions were tight tables
- 7 The beach? Oh my, this was Awesome!!!
- 8 I feel like it could've been reduced to 2 days and still learned the same important info.
- 9 Mostly the lunch Saturday was a little dry (the sandwiches); breakfast was tasty! Didn't love having sessions in the tiny hotel room. OBX: Sweet!
- 10 Small meeting rooms. Could hear other presenters through walls, very distracting; didn't like breakfast options.
- 11 Very pleased :)
- 12 Well organized, liked how close it is.
- 13 Close to home! Wasn't informed of diff hotel until arriving. Cramped and congested.

## *Conference -- Liked Most*

### *What did you liked most about the conference?*

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- 1 The positive attitude and pumped-up energy of the facilitators.
- 2 Vann Lassiter
- 3 Location was perfect. I felt welcomed.
- 4 Variety of session types
- 5 The opportunity to finish out the year. The opportunity to meet other new teachers in Northeastern NC.
- 6 Variety of topics - quality of presenters.
- 7 The collaboration between teachers and the great info I gained from some of the sessions.
- 8 I liked the opportunity to be away from my town and have fun near the beach. It was a great idea to have the conference in here.
- 9 The opportunity for new teachers to get together and receive support, to feel like they are not alone, especially right before testing great timing; opportunity to network, Vann! Vann! Vann! Some of the session, teacher presentation.
- 10 I enjoyed the classes, the presenters were excellent, they gave good advice.
- 11 Meeting other new teachers from across NENC was beneficial to hear about other districts.
- 12 Sessions
- 13 Getting new ideas and meeting professional in the same field and getting to network.
- 14 Opportunity for new resources/ ideas
- 15 The opportunity to network and learn from the other teachers here.
- 16 I loved talking w/ my teacher friends from other schools and meeting new friends! I also loved Vann Lassiter's session
- 17 I enjoyed and learned the most from Vann's session
- 18 Networking @ the beach! Great chance to energize and BTs had excellent opportunity to learn new strategies to improve instructional practices.
- 19 Meeting other beginning teachers
- 20 I really liked that all of our groups were divided by the areas that we teach.
- 21 The speakers were very understandable and spoke to us, understanding that we were first year teachers. It's nice to understand and not feel stupid.
- 22 The sessions



***What did you liked most about the conference?***

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- 23 Great conference. The collaboration among everyone. Great food. The workshops were fantastic. Room location (ocean front) wonderful!
- 24 The sessions were very educational!
- 25 What I like most about the Conference is how well the presenters demonstrated and presented their materials, to bring the information/ materials alive.
- 26 Vann! Abbey!
- 27 Presenters were great, good advice and very nice.
- 28 Vann Lassiter's session and his speech
- 29 The excitement on teachers' (1st year/on faces; the # of offerings.) Enjoyed.
- 30 Location, hearing from other teachers about their teaching experience.
- 31 I liked being able to choose what I attended.
- 32 Large variety of ppl. to network w/
- 33 I like the opportunity to speak w/ other beginning teachers and learn from experienced teachers.
- 34 Being able to talk w/ other teachers from other counties. Being able to share resources and gain resources.
- 35 Resources gained
- 36 The excitement, rigor and pizzazz of the presenters
- 37 The topics of the seminars.
- 38 Behavior Management
- 39 The networking and fresh ideas to take back and try out.
- 40 I liked Vann Lassiter's and I liked the connections to different websites
- 41 Different sessions to choose from. Having instructors that are really passionate about what they are presenting.
- 42 Being able to collaborate w/ other professionals in my area.
- 43 Spending time w/ teachers! Talking and networking w/ other teachers. Learning at the different sessions.
- 44 Being able to network and spend time w/ other beginning teachers outside of school.
- 45 The information I gathered, the people that I met and being at the beach!
- 46 Most of the sessions were informative and engaging. Also being able to network a bit w/in others in my field.

*What did you liked most about the conference?*

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- 47 Veteran teachers - networking sessions
- 48 All of the relevant information from integrating technology to understanding standards
- 49 Networking
- 50 I'm a teacher coach. Great conference for my teachers. I loved the coaching to increase efficiency session by Rachel Porter. (Just wish it had been a longer session.)
- 51 The sessions
- 52 Technology learned.
- 53 Rap session
- 54 Location, speakers were great.
- 55 The workshops
- 56 Great area!
- 57 The different styles of presenters
- 58 The seminars were wonderful and provided a lot of useful information.
- 59 Quality of presentations, amount of structured events in each day, opportunities to hear from others in sessions and flexibility of session choice.
- 60 Keynote speaker, location, length/ # of sessions
- 61 Being able to choose what sessions we wanted to go to.
- 62 I liked the presenter, very well informed of their information they presented.
- 63 Great timing (April) to give us that extra push for the end of the year. High energy speakers scheduled in the afternoon to keep our energy up towards the end of the day. Vann Lassiter!
- 64 Networking
- 65 Networking w/ different counties/teachers...learning new exciting ways to teach students.
- 66 Very informative, an extra push of motivation for the rest of the year.
- 67 Provided an opportunity to gain new ideas to use in our classrooms to target NC Teaching Standards and how to improve student engagement; conference location.
- 68 Very organized.
- 69 Ready set engage - a great presentation and I learned a lot.
- 70 I enjoyed the technology session that I attended. Would like to see the representatives perform too.
- 71 ideas shared

***What did you liked most about the conference?***

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- 72 What I enjoyed the most was learning new strategies that I am implement quickly and they are practical. I also love the door prizes and free stuff!
- 73 Bridging the Gap w/ Rap
- 74 n/a
- 75 I enjoyed working w/ others and learning helpful ideas to used in the classroom.
- 76 I liked Ready, Set...Engage session. It was amazing.
- 77 Vann was an awesome presenter!
- 78 Bridging the gap through the power of rap/ ready set...engage.
- 79 This year the conference had session that teachers really need. They were much-needed sessions.
- 80 I mostly liked how the sessions were meaningful and the presenters weren't just sharing some well researched methods that they shared w/ us. The strategies were things they had actually used and found to be useful in today's classrooms w/ today's students.
- 81 I liked the variety of session BTs has to choose from. I looked the opportunity for BTs to network w/ others from across the region.
- 82 Each session provided practical, applicable information that I can implement on Monday. Wonderful, enthusiastic, knowledgeable presenters as well.
- 83 The conference classes and setting
- 84 Choice of sessions.
- 85 Informative sessions
- 86 The presenters
- 87 Enjoyed the presenters extremely
- 88 I liked the freedom of choice during the conference
- 89 The speakers and the networking opportunities
- 90 The overall experience was a good one!
- 91 The programs were extremely helpful
- 92 The presenters were overall great!
- 93 The topics were good and the presenters very knowledgeable.
- 94 I love the excitement that this conference has given me for my students. I loved Vann, Paul, and Abbey!
- 95 Vann Lassiter!! Dynamic presenter!!

