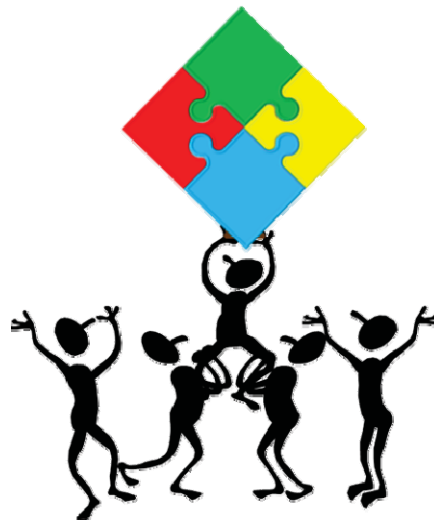


BEGINNING TEACHER CONFERENCE

Piecing It All Together to Support Beginning Teachers



Evaluation Summary

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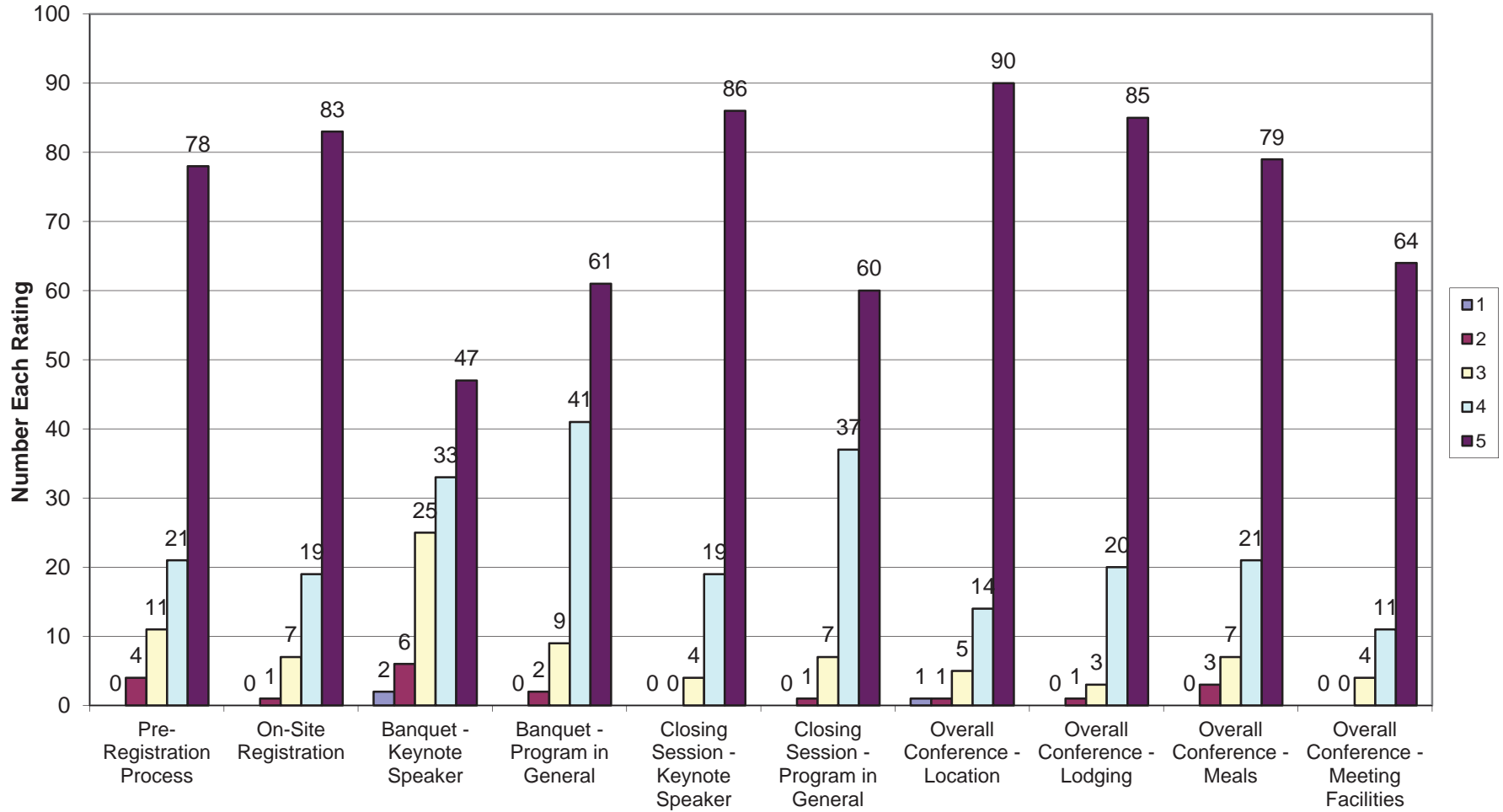
General Conference Ratings -- Summary

<u>Average</u>	(5.0 Maximum)
4.52	<i>CGR01: Pre-Registration Process</i>
4.67	<i>CGR02: On-Site Registration</i>
4.04	<i>CGR03: Banquet -- Keynote Speaker</i>
4.42	<i>CGR04: Banquet -- Program in General</i>
4.75	<i>CGR05: Closing Session -- Keynote Speaker</i>
4.49	<i>CGR06: Closing Session -- Program in General</i>
4.72	<i>CGR07: Overall Conference -- Location</i>
4.73	<i>CGR08: Overall Conference -- Lodging</i>
4.60	<i>CGR09: Overall Conference -- Meals</i>
4.49	<i>CGR10: Overall Conference -- Meeting Facilities</i>

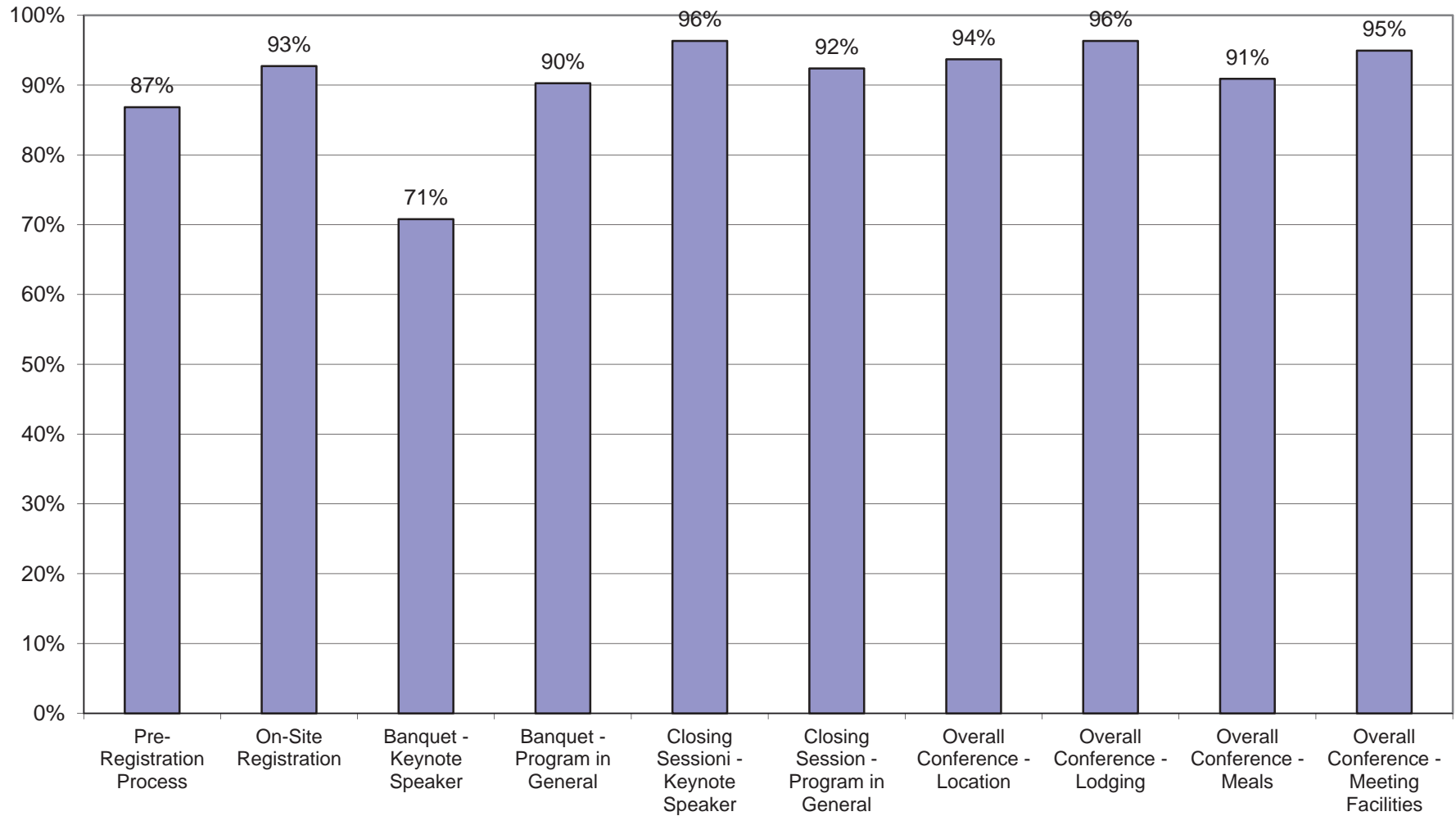
Beginning Teacher Conference - General Evaluation Tally