***What did you liked most about the conference?***

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- 96 session on differentiation, engaging all students. Presenter gave away things she created as door prizes although I didn't win, I thought it was an awesome jester/ idea.
- 97 Sessions were wonderful
- 98 Sessions on Saturday were good
- 99 The variety of sessions to choose from. The topics were relevant.
- 100 How programs were set up on Saturday
- 101 Location, sessions were of great quality

## *Conference -- Liked Least*

### *What did you liked least about the conference?*

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- 1 Not enough bathrooms!
- 2 Lodging, some sessions
- 3 The 1st session on Friday was too long. We don't need group presentations on Sunday.
- 4 Would've like more direction, wasn't impressed w/ Saturday end of day groups. Seemed unorganized in where/ when we were supposed to go.
- 5 The breaks between sessions seemed short. I couldn't get to session on time if I had to run to the restroom.
- 6 Loved location - facility too small - some rooms just too small for a breakout session (401, 403)
- 7 It was not at Atlantic Beach :/  
This was a lot closer though :)
- 8 That it was short and I would be really tired tomorrow at school.
- 9 Beginning teachers shared that there is a great range in the quality of session from high to low. Suggestion - need a checker for written products to ensure correctness - rooms, times, sessions on eval.
- 10 Some rooms were too cold. The networks process could have been a little better. Internet connection was not good.
- 11 Not all of the speakers were relevant to the stimulations we face in our classroom. Didn't help give new ideas to solve problems.
- 12 Group skits - Instead great keynote speaker.
- 13 Having to perform something at the end of the conference. This is pointless - end w/ the Keynote and let us leave inspired.
- 14 Some session descriptions were misleading. (i.e. "5 steps" indicated a focus on tangible steps/activities, not cognition/ earning and human development. Skit style wrap-up feels unnecessary. After a full week of teaching, a day of session, and the need to prepare for the coming lessons, this feels like an added stressor rather and a "fun wrap-up."
- 15 There wasn't really anything new or fresh, although I appreciated some of the session leaders' enthusiasm. Also, the skits feel unnecessary.
- 16 I didn't like that some of the sessions happened in hotel rooms. In general, I felt a little cramped.
- 17 Didn't feel like it was extremely helpful to have the discussion groups. I did more networking during my sessions than during this time.
- 18 I wasn't able to attend the sessions, I had to drive back to take PRAXIS test.

***What did you liked least about the conference?***

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- 19 The rooming arrangements and lack of space was inconvenient but I know was unavoidable.
- 20 The conference locations were each divided by a screen. If the next door was loud, we couldn't understand our own speakers.
- 21 Banquet speeches
- 22 More handouts already made available. Access to power points ready to be given out. More prizes or more gifts :)
- 23 What I like least about the conference is that the classes fill up quickly!
- 24 Class session in hotel room. Classroom mgmt. class wasn't as useful as anticipated.
- 25 4 hr. drive.
- 26 Didn't feel like we had much networking time.
- 27 Would like to have gone to more sessions.
- 28 The banquet stuff was somewhat unnecessary w/ speakers and stuff.
- 29 The over crowdedness.
- 30 Too many sessions in too short a period of time.
- 31 Maybe instead of a day of all workshops, maybe break it down to a 3 day conference so we can go to more than 4 sessions.
- 32 Group presentation
- 33 Meeting w/ my group - a great social experiment as to what happens when you put 15+ type A personalities in one room
- 34 I didn't like the disorganization of the groups. I think each group should be assigned a different activity to present (dance, rap skit.) Basement was not especially w/ technology.
- 35 Time length of banquet, sessions were too long.
- 36 Only able to take 4 courses. I wanted to take more seminars. I wish they were available to us on the internet.
- 37 Wish I could've taken more of the sessions and have their power point available. Maybe 2 more days of sessions
- 38 Performing skits to show what was learned.
- 39 Not being able to have "work sessions" program descriptions didn't really match programs. Having to perform at the end.
- 40 More breaks! By the end of the day we were super tired!
- 41 I was disappointed that I couldn't go to more sessions and some of the ones that I did go to weren't very true to the description or helpful.

***What did you liked least about the conference?***

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- 42 Not being able to see all the sessions that I wanted to see.
- 43 Some of the presenters and the session time wasn't very effective. It was unorganized.
- 44 Group presentation location  
No session about Common core
- 45 Space, wish it was @ any earlier time, i.e. February.
- 46 The size of the rooms and bike week going on.
- 47 It is on a weekend. It is hard to teach all week and work all weekend too.
- 48 Long hours
- 49 Banquet was long and drawn out, food.
- 50 Banquet food.
- 51 Nothing
- 52 The meals were horrible.
- 53 Squeezed into tiny session rooms; lunch options.
- 54 Creation of a classroom community, Room 401
- 55 Didn't seem that hotel was big enough for our group. Didn't have enough room in the hotel.  
Very tight accommodations.
- 56 I wish it had been more days (more snack foods during sessions.)
- 57 Lunch Sat. was too rushed. My 2nd session ran over, lines were supper long, I had about 20 mins. To eat and get settled at next session. Friday night went too late...we had taught all day and traveled far.
- 58 Meals.
- 59 Maybe a 20 min break between sessions would be better. Was rushed.
- 60 Temperature in conference rooms, and food.
- 61 Having dinner on Friday got so late
- 62 Networking session was too long.
- 63 Some of the rooms were not well-equipped for a session. (Rooms 401 and 403) but we made it work!
- 64 5 Steps of engagement
- 65 Some of the speakers were dry and not fully helpful.