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1	Item	Count	1	2	3	4	5
2	Pre-Registration Process	114		4	11	21	78
3	On-Site Registration	110		1	7	19	83
4	Banquet - Keynote Speaker	113	2	6	25	33	47
5	Banquet - Program in General	113		2	9	41	61
6	Closing Session - Keynote Speaker	109			4	19	86
7	Closing Session - Program in General	105		1	7	37	60
8	Overall Conference - Location	111	1	1	5	14	90
9	Overall Conference - Lodging	109		1	3	20	85
10	Overall Conference - Meals	110		3	7	21	79
11	Overall Conference - Meeting Facilities	79			4	11	64
12	Totals	1073	3	19	82	236	733
13	Average Number of Responses	107.3	1.5	2.4	8.2	23.6	73.3

Conference General Evaluation -- 2014



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



Conference Comments

CG01

Comments

Pre-Registration Process

- 1 Really quick and easy - liked that I could see what the sessions included
- 2 Packages and information were ready for access and the process went smoothly
- 3 Valuable Information!
- 4 The pre-registration process was quick and easy.
- 5 Agenda schedule wasn't provided
- 6 Ran smoothly
- 7 No problem
- 8 Quick
- 9 Suggest sending confirmation directly to participant as my county never received accommodation confirmations
- 10 While I understand that the online registration session choices were mainly to gauge interest, it may have been helpful to also include a tentative schedule
- 11 One glitch but once articulated, smoothly resolved
- 12 Could've made the registration process ahead of time
- 13 Easy
- 14 Descriptions/grade level would be helpful when registering for each session
- 15 No communication between confirmation email w/ details of location and conference
- 16 I wasn't actually notified that I got into the conference - I thought it was a selection process
- 17 Very easy! My original classes were available
- 18 Very simple
- 19 Easy, automatic online process

Conference Comments

CG02

Comments

On-Site Registration

- 1 Great service, people were helpful in giving directions. Liked the stuff we got
- 2 Ran smoothly
- 3 Teachers should be told they don't need to be here until about 6:30, unless they want to register & leave
- 4 Same
- 5 Higher signs for line (weren't seen from afar)
- 6 Easy peasy
- 7 Organized
- 8 The on-site registration was quick and easy
- 9 Very fast and smooth
- 10 Hard to get here on time due to long drive after school
- 11 Quick and efficient
- 12 Quick, easy, friendly
- 13 Easy process
- 14 Quick and easy
- 15 Easy and quick
- 16 Registration was quick, easy and organized!
- 17 Seamless, very well prepared
- 18 Quick and easy!

Conference Comments

CG03

Comments

Banquet -- Keynote Speaker

- 1 Broad background, wonderful fill-in for...
- 2 Was excited to meet her. Very glad to hear her speak
- 3 Used stats from 2011/2012 to make NC schools look good. Also verified that NC teachers need a 2nd job
- 4 Positive but misleadingly so; didn't address crucial state issues
- 5 Good considering she wasn't all that prepared for it :)
- 6 Made us feel welcome and to enjoy the conference, don't remember much from the speech
- 7 Not very engaging/inspiring
- 8 Wonderful job, especially given the short notice she was given
- 9 Awesome
- 10 Wonderful, tiny bit disappointed that Dr. Atkinson couldn't make it, but everything was super
- 11 Didn't know audience
- 12 She was a good speaker to have been asked at the last minute. She shared a lot of good information about education.
- 13 Great food, felt like the speaker did not fully understand her audience
- 14 Unsure of her message, what was the take-away for BTs?
- 15 Couldn't relate to her at all.

Conference Comments

CG04

Comments

Banquet -- Program in General

- 1 Food wasn't really the greatest, but the presentations were good
- 2 Food
- 3 Great food!
- 4 Food - delicious! Length of program - wonderful. Speaker, lots of statistics but not so motivational
- 5 Bread pudding
- 6 The food was great!
- 7 Great food!
- 8 The banquet was very nice and I enjoyed it.
- 9 Great food!
- 10 Having speaker first then dinner
- 11 Well planned and thought out, food was great
- 12 Good food
- 13 Announcer has captivating tones and numerous outlook! Dinner was Delicious too!
- 14 This was a nice way to start the weekend together at dinner :)
- 15 Great service, enjoyed the food!!!
- 16 Thanks! Food was great
- 17 Food/service was amazing
- 18 Delicious food, not necessary
- 19 Great food; good chance to network informally
- 20 Short and sweet :)
- 21 It had nothing to do w/ BTs!
- 22 Could've been more eventful. Food was excellent
- 23 Great food! Everything else seemed disorganized
- 24 Terrific, food & company were great!

Conference Comments

CG05

Comments

Closing Session -- Keynote Speaker

- 1 Felt successful and encouraged us to never give up. Enjoyed the This/That game
- 2 She was great and informative
- 3 I liked the "This or That" game
- 4 Outstanding!!! "This or That"
- 5 Great
- 6 Excellent stories and themes to help teachers understand the importance of their role
- 7 Wonderful, inspirational and encouraging
- 8 NC Teacher of the Year. Great activity: This/That. Great stories about her teaching career, very interesting speech
- 9 Excellent
- 10 Inspiring and motivating as we head back to school
- 11 Very inspirational
- 12 Why would she not be great? Very moving speech. It was good to see one of us who has been there and had stories/points to share
- 13 Too long
- 14 Inspirational, Great! Love the activity, loved her energy!
- 15 Well written, engaging, and inspirational
- 16 Very inspirational
- 17 Loved her enthusiasm, great speaker
- 18 Enthusiastic, reinforces our pathway as an educator; excellent topics to relate to our understanding
- 19 Touching and inspiring!
- 20 Very inspiring
- 21 Inspiring message
- 22 Great comments, inspiring and insightful. Great activity/audience participation aspect

- 23 Very inspiring speaker
- 24 Her speech was very relatable
- 25 She is young, smart and inspirational. Her speech made me look at my students and the teaching profession in another light
- 26 She was very engaging and well-spoken, outstanding speaker
- 27 Great
- 28 Very inspirational speech!
- 29 Hurray for light switches - and flashlights
- 30 She's a genius, she inspired me how to reach the low performing level of my students

Conference Comments

CG06

Comments

Closing Session -- Program in General

- 1 Can't wait to come back next year!
- 2 Excellent
- 3 Good that the teachers of the Year takes the time to present at these conferences
- 4 Loved the slide show presentation of videos and pictures!
- 5 It was really wonderful. Well thought out and executed
- 6 Everything stayed on task, very well done
- 7 Started late, enthusiasm from Friday night seems gone
- 8 Great way to end the conference, very memorable
- 9 Closed as well as opened - very well done
- 10 Very valuable information throughout, look forward to next year's workshop!
- 11 Nice door prizes!
- 12 Started late
- 13 Get rid of the slideshow
- 14 I wasn't looking forward to it originally, but was glad I made it though
- 15 Much rather have the extra session than the skit. The session was much more useful! Video was way too long.
- 16 The ending slideshow was hard to hear and unproductive for my time. It should be 2 minutes max w/ comical music or peppy feeling. It was overkill that left me feeling more exhausted than before. Great idea but poorly executed.

Conference Comments

CG07-10

Comments

Overall Conference

- 1 Lovely accommodations, but hotel is loud at all hours.
- 2 It was a wonderful experience - revitalizing
- 3 WiFi was still a small issue, but love the location
- 4 I learned a lot at the conference, I just wish there were more sessions on Saturday
- 5 This was a great retreat and the timing seemed just right. Thanks!
- 6 Needed more of a variety of food and labeled food items
- 7 Disappointed that 3 of my choices for sessions were during the one time slot, 2 were in another and the 6th was cancelled.
- 8 Great experience and the workshop I attended was very good and informative
- 9 Enjoyed every single bit of it, would like to come back next year
- 10 Catering staff was outstanding
- 11 Wish the conference had been earlier in the year, so helpful.
- 12 Gorgeous location
- 13 This was a wonderful learning experience. The location was fantastic and the hotel was great. Being so close to the conference was a plus.
- 14 Great location, accommodations, information
- 15 Some sessions were too loud and took away from others
- 16 I will recommend to other BTs
- 17 Great weekend!

Conference -- Liked Most

What did you liked most about the conference?

- 1 Technology provided great tools and apps for use in my class. Data Driven class opened my eyes to some great opportunities to track progress
- 2 Relaxation, sessions, variety. Liked the additional sessions instead of skit!
- 3 Sessions - appropriately timed and wonderful content/speakers!
- 4 Getting concrete strategies to use. Having prof. dev. In a relaxing location that helps reorganize us.
- 5 The fact that experienced teachers facilitated the sessions as well as the diversity of sessions offered.
- 6 Opportunity to network, beach location
- 7 The location :), the workshops being relative to me
- 8 The sessions were extremely helpful and provided so much valuable information
- 9 The various helpful workshops that you can use in your classroom
- 10 The information was presented very well. The conference was really well organized.
- 11 The chance to network and meet people from other districts
- 12 Having the chance to "get away" to refresh and meet supportive people who reminded me of why I'm in this profession.
- 13 Organization and location, it was very informative yet relaxing
- 14 The conference was well organized and the location was great
- 15 I loved being able to collaborate and get to know my co-workers as well as other educators
- 16 The ability to network and to receive essential classroom tips for circulation and management development
- 17 Location, organization, presenters
- 18 The location
- 19 I enjoyed the sessions.
- 20 The schedule was much better than last year
- 21 Flexibility of the sessions. 15 min. breaks
- 22 I liked the atmosphere and the conferences that were presented
- 23 I learned to destress be happy.

What did you liked most about the conference?

- 24 I enjoyed the workshops. They were very informative and shared info that you can use in your classroom. Great 1st year experience for a beginning teacher.
- 25 Relevancy! Location, food!
- 26 Food, location, intuitive presentations, promoting instruction that impacts millennials
- 27 The structure of sessions and variety provided
- 28 The choices offered for sessions. The presenters were motivational and interesting
- 29 Networking sessions were hands-on
- 30 Keynote speaker - personal stories are filled with a contagious hope
- 31 Venue, topics, speakers
- 32 The sessions and location of the facilities
- 33 Pamela Edwards
- 34 General sessions
- 35 I really like everything. I really like all of the technology pieces
- 36 The atmosphere was nice. The ability to relax made the days better
- 37 I liked that the schedule was well organized and we got straight to the sessions
- 38 I liked the location, being near the beach and being able to eat outside and eat right by the beach
- 39 I really enjoyed the session "get them engaged!" The presenter was amazing and really made it fun
- 40 Choice of sessions and flexibility and Saturday free-time was really nice :)
- 41 A good variety of sessions available
- 42 It gives me a lot of opportunities to adapt that I need to modify
- 43 Location, Wolfskill's session
- 44 Networking
- 45 So many great presentations. Got at least one idea or activity from each I could use in the classroom
- 46 Everything :)
- 47 Very organized from beginning to end
- 48 Topics offered most presentations were very dynamic!
- 49 Diverse speakers and topics offered
- 50 All of the sessions were really helpful and informational

What did you liked most about the conference?

- 51 The sessions were very helpful! I also enjoyed the collaboration with other BTs. The atmosphere was a plus!
- 52 Stress-free environment and useful info to take back to classroom
- 53 Not crowded (sessions aren't pack, free to move, go to any session you wish). Great location and topics/speakers!
- 54 Location, relevant workshops
- 55 Well organized, provided useful tools and skills for new teachers to apply in the classrooms
- 56 Location, topics
- 57 All were based on the Teacher and students. Needs, when you are 1st year
- 58 I liked the battling the binge session
- 59 Sessions covered many different new teacher issues. I was really pleased with the battling the binge session
- 60 Several sessions that gave me strategies I can implement in my classroom right away
- 61 Speakers were excited and interested in assisting new teachers, Sat. afternoon off.
- 62 Location, lodging, and meeting facilities
- 63 Most of the sessions and networking w/ other new teachers all over the state
- 64 Liked how I was able to network w/ other new teachers in my county - in other counties across the state
- 65 Presenters were excellent - energetic, fun and gave us great materials!
- 66 Diversity in sessions and the applicability of resources provided and the cooperative learning session :)
- 67 Length and energy of the presenters
- 68 These sessions were some of the best I've ever been to
- 69 Nonstructured networking
- 70 Networking with fellow teachers, obtaining resources
- 71 The sessions and presenters
- 72 Break out sessions that allowed me to network w/ other teachers
- 73 The classes provided, location is wonderful, got to meet people
- 74 Different engaging scenarios
- 75 Great presenters

What did you liked most about the conference?

- 76 Great pace at breaks, late start Friday, banquet, afternoon off
- 77 The new ideas and strategies I have learned to help enhance my classroom learning
- 78 Presenters - however, some needed to engage audiences more - not lecture
- 79 Liked the beyond the benchmark class and the start teachers class. There were great opportunities to meet and discuss teaching practices w/ other new teachers
- 80 Beach/dinner
- 81 It's a jungle out there session
- 82 I liked that many of the presenters were people who are still teaching! I like the flexibility in choosing sessions
- 83 Location/building close to hotel
- 84 Location...at the beach :)
- 85 Sessions were enjoyable & there was also plenty of free time. They made sure we were happy, we all felt appreciated.
- 86 the lodging and food was very good. Very knowledgeable presenters
- 87 Enjoyed networking w/ others and the information I received.
- 88 Enjoyed the chance to network w/ other BTs
- 89 Presenters in addition the flow and ease of access was great
- 90 Enjoyed learning new resources and look forward to implementing those strategies
- 91 Information in the sessions was outstanding and very helpful. Enjoyed the presenters, they were very knowledgeable
- 92 Very useful resources to use for all subjects.
- 93 I enjoyed getting to know other teachers procedures
- 94 The overall passion for education and the educational atmosphere
- 95 There were significant sessions where I learned some things I will definitely be using in my class
- 96 Space - classes/sessions were in a proper location w/ enough space
- 97 Loved sessions, the BTs excited
- 98 Very useful information
- 99 The opportunity to network w/ other teachers was great. I also loved the opportunity to work w/ seasoned professionals who not only gave us techniques, but also waked us through hands-on activities that can be immediately implemented in the classroom.
- 100 Networking and meeting other teachers

What did you liked most about the conference?

- 101 Being able to pick your own sessions
- 102 Great location, comfortable, clean room- enlightening topics, wonderful/reflectful insights I liked most nearly everything
- 103 Good location and food, speakers
- 104 Did enjoy the networking and I have learned some information that I plan to use in my classroom in the future.
- 105 Breakout sessions were relatable and useable. Not too late and boring, very enjoyable!
- 106 The opportunity to meet so many people who are working with students in positive ways
- 107 The overall
- 108 Networking
- 109 Everything was educational and fun
- 110 The various topics

Conference -- Liked Least

What did you liked least about the conference?

- 1 There were two seminars that were at the same time on Sunday and were only offered on Sunday. Suggest not having these conflicts. (Tech in action/battling the bulge)
- 2 Differentiation session, everything else was great!
- 3 Difficult to attend sessions I wanted due to overlapping times
- 4 My differentiation breakout session
- 5 Some presenters were pretty weak
- 6 Everything was wonderful. The closing program was very lengthy, maybe shorten the slide show
- 7 Slideshow lasted so long. The length of the conference could be shorter. Instead of a session on Sunday, all could be on Saturday.
- 8 I wish it would have actually been on the beach.
- 9 Some presenters were grade level specific
- 10 Didn't like having a session on Sunday
- 11 It was too short. I was hoping that we would have more sessions on Saturday. This would've been helpful by giving us more opportunities to learn. Maybe consider 2 sessions on Sunday. I feel like we are here to learn and the best way to learn is to have the opportunity to do so.
- 12 Temperature in quads...little cold
- 13 There was nothing I didn't like
- 14 Everything ran smoothly
- 15 I'd like if sessions were at the hotel
- 16 A little long on Saturday afternoon!
- 17 I enjoyed all of it. It was very engaging, no negatives.
- 18 It was all great!
- 19 I felt like the conference was a little long. I enjoyed all of the time I spent at the conference but felt some stress trying to prepare for the next school week.
- 20 Opening keynote speaker I felt that she didn't know the audience
- 21 Lunch - so hype!
- 22 I don't know how you can remedy this, but I wish the time in each session could be longer.
- 23 More curriculum centered sessions (at least one) built in networking, collaboration opportunities

What did you liked least about the conference?