*What did you liked least about the conference?*

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- 66 Some topics were boring when presenting about a topic - I believe the presenter should model their expertise. Some presenters lacked expertise. Like one of the engaging things was less than memorable and not at all engaging.
- 67 Growing as a professional.
- 68 The location.
- 69 I don't really have a least something that I liked. I actually enjoyed and learned a lot from everything I experienced.
- 70 The length of the sessions were a little long.
- 71 The rooms were not sound proof - the noise from the next room was very loud and distracting. Actually, my first session was horrible b/c I couldn't even concentrate.
- 72 Is it possible to do the conference on just Friday and Saturday?
- 73 Enjoyed it all!
- 74 Lodging
- 75 The hotel
- 76 Enjoyed the entire experience.
- 77 The spacing of the rooms during the lectures
- 78 The small meeting facilities
- 79 The fact that our group was split between hotels.
- 80 sessions on different floors. Otherwise it was fine.
- 81 Not enough topics geared towards high school students.
- 82 The presentation about growing as a professional was a bit dry. According to Vann, only 5% of us learn by lecture.
- 83 Prefer larger facility
- 84 some names of the sessions were misleading for example "Food to Engage a School of Fish." I would love to have ppts of their presentations to take back and share.
- 85 The length of the program Friday night
- 86 Banquet seemed long after teaching/ working all day
- 87 Friday night session a little lengthy after a long days work
- 88 I think ending on Saturday would be better.
- 89 Walls thin-you could hear some presenters in other sessions. Not a major problem. Vann Lassiter downstairs, they are both great but loud.



*What did you liked least about the conference?*

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90 Cold, too much superfluous activities.

## *Conference -- Other Topics*

*Are there other topics you think would be beneficial to future conference participants? Specify.*

- 1 Including ESL students.
- 2 Network w/ subject matter peers in other counties.
- 3 Working w/ colleagues.
- 4 Center for quality teaching and learning - excellent presenters. Need to invite back next year.
- 5 How to create a test on the computer which could be included w/ technology. Positive interaction and collaboration w/ parents. Also how to get more positive parent involvement.
- 6 Clear and specific examples of teaching how to get a very good classroom management.
- 7 Next yr, it may be good to schedule 1 or more sessions where teachers can form content - alike groups to focus on common core or measures of student learning using a protocol and facilitated. Have each teacher bring best strategy and share/ put on flash drive; maybe a session on student surveys.
- 8 Classroom management strategies that are applicable to my classroom - discussion groups.
- 9 More motivational and inspiring speakers.
- 10 Please keep in mind when designing the conference we have taught a full week and are preparing for the coming week; sometimes the conference added extra unintended stress.
- 11 Content specific sessions (1 or 2 opportunities to focus on issues and "fixes" common to specific content areas) (i.e. 2 English classrooms may often struggle w/ management and engagement most frequently during class readings - fixes for...would be magnificent.
- 12 More behavior management solutions.
- 13 Activities are always very helpful. Classroom management session that are more specific to serious behavior issues.
- 14 End-of-the-year survival tips and strategies benefits 101 for BTs (my rationale is many BTs don't understanding of AL, SL, etc..)
- 15 Interacting and collaborating w/ parents.
- 16 Working between special education and general education to bridge EC students.
- 17 Reading strategies for high school (there must be something more than popcorn). How to assess.
- 18 Reading
- 19 "How to Handle Discipline problems in the Classroom"
- 20 Common Core alignment.

*Are there other topics you think would be beneficial to future conference participants? Specify.*

- 21 Dealing w/ stress at EOG's
- 22 More group activities w/ other counties.
- 23 Behavior management in the classroom
- 24 The classroom management stuff was very off topic and not relevant to reality.
- 25 How to make us not be like our students in class when we're in class/ how to deal w/ parents.
- 26 Brain - based teaching, teaching children in poverty.
- 27 EC collaboration! Really would've benefited from EC specific sessions.
- 28 Common Core, Creative Arts, Prof. Teacher Tips - just an informal "tea" with others to ask questions.
- 29 Next yr - common core! How to differentiate.
- 30 Behavior management
- 31 Yes. Videos showing seasoned teachers during 1st wk of school. First yr teachers miss out on this during their student teaching. The universities have you come in for a conference during that critical time.
- 32 I think we need to be able to see how teachers get their students behaving by seeing a video of a teacher doing it in the beginning (first week)
- 33 How to involve parents in the classroom!
- 34 Social networkers in school preparing for the 1:1 initiative managing professional obligations.
- 35 Behavior management, data standard-6
- 36 Standard 6 - it would be really nice to know exactly what standard 6 is, but no one seems to really know or at least be able to explain what it looks like in art.
- 37 Group teacher according to content area and grade level, that way an exchange of contact info can be made for further collaboration!
- 38 Thanks for grouping us on content areas! I think it is much more beneficial; (k-2, 3-5); however I am an EC teacher and there were not any within my group.
- 39 How to create rubrics
- 40 More specific classroom management sessions best practice swap (guided and independent practice activities) content group time.
- 41 Something on relationships w/ co-workers/admin
- 42 Classroom management session was falsely advertised. More helpful for 1st yr. teachers at the beginning of the school year not now.
- 43 More classroom management (w/ more videos, engagement, involvement).

**Are there other topics you think would be beneficial to future conference participants? Specify.**

- 44 Effective time management strategies b/c I spend a lot of my time on weekends and afternoons doing work.
- 45 Content/grade level specific options.
- 46 Interdisciplinary units. Common core reading and math activities.
- 47 Maybe how to reach out and help struggling and at-risk students (black males, low SES, and ESL/ELL).
- 48 Have brainstorming for skit etc. Earlier in the day. (everybody was beat.)
- 49 Understand the session you are signing up for.
- 50 Cross-curricular teaching.
- 51 No! Topics were great
- 52 Maybe how to organize your classroom to maximize student learning and teacher proficiency.
- 53 More for support coaches - the one session by QTL was super!
- 54 Fish philosophy.
- 55 Common core - unit planning? Lesson ideas
- 56 No, topics were good.
- 57 Developing lesson plans or unit plans
- 58 More classroom management sessions motivating and discipline children.

# Concurrent Sessions

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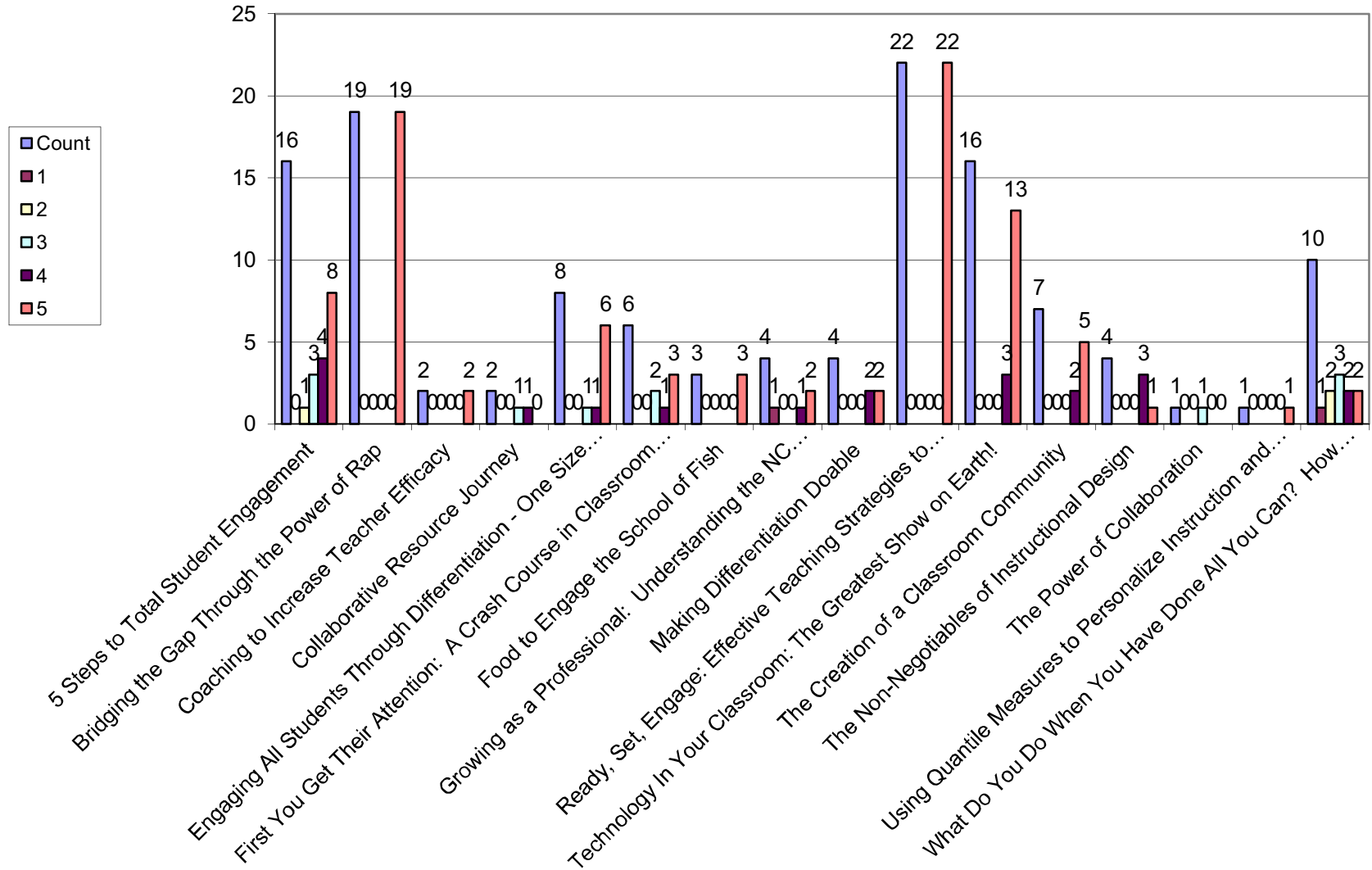
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	Handouts	8	0	0	2	0	6	
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	Handouts	3	0	0	0	0	3	
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	Handouts	4	1	1	0	0	2	
<b>Making Differentiation Doable</b>	Presenter	4	0	0	0	2	2	1
	Comments: Topic	4	0	0	0	2	2	