- 24 The food has been better at other conferences
- 25 Not being able to attend some sessions b/c of time conflict
- 26 Just the food at dinner
- 27 Lunch was my least favorite part. I have a gluten allergy an didn't really have many options to eat between the wrap, bread or pasta salad
- 28 Everything was fluent
- 29 Many sessions were cancelled due to uncontrollable components
- 30 Everything is great
- 31 I would rather power through Sat and go home then drag it out.
- 32 Wished the conference was 2 days instead of 3.
- 33 I wish it happened during the week so that we wouldn't have to lose planning time
- 34 Lots of choices, extremely organized
- 35 Undynamic presentations
- 36 Length of presentations. Shorter sessions, BUT we could've more sessions
- 37 The internet was really slow
- 38 No complaints
- 39 Everything was fine
- 40 We need more activities like this but at the beginning of the year.
- 41 Didn't like the lack of internet connectivity at the venue
- 42 Some content-specific sessions, maybe Sunday morning would have been helpful.
- 43 Didn't get day off Friday
- 44 That certain sessions were canceled
- 45 Starting time
- 46 Didn't care for the time it started on Friday, b/c I had to get right off work and come to the opening session and listen to key note speaker.
- 47 Several of the presenters were repetitive, not applicable to my content area.
- 48 The start time of the Saturday session
- 49 Too rushed for it to be a weekend conference and most teachers have worked all week
- 50 I felt rushed to attend the Friday session since I had to work a full day

What did you liked least about the conference?

- 51 Meals
- 52 Length - could have been shortened to 1 long day so we could get home Sat. evening
- 53 I enjoyed the weekend, I just don't think it needed to be the whole weekend long, could have been concluded just as productive
- 54 Didn't need to be 3 days, could've only gone Frid/Sat, Sunday was unnecessary or even a 1 day conference
- 55 Didn't need to be 3 days
- 56 8AM start
- 57 Some of the lectures were lectures. I would've like more interactive classes with examples to utilize in my classroom
- 58 Travel from hotel to civic center - still great location (don't change)
- 59 Beginning speech, wish it was more uplifting like last year
- 60 Rooming situation could've been more clear. I was with someone I didn't know b/c I listed other people from my school and then none followed through. Wish I could've been contacted and asked about my preferences
- 61 Schedule wasn't organized so that I could go to all the sessions I wanted
- 62 The schedule didn't have all the courses at the same times so I couldn't go to the ones I wanted.
- 63 Wish there would've been more options for elem. ages (or a more balanced schedule)
- 64 The opening keynote speaker's speech would have been nice to do something as a county together
- 65 The opening session. Could've been more exciting. Enjoyed the conference but was eager to go to break around 10AM
- 66 I wish the Saturday session had started later.
- 67 Don't have any reserves or unmet concerns
- 68 The opening banquet, the closing banquet (other than the speaker)
- 69 There were a lot of GE repeat sessions. From the Chowan "Drive-In" conference
- 70 I believe the conference should have gone longer Saturday so we could leave early Sunday!
- 71 Some sessions were repetitive from previous conferences. This should/could have been a 2 day conference, but it was stretched into 3 days
- 72 The length of the conference. I feel like it could be 1 day. Some of the same sessions from the Chowan conference
- 73 Should've been ended on Saturday, with the opportunity to go home Sunday

What did you liked least about the conference?

- 74 Thought it was great.
- 75 The LONG drive!
- 76 The drive
- 77 We spent a long time registering and picking sessions...then got to go to others when it came down to it. Making those choices initially feels like a waste of time
- 78 2:00am awakened by other BTs chatting outside hotel, not on conference organizers, we'd been forewarned.
- 79 Confusing schedule session, not all sessions I signed up for were available. Would've liked to have schedule in a day or two in advance for planning purposes
- 80 Didn't like the fact that we had to have a roommate. I understand we has a chance, however if your choice didn't come then I'm stuck w/ a person I don't know. I think in the future we should have the option to have a room alone or pay for our own room. Also, I did get to have a sub for 1/2 day. Hopefully during future conferences/workshops, it will be scheduled during the week. Only b/c it allows teachers to rest for the weekend.
- 81 Lack of healthy choice food
- 82 Lack of teacher networking w/I conference. Sessions should be more interactive and engaging; just like the classroom. 3 of my sessions were awesome!
- 83 It lasted the entire weekend, maybe breakup to a Friday then Monday - Tuesday

Conference -- Other Topics

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

- 1 N/A
- 2 High school math content specific sessions.
- 3 More for teaching literacy in early elementary (or remediation for other grades)
- 4 School/life balance and effects of poverty in the classroom.
- 5 Have a workshop on what to expect your 1st year for all audiences, not just high school. Workshop on time management in the classroom, how to manage teaching and assessing.
- 6 A session for all audiences about first year teaching.
- 7 More detailed behavior management sessions.
- 8 More topics on utilizing technology. Using data to drive instruction and how to make centers for math.
- 9 How to reach the struggling male. Have videos of all sessions available for purchase if desired. We have to choose a select number to attend, however, other sessions provide essential information.
- 10 Ready 3D skills
- 11 Everything was covered
- 12 Pre-K Topics
- 13 Growth Mindset (Neuroplasticity)
- 14 Topics on Kindergarten readiness, how to incorporate science into daily curriculum.
- 15 Pre-K Topics
- 16 Science
- 17 Extreme behavior management and how to deal w/ lack of support
- 18 Science/lab-oriented/problem-based learning.
- 19 Data; procedure and implementation; how to interact positively w/ administration and co-workers
- 20 Technology use, cooperative learning, data driven, differentiated instruction
- 21 There should be topics specific to teaching areas such as cultural arts, languages, counseling, media.

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

- 22 I know you design this on the number of people attending, but it would be really nice to have a session for teachers who work in the arts - specifically designed for cultural arts - I have questions/circumstances that don't apply to a large part of what is presented. These questions remain unanswered.
- 23 Everything was pretty thorough, more curriculum centered sessions.
- 24 Navigating Pilot courses/curriculum
- 25 Sessions designed for foreign language teachers, since those are pretty independent subjects.
- 26 A time for networking specifically with other teachers who teach the same subject (Where rooms would be specified for each content area, including both core/elective subjects)
- 27 I think there should be a topic "Selfing Expectations" not only for yourself but for co-workers and mentors
- 28 Same as this year.
- 29 The Quartile Framework
- 30 Maybe more content specific topics or cross curricular topics - like how to use reading in math/science/etc..
- 31 Team teaching, how to have 2+ departments work collaboratively (STEM)
- 32 EC laws and inclusion practices
- 33 Math centers - the once I went to was just about data, not actual center ideas.
- 34 Integrating technology for Early childhood areas & global awareness
- 35 3D testing activities to prepare students
- 36 Somehow getting input from parents/community members to incorporate into a session.
- 37 Evaluation artifacts - ways to develop
- 38 STEM. Bilingual classrooms/ foreign language teaching strategies.
- 39 How to address EC students.
- 40 Critical thinking
- 41 Constructing CCSS units, effective lesson planning.
- 42 More HS math focus, esp. strong for Elem but few HS.
- 43 I would like if there were content specific sessions.
- 44 I think there should be a topic on handling/managing students w/ IEPs. The session could discuss ways to better assist struggling students aligned w/ their IEP.

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

- 45 Would be great to have sessions on the current political climates in the state and how they impact our roles as teachers. Additionally, a collaborative online networking portal would be useful to find people of our own content areas/grade levels.
- 46 Teaching and assessing language arts
- 47 Managing stress
- 48 Evaluation process
- 49 Motivating/Unmoved students. How to get Parents more involved.
- 50 Technologies for younger students
- 51 How to defend yourself in your summative evaluation (perfect timing)
- 52 More content/grade level specific
- 53 Have at OBX
- 54 It's a jungle out there - great technology to use in the classroom. You're the Start - great differentiation techniques to use in the classroom.
- 55 Taking middle & high school topics and reaching the needs of below grade level students and EC students w/ exceptionalities.
- 56 Better session on differentiation
- 57 Strategies for differentiated instruction (NOT theory)
- 58 Maybe a quick session on summer job or free training opportunities related to teaching.
- 59 Guided reading / common core
- 60 Guided Reading
- 61 Getting your school involved w/ the community/ establishing professional relationship w/ principal/staff. Becoming a leader in your school How to deal w/ the stress.
- 62 NC education policies and what they are and mean for teachers.
- 63 Would like a specific area on Google Docs to take us through from step 1.
- 64 Curriculum break downs.
- 65 Dealing w/ behaviors from all cultures in the classroom. Classroom management for HS
- 66 Specific area sessions (meaning elem, middle, and high school subject areas)
- 67 State benefits session