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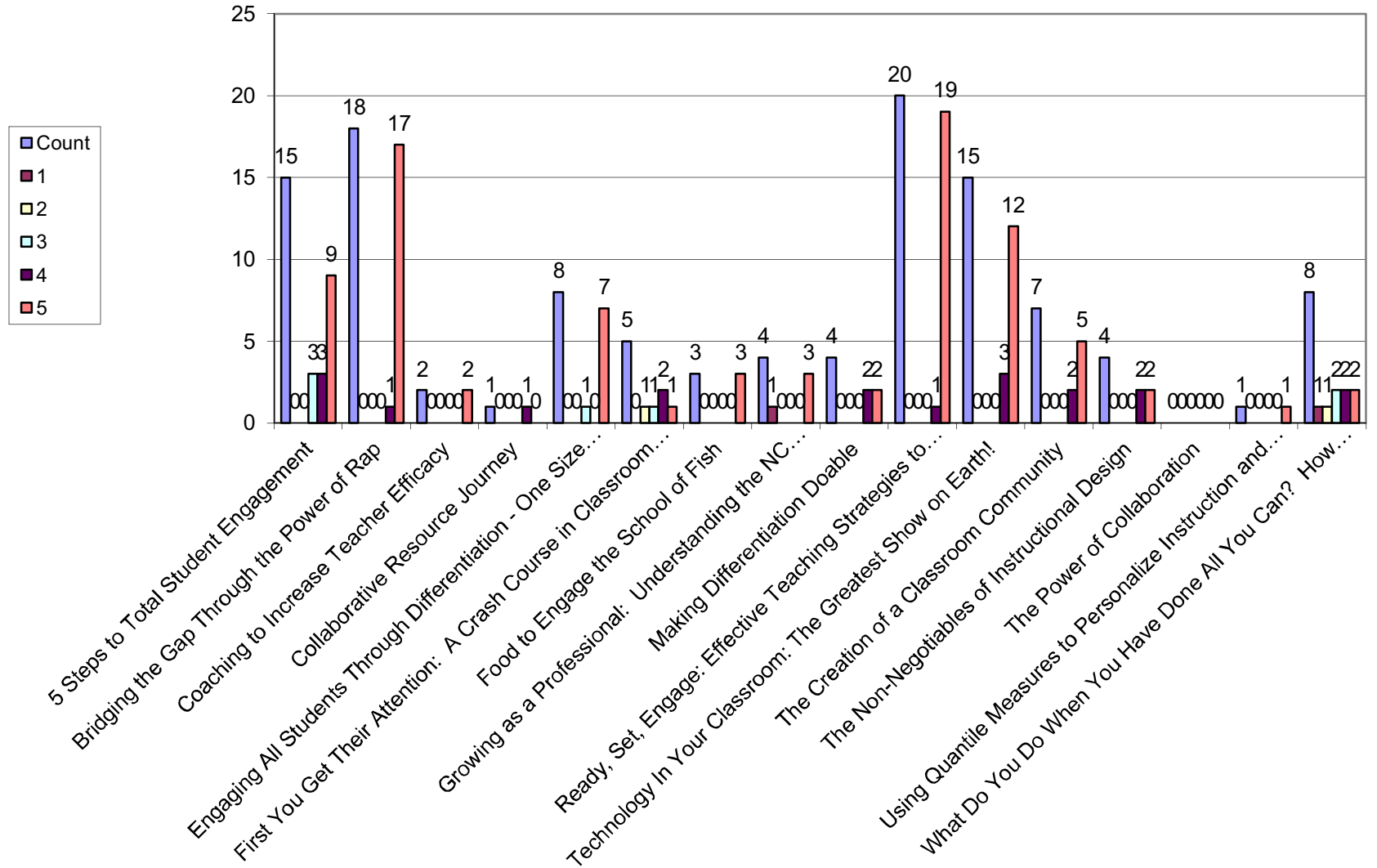
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	Handouts	4	0	0	0	3	1	
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<b>Using Quantile Measures to Personalize Learning</b>	Presenter	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
	Comments: Topic	1	0	0	0	0	1	
	Handouts	1	0	0	0	0	1	
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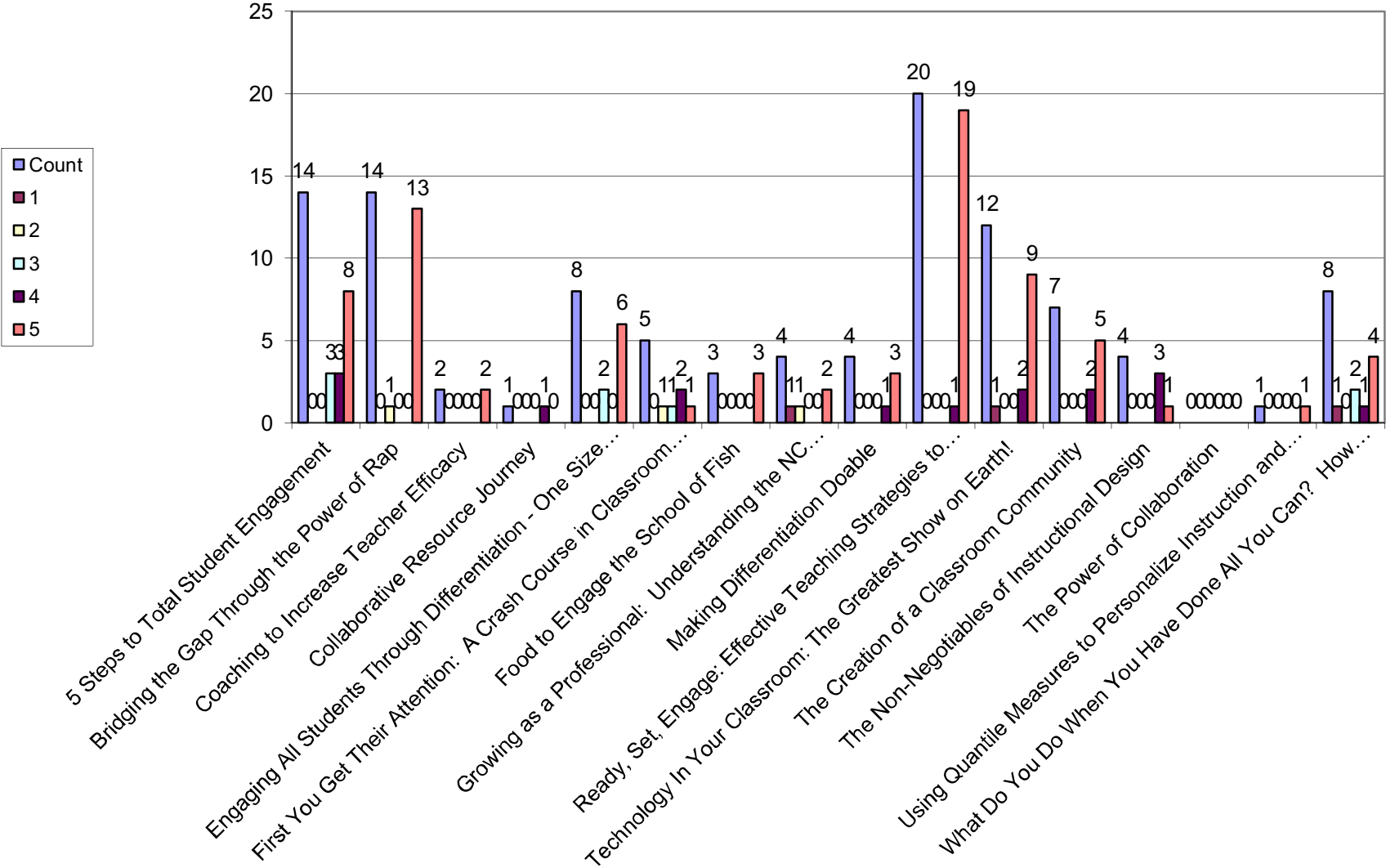