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

- 68 Would love to have more music-related sessions. I can do my best to adapt to my content area, but it would be nice to have examples of how a music teachers uses the material presented in the classroom. Should be two sessions on the last day. The second should be a master class for individual content areas to explore ways to implement what we learned in the classroom.
- 69 Being more specific about what grade should attend which sessions.
- 70 How about EC Representation, there is no presenter who specifically teachers Tier 3 students. I wonder if a different seminar taught from the perspective of someone who works directly w/ challenged children may have been helpful?
- 71 Who is working harder, you or the students was a good program. I would like to see one for middle and high school levels.
- 72 Masking common core. How to efficiently plan, dealing w/ major behavior issues.
- 73 EOG test prep for elem. teachers, more than just ACT test
- 74 Multiple sessions for praxis - having one makes it hard to work it in w/ so many good choices.
- 75 This should be open months before conference to involve the students.
- 76 Making a successful portfolio

Concurrent Sessions

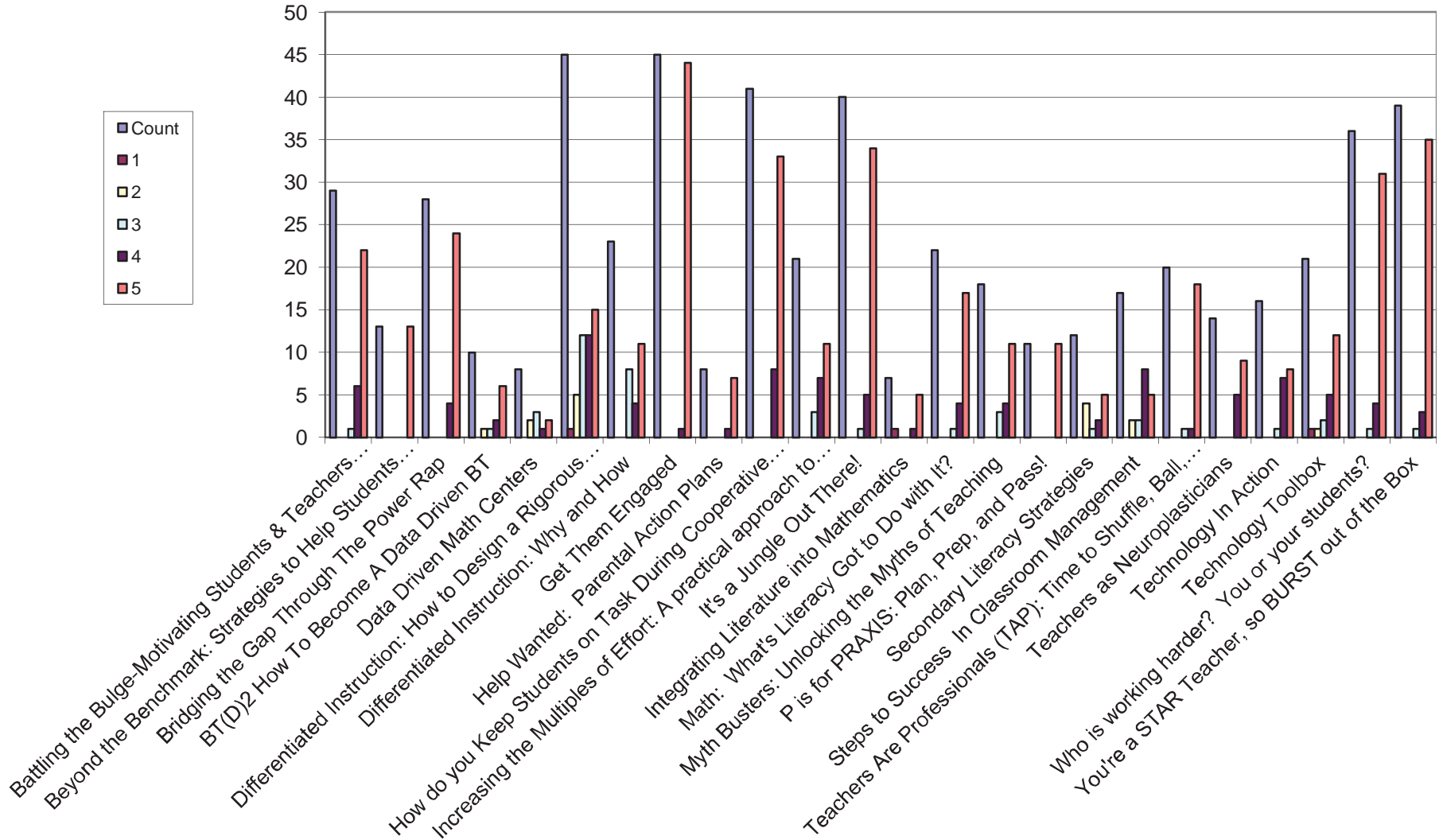
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	Handouts			2	6	19	
Beyond the Benchmark: Strategies	Presenter					13	8
Comments:	Topic			2	1	10	
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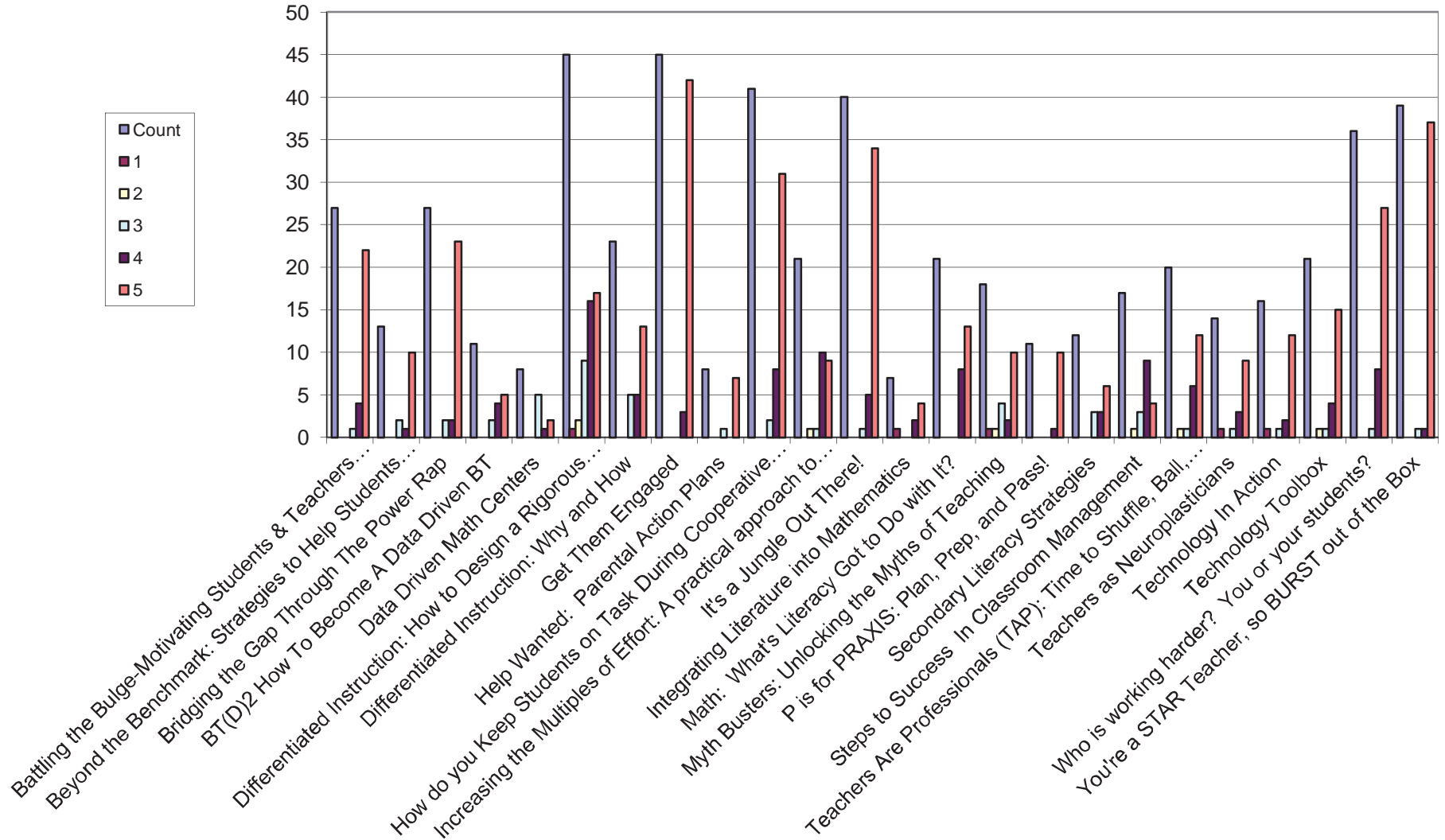
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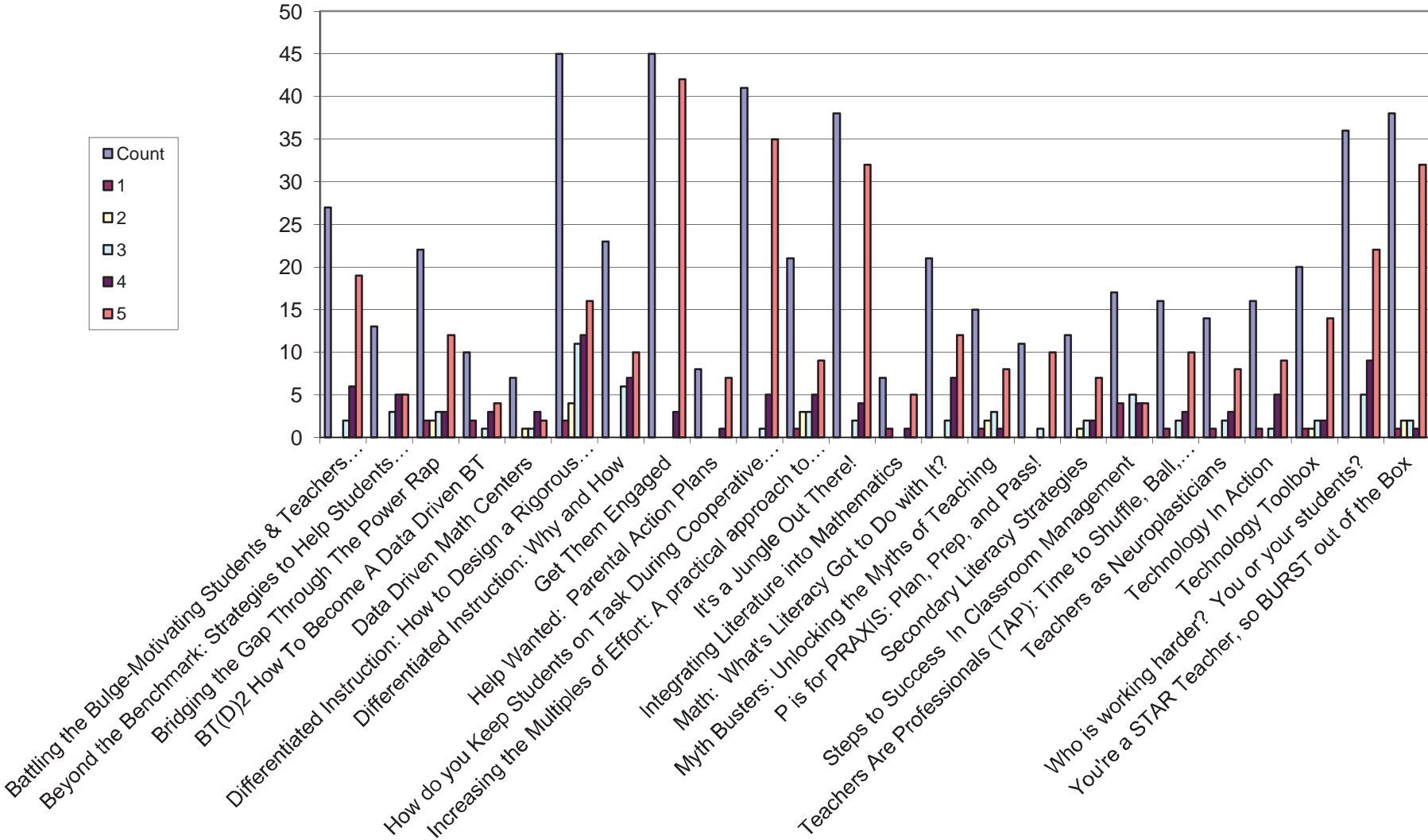
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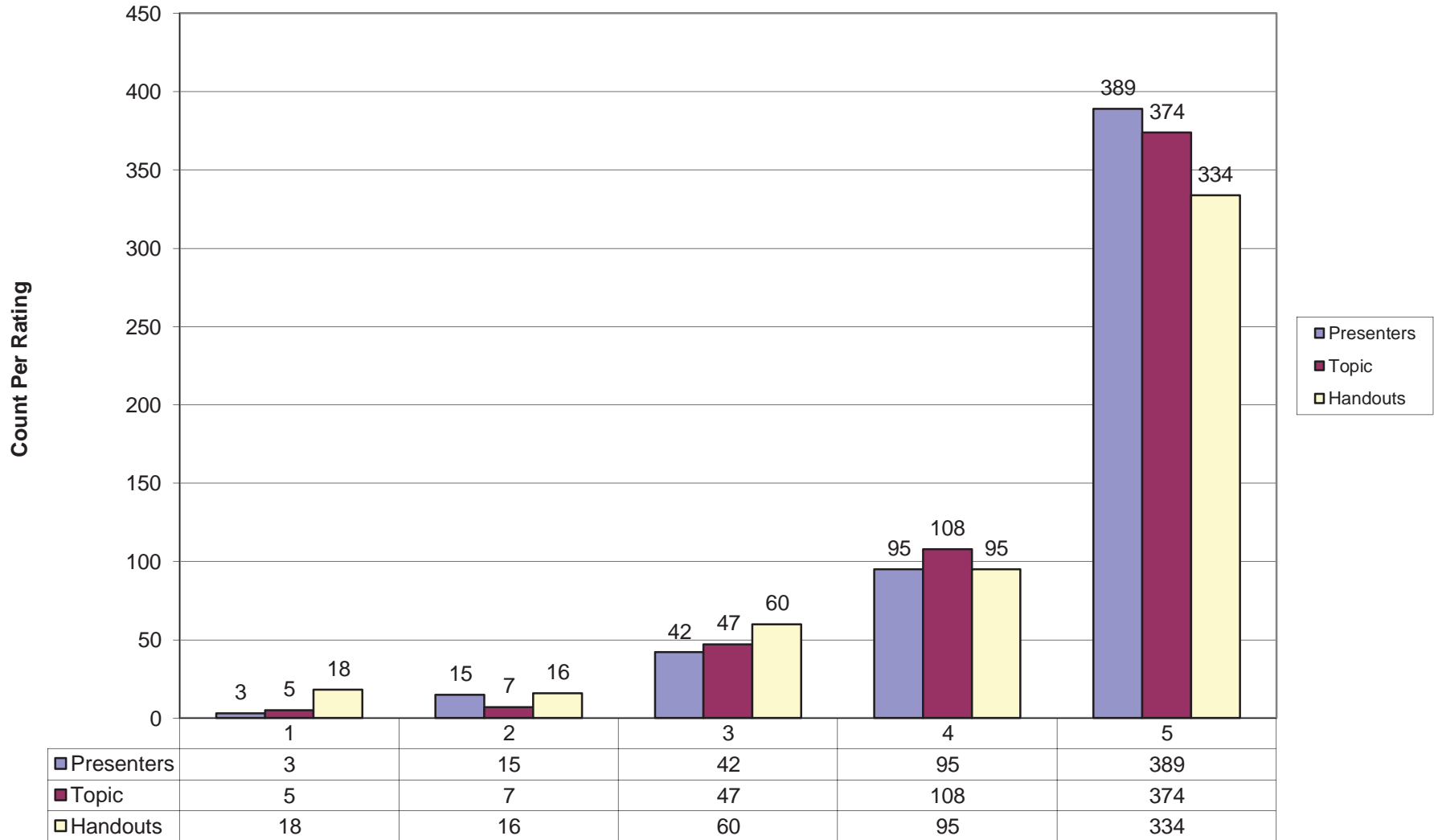
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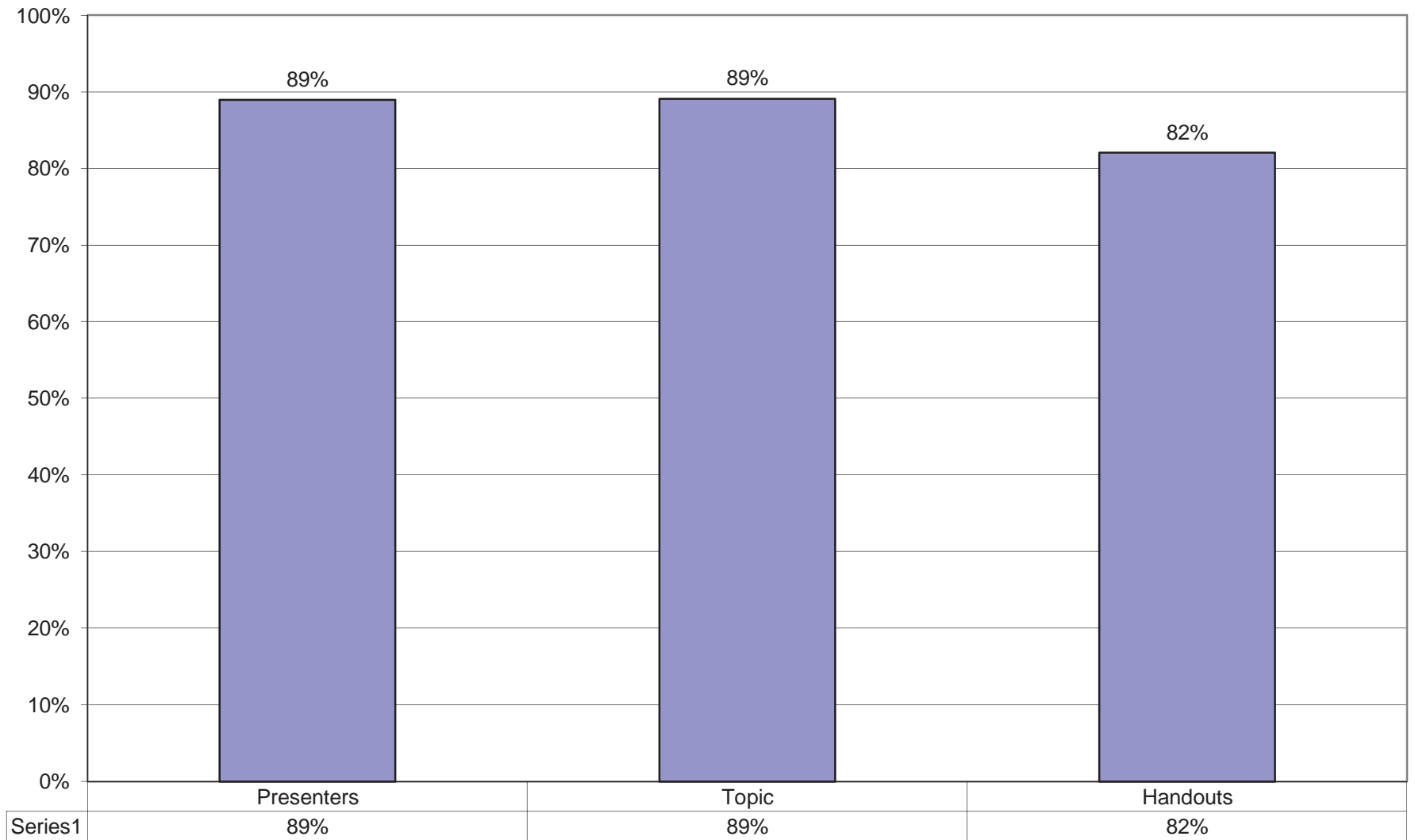
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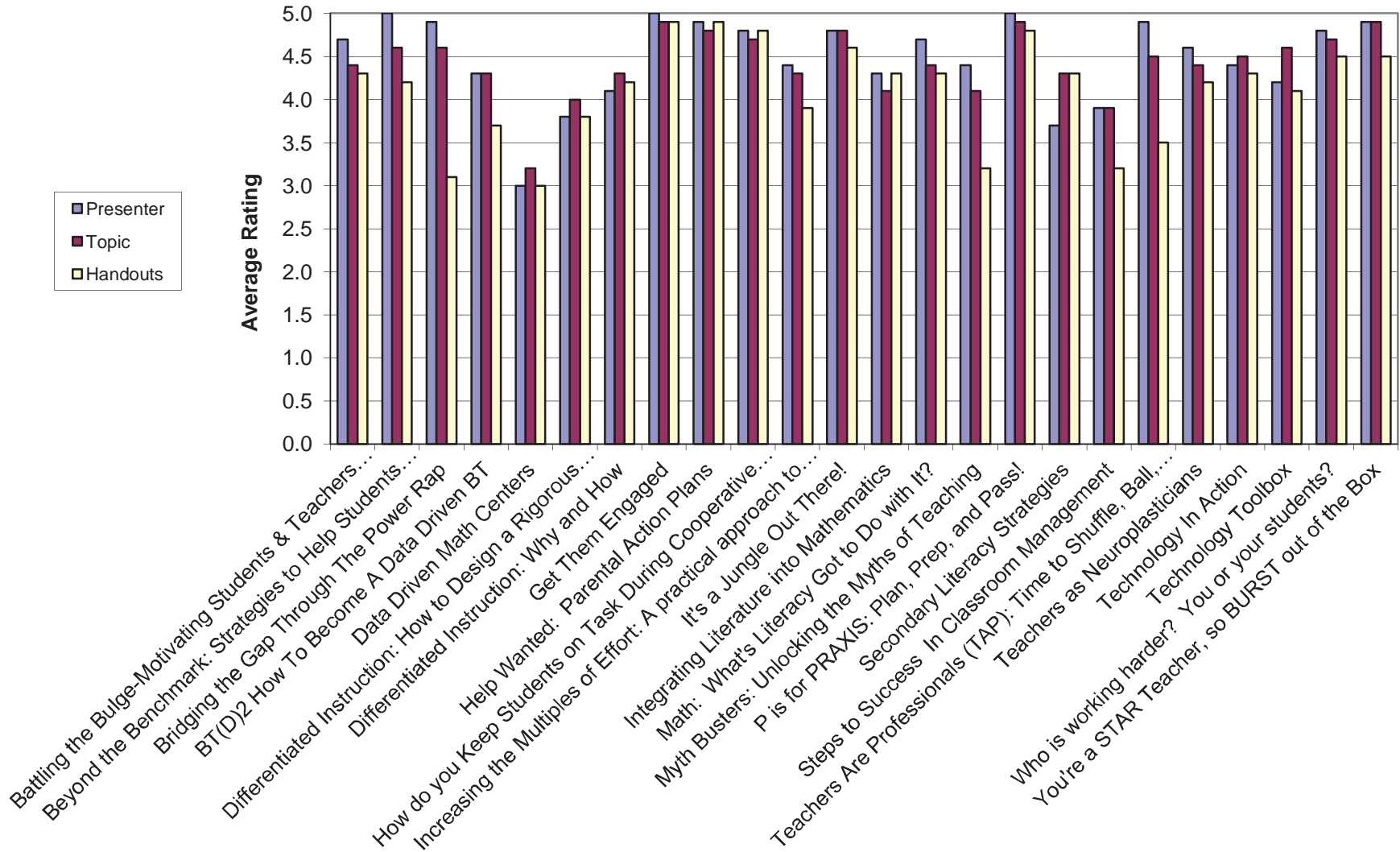
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Concurrent Session Evaluation Summary - Percent Responses of 4 or 5 (max 5)