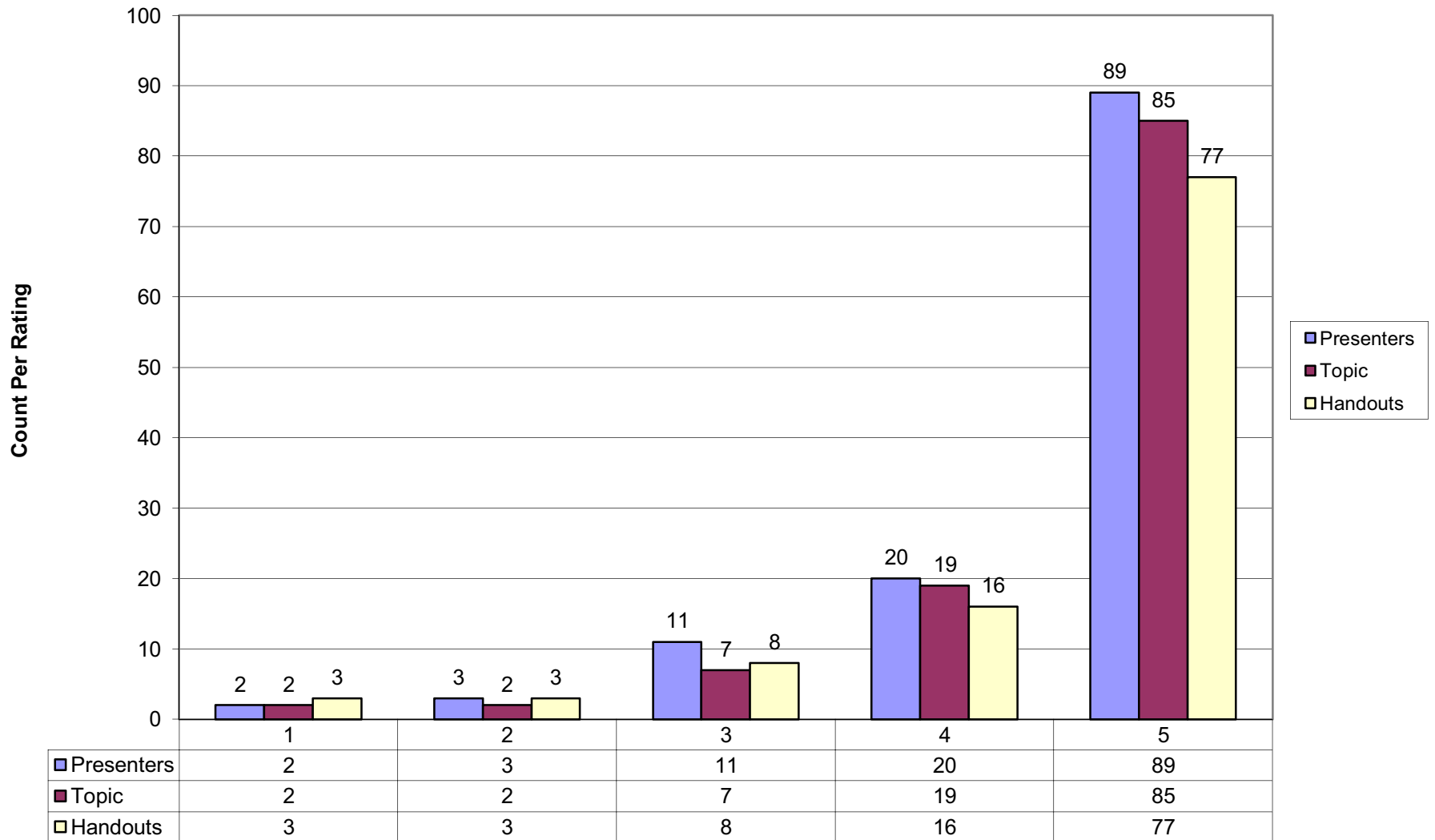
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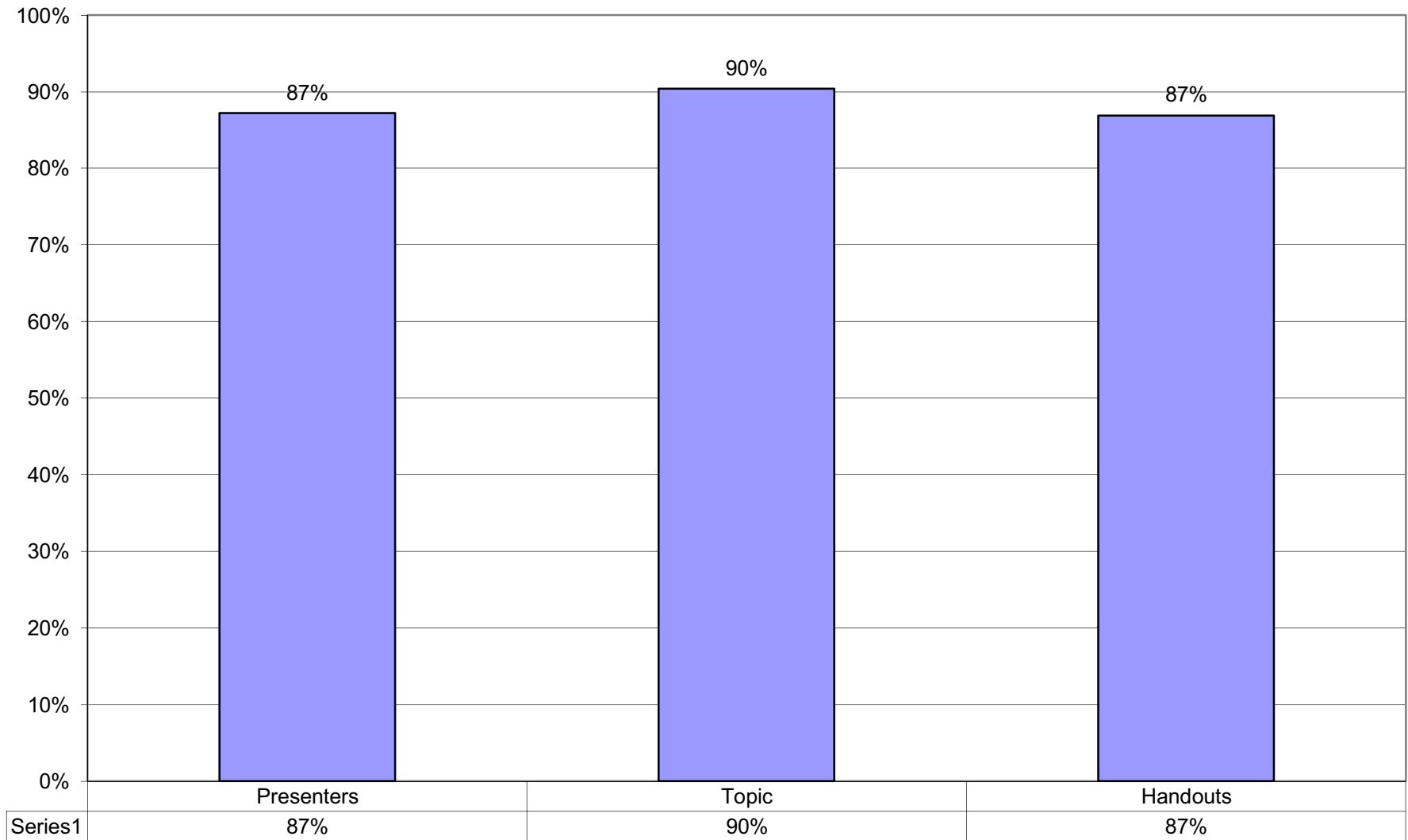
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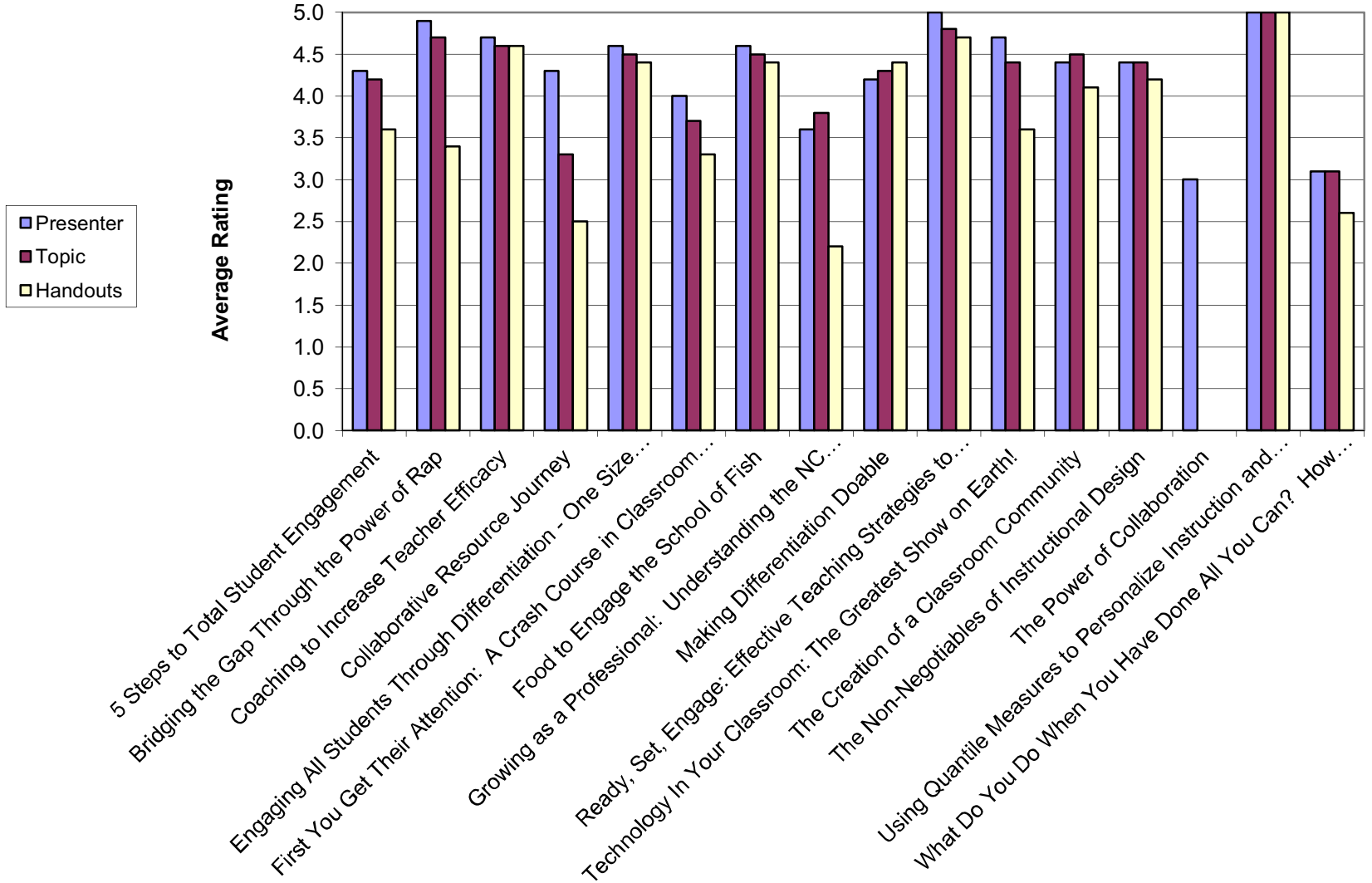
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### Concurrent Session Evaluation Summary - Percent Responses of 4 or 5 (max 5)



### Concurrent Session Evaluation Summary - Average Rating (5 Max)



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## *Session Comments 01*

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### *5 Steps to Total Student Engagement*

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- 1 Good program!
- 2 Good ideas and good presentation!
- 3 Want the whole ppt!
- 4 Energetic presenter, good info.
- 5 Great, learned a lot.
- 6 Not very engaging, lots of lectures on engaging.
- 7 Not really as useful as some other sessions.
- 8 Vann was presenting next door. This presenter was great - especially w/ having to compete w/ noise from neighboring session. QTL is research bases and he's been a big hit in our district.
- 9 The 5 steps could've been more specific. Having graduated w/ my ed. Classes, I could've done w/ a refresher of the 1st 1/2 rather than a reteach w/ more focus on each step.

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## *Session Comments 02*

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### *Bridging the Gap Through the Power of Rap*

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- 1 This was the best session by far!!!
- 2 Fantastic! Had a ball and I'm definitely using this come Monday.
- 3 Mr. Grant was awesome in his presentation involving rap in language arts classes.
- 4 Very exciting, engaging, fun.
- 5 He's going to send the information via email but it would've been nice to have it on the spot.
- 6 Awesome.
- 7 Can't wait to use my rapping skills!
- 8 Absolutely loved - can really see how to take it back to my classroom.
- 9 Very excited that I took this session.
- 10 Really enjoyed this session!! Very helpful!
- 11 Great
- 12 No handouts.
- 13 I learned a white girl can rap. I can definitely take this back to the classroom.
- 14 It was great!
- 15 Loved hearing our peers share raps. Maybe add student reactions to raps? Videos from his class so we could see it in action?
- 16 Great
- 17 Awesome.
- 18 Fresh, very interesting; allowed us to create raps.
- 19 Very good presenter
- 20 No handouts!
- 21 No handouts, but will email everything! Awesome presenter.

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22 Great resources to relate to the students.



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## *Session Comments 03*

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### *Coaching to Increase Teacher Efficacy*

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- 1 Do one for principals. A must for coaches.
- 2 Rachel Porter was excellent!

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## *Session Comments 04*

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### *Collaborative Resource Journey*

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- 1 More content-based info.
- 2 it's just hard to really say at this point...didn't have enough time to look at the resource.

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## *Session Comments 05*

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### *Engaging All Students Through Differentiation - One Size Doesn't Fit All*

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- 1 Wonderful presenter. Awesome thought to give things she created.
- 2 Presenter gave very good information.
- 3 Wonderful presenter and strategies.
- 4 Nice door prizes and take aways. Gave you a new way to use old tools and tricks. God convos about real and current problems.
- 5 Helpful ideas, good examples.
- 6 Shanetta Pittman was wonderful and I've come away from the session revived!!
- 7 Very motivational presenter. Presented excellent material. Highly recommended for additional conferences.
- 8 The presenter was enthusiastic but we got off topic and part of the session turned into group therapy.

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## *Session Comments 06*

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### *Exploring Formative Assessment-Assessment FOR Learning*

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- 1 Great strategies and resources!