Concurrent Session Evaluation Summary - Average Rating (5 Max)



Session Comments 01

Battling the Bulge-Motivating Students & Teachers Through Physical Activity Strategies for the Academic Classroom

- 1 Great comparison data.
- 2 Excellent presenters.
- 3 Very active session. Plan to use the teach ball review tomorrow in Biology.
- 4 Fun and interactive!
- 5 Thank you for this session. I needed the info!
- 6 Strategies you can implement in K-5 grades
- 7 Best session for useful ideas for my classroom
- 8 Very Good!!
- 9 Great tips for staff and students - excellent
- 10 Loved it!!!

Session Comments 02

Beyond the Benchmark: Strategies to Help Students Score Higher on Common Core-aligned Assessments: Explore, PLAN, & ACT

- 1 Outstanding speaker!
- 2 Very helpful and eye opening to see how the standards I'm teaching in 4th are like the standards on the test. I will use the test taking strategies.
- 3 I loved this. It was the first time I was told what my students need to be able to do for my content in terms of reading skills!
- 4 Very relevant even for an elem. Person. Engaging [??] presenter.
- 5 I love that your suggestions were accessible. Please come to Washington County!!
- 6 I enjoyed so much I stuck around for her 2nd class. Great info for a 1st year teacher to use since my kids are tested.
- 7 Very interesting and helpful even though geared to high school and I'm elementary.
- 8 Awesome presenter. I learned so much!
- 9 Excellent presentation, great strategies and ideas for test prep.
- 10 This was more of a sales pitch than material for classroom
- 11 Very enthusiastic & passionate about topic; engaging; great, overall

Session Comments 03

Bridging the Gap Through The Power Rap

- 1 Excellent presenter and information.
- 2 Very eye opening. Wished we learned more about how to get students to create.
- 3 This presentation was amazing! I use some of the techniques presented in my band classes, but Mr. Grant has opened my eyes to ways to help students school-wide
- 4 AWESOME!
- 5 Very fun, keep on bringing it to other professional development conferences.
- 6 No handout. Very passionate; inspiring
- 7 Lots of helpful tips
- 8 Awesome!!!
- 9 Loved the presentation & what was shared! :-) He was very helpful with ideas & what to do in our classrooms
- 10 No handouts, would have been nice to have words for raps.
- 11 Love the idea of bringing life to classroom w/individual gifts & talents.

Session Comments 04

BT(D)2 How To Become A Data Driven BT

- 1 This session helped me see how to make better classroom decisions about curriculum.
- 2 Presentation was resourceful and I learned some info that will help me in my classroom.
- 3 This showed me a real world implementation of how to use data. I will also be using twitter exit tickets.
- 4 There were no handouts.
- 5 They made a complex topic understandable and easy!
- 6 Great course

Session Comments 05

Data Driven Math Centers

- 1 Great website
- 2 Great resources for math. Not very engaging.
- 3 Not engaging
- 4 Title does not match session content.
- 5 Great topic, but I did not learn how to utilize the website that was promoted. I did not learn how to use data to plan centers.
- 6 Please watch attire

Session Comments 06

Differentiated Instruction: How to Design a Rigorous Lesson for all Students

- 1 The session was not differentiated :-)
- 2 Good but not the most practical take aways for my content.
- 3 Felt like it was premise/ geared too much on her middle school class.
- 4 Needs to be geared toward PreK & K as well.
- 5 The session was for upper grades but a lot of the info can be used in elementary.
- 6 Less lecturing, more examples of actually doing a lesson.
- 7 Very dry presentation. Felt more like a lecture.
- 8 Not interesting. Too much lecture, not enough activity
- 9 Lectured almost the entire time. No new info or tools to bring home.
- 10 I wonder if there are ways to incorporate differentiation into session to increase engagement?
- 11 Too much lecturing. Need more hands on during this session. Need more real life ideas, samples to differentiate high level low level students.
- 12 Presenter was awesome
- 13 More time showing examples
- 14 This session gave me some great ideas.
- 15 Still do not fully understand differentiation.
- 16 I did not gain as much from this as I had hoped.
- 17 Handouts were pretty basic. How can we "extend" them?
- 18 Enjoyed this presentation, but would have liked to know more on the rigor part and less on background knowledge
- 19 Very helpful for all classes
- 20 Presentation was resourceful, didn't learn a lot about how to apply it in my classroom.

21 Awesome

Session Comments 07

Differentiated Instruction: Why and How

- 1 So helpful. Provided great ideas and helped to show so many ways you can differentiate. Awesome.
- 2 Very informative information.
- 3 Highly organized -- depth of content -- no wasted minutes! Learned lots!
- 4 Hands-on examples of techniques would have been helpful.
- 5 A variety of resources. Could have been more relevant.
- 6 Mediocre
- 7 Great resources!
- 8 Good handouts, useful tips and strategies to get a better learning process
- 9 Needed to do differentiated activities
- 10 Great resources provided
- 11 Loved the differentiation of the lesson!
- 12 Presenter lectured the whole time.

Session Comments 08

Get Them Engaged

- 1 The activities kept me engaged and I have some good ideas now.
- 2 Very informative
- 3 Upbeat engaging activities were very informative
- 4 Great activities to stimulate discussion.
- 5 Great session. Very hands-on. Presenter Awesome
- 6 Great session! Very informative across all grade levels & content areas.
- 7 Best session I have been to all year, lots of resources and materials to use.
- 8 Awesome
- 9 Awesome!
- 10 Great! Wonderful instruction, ideas, strategies & resources.
- 11 Provided great examples and showed numerous ways you can get them and keep them engaged.
- 12 This session really kept me engaged.
- 13 Loved activities and can't wait to try in my room!
- 14 A great presenter who kept me engaged!
- 15 Loved this! Many ideas to take back to the classroom.
- 16 This was the best session at the conference. The presenter was MAGNIFICENT. She kept us engaged.
- 17 What an energetic teacher! Can I enroll my children in her class?
- 18 Presentation was awesome. The presenter definitely kept me engaged.
- 19 Very engaging and energetic.

Session Comments 09

Help Wanted: Parental Action Plans

- 1 Very interesting ideas on how to get parents more involved in children's education.
- 2 Awesome presenter with great ideas -- I'd love to be a part of her class! :-). I highly recommend bringing her back!
- 3 Ms. Drake was helpful. Interesting topic with great advice from her experience that has improved me as I address a more solid and intentional parental action plan

Session Comments 10

How do you Keep Students on Task During Cooperative Group Work? A Realistic Strategy that Actually Works!

- 1 FANTASTIC!! Really Great P.D.!
- 2 A lesson like this needs to be taught to 3rd year teachers.
- 3 Awesome presenter!
- 4 Great presentation, very engaging. Handout a little overwhelming.
- 5 Loved it! These are just the resources I needed!
- 6 Great video showing student perspective of learning.
- 7 Great examples
- 8 I had been doing group work so wrong before. Thanks!
- 9 Excellent presentation, loved the handouts.
- 10 Mr. Parker was excellent. Great topic. Appreciated the modeling (getting to move and meet/talk with others)
- 11 Very engaging. Great packet of resources. His energy reminds me of why I am a teacher.
- 12 Very good information
- 13 Great session!
- 14 Wonderful! Partner up with teachers in other subjects to enhance your presentation to reach a larger audience :-)
- 15 Very engaging & lots of useful strategies.
- 16 Great ideas for cooperative groups. Would have liked examples for language arts
- 17 Great ideas!
- 18 Great info on group work
- 19 Great session!! Very helpful!

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- 20 By far one of my favorite sessions! Lesson plans and step-by-step ways to put them into action were provided. Though the lessons were geared towards social studies, I will definitely be able to use many of the strategies I learned in my band classes.
- 21 Would have liked less social studies focus.

Session Comments 11

Increasing the Multiples of Effort: A practical approach to increasing student success

- 1 Presenter was somewhat monotone, lost my interest.
- 2 Highly interactive & motivating Fun! Product created in class :-)
- 3 Too similar to "Teachers as Neuroplasticians."
- 4 I liked the idea behind this session!
- 5 Gained some knowledge about how to get some of my students to put in more effort in my classroom.
- 6 Best session of the weekend. Hands-down.
- 7 Loved the time to plan at the end to use the strategies.
- 8 I learned more in this session than in 2 years of teaching!
- 9 Good information, shows ways to reach all learners based on effort & motivation. Some of the handouts were missing or out of order. Interesting activities.
- 10 Dry presentation. Good topic.
- 11 Interesting topic, wish it was more hands-on though.
- 12 Ms. Edwards was engaging! Loved here energy. She was outstanding. The handouts were informative, but I was confused almost the whole time what to pay attention to -- her handouts did not follow the PowerPoint very well, so I wasn't sure what to pay attention to or write down because her info was so good and the way she spoke on her topic was tremendous. (had she included what was on the PP on her handout? Most of the time, not)
- 13 Fantastic! I want to learn more about this.

Session Comments 12

It's A Jungle Out There!

- 1 So many ways to use tech to make a teacher's life easier.
- 2 Great information given.
- 3 Great content
- 4 Great presentation and very informative. I enjoyed the session.
- 5 Awesome. Great tools - integration of technology
- 6 Great resources to engage students and allow students to use technology
- 7 Great! Thank you for thinking about my EC babies. I know they will L.O.V.E. Love this stuff!!!
- 8 Great energy from presenter
- 9 I liked being introduced for Kahootit, it is now something I will use.
- 10 Great resources!
- 11 Awesome tech. tools - great presenter! :-)
- 12 Great tech tools
- 13 Great Session
- 14 Amazing
- 15 Awesome presentation!
- 16 Great resources -- helped break down barriers.
- 17 Keep her around.
- 18 So thrilled with the websites and resources. Can't wait to try in my tech stations.
- 19 Very helpful to everyday instruction -- but not if you don't have tech resources :-)
Fabulous presenter & materials.
- 20 Loved the lesson ideas and the energy of the presenter.
- 21 ABBEY FUTRELL!!!

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- 22 Amazing presenter and multiple take aways.
 - 23 Best talk ever. Learned so much which will link my students to the real world.
 - 24 Fantastic. Best of the conference.
 - 25 Awesome presenter! Loved all the resources. Will definitely use all of them!
 - 26 Great resources shared.
 - 27 Excellent presenter -- very vibrant and motivating
 - 28 Great energy! Love the resources :-)

Session Comments 13

Integrating Literature into Mathematics

- 1 Very informative.
- 2 Congratulations! Very useful, organized and clear to integrate math.
- 3 I felt like she talked in a circle the entire time.
- 4 Excellent presentation and books for resources for math and literature.

Session Comments 14

Math: What's Literacy Got to Do with It?'

- 1 For me, the best most useful. Great info and tools to apply in the class process.
Thank you!
- 2 Great strategies.
- 