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## *Session Comments 07*

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### *First You Get Their Attention: A Crash Course in Classroom Management*

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- 1 Wonderful presentation.
- 2 Very helpful, relatable.
- 3 Very helpful.
- 4 Not as engaging as I hoped. Felt like the diff notes of any book another topic. Very nice to have copy of ppt. but kind of a slow start to the day. Would want more videos, pictures, interactions.
- 5 I really enjoy this training.
- 6 Gave good ideas.
- 7 A great mini lesson should include videos of the first week of school.
- 8 Not very engaging! Didn't match/ out of order.
- 9 Quiet spoken and similar comments to other management classes.
- 10 There were no tools/ideas given. We were talked to about how important it is - which we all know we (I) needed help doing just that - getting their attention.

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## *Session Comments 08*

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### *Food to Engage the School of Fish*

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- 1 Wonderful information I can take back to share. Presenter very engaging.
- 2 Incredibly useful info for RBT and differentiation.
- 3 I wanted to go to this one but couldn't do them all.

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## *Session Comments 09*

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### *Growing as a Professional: Understanding the NC Professional Teaching Standards*

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- 1 A bit boring though informative. Not interactive. No handouts.
- 2 Very informative but stuff I already knew. Wish we could see actual people doing these things. Boring.
- 3 Very boring, no handouts - waste of time.
- 4 I was hoping the session would be more about what observers are looking for, but it felt more like a review of the standards not very helpful.
- 5 This would be great for new teachers before the year begins.
- 6 I gained a better understanding of the teaching standards that we are assessed on as a teacher.
- 7 Necessary information for any 1st year teacher!

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## *Session Comments 10*

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### *"Making Differentiation Doable"*

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- 1 Would be better as a morning session.
- 2 Good tips that can be applied to all subject.
- 3 Helpful examples! Can use things in my classroom right away!
- 4 Very helpful, thank you!
- 5 Should put more hands-on in her presentation.
- 6 Much needed topic, very helpful.
- 7 The presenter was very knowledgeable but didn't engage us in the presentation.
- 8 Would've liked a little more concrete resources.
- 9 Very professional and well managed.
- 10 Seemed to be a very nice person but the other facilitators were more engaging.



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## *Session Comments 11*

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### *Ready, Set, Engage: Effective Teaching Strategies to Engage Any Student*

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- 1 Awesome!
- 2 Sorry I missed it!
- 3 Awesome!
- 4 Excellent presentation on technology and engagement.
- 5 Im excited to take what I learned from this session to my classroom :)
- 6 Excellent! So many good resources.
- 7 Very informative and energetic.
- 8 Super-energizing, great ideas to do on Monday!
- 9 This session was amazing!!!
- 10 He inspired me, hot dog!!!
- 11 Very helpful a good balance of showing new sources and discussing big ideas overall.
- 12 Very energetic, easy to follow, and useful information.
- 13 Fantastic presenter. He certainly woke us up!
- 14 Dynamic presenter. I would love to observe him in the classroom. Gave BTs a large number of ideas to implement immediately.
- 15 Wonderful!
- 16 Fantastic presentation - very useful information and ideas.
- 17 Very engergetic
- 18 Best session of the day!!
- 19 Best semiar yet!!!
- 20 Very effective. Awesome activities.
- 21 Exciting! He is so amazing! Very energetic!

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- 22 Loved it! Wonderful, very useful.
  - 23 Very good presenter
  - 24 Fantastic Job!
  - 25 Amazing!
  - 26 Very good! Lots of great info.
  - 27 Mr. Vann is a powder keg of knowledge just waiting to explode. His presentations were awesome.
  - 28 Absolutely wonderful!
  - 29 Loved how Vann used examples. The perfect presenter, very engaging :)
  - 30 Outstanding!
  - 31 Phenomial speaker and ideas.
  - 32 Love that we were involved in the learning process.
  - 33 Awesome!
  - 34 Excellent
  - 35 Amazing!! I can use this Monday. High energy at end of day.
  - 36 Wonderful
  - 37 Very energetic.
  - 38 Phenomial session w/ a great speaker!!!

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## *Session Comments 12*

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### *Technology In Your Classroom: The Greatest Show on Earth!*

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- 1 Loved it!
- 2 Great sites...but really all we did was see sites. Could've just been handed on a list.
- 3 Very knowledgeable, shared great websites for usage
- 4 She really brought us up to the 21st century.
- 5 No handouts, but great resources.
- 6 Amazing! Very informative!!
- 7 Very informative w/ wonderful apps.
- 8 Great websites and ideas.
- 9 Good resources
- 10 You rock
- 11 So much information! Great personality. Love her.
- 12 Very informative! Great resources!
- 13 Great resources.
- 14 Good information
- 15 Great presenter.
- 16 Great session.
- 17 Mrs. Futrell outdid herself.
- 18 Very useful info. Loved presenter :)
- 19 Extremely informative.

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## *Session Comments 13*

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### *The Creation of a Classroom Community*

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- 1 Great presenter, very engaging.
- 2 I liked how they provided handouts for those who didn't have smartphones.
- 3 Less videos, more concrete help.
- 4 Just showed some pictures and didn't explain how it all started.
- 5 Wasn't realistic towards my classroom and what's doable.
- 6 difficulty hearing b/c in room next door to V. Lassiter w/ folding wall.

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## *Session Comments 14*

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### *The Non-Negotiables of Instructional Design*

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- 1 Great activities, helpful.
- 2 Good information
- 3 Informative but a little rigid to content/ age and a little too surface-level.
- 4 Very knowledgeable.

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## ***Session Comments 18***

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### ***What Do You Do When You Have Done All You Can? How to Manage Your Classroom and Eliminate Discipline Problems Forever!.***

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- 1 Didn't give as many strategies.
- 2 Could've used a lot more of this - didn't get too helpful stuff until last 15 mins rest of the time she was just talking to us about behaviors we see.
- 3 Presenter jumped around frequently.
- 4 Too much time w/ teachers sharing challenges, then low level info from Harry Wong, followed by telling stories of experiences, presentation didn't match title.
- 5 Too many people/session. This would have been much more productive w/ a group of at least 30.
- 6 Great topic but poorly presented. BTs has questions, but few ideas/ suggestions for implementation were given.
- 7 Very useful! Using stuff on Monday!
- 8 Already covered, unorganized, material boring.
- 9 Terrible, boring, uninformative.
- 10 The speaker was boring and only stayed in the back of the class. I wasn't engaged at all.
- 11 Really expected more strategies, it was very general and seemed like a review.
- 12 The classroom management session isn't listed.
- 13 Didn't cover what I expected and needed. Misleading description.
- 14 More time for strategies.
- 15 Spent too much time defining classroom management that we only covered a small amount of the strategies she had.
- 16 I enjoyed the lecture
- 17 The session gave me wonderful ideas to use in the classroom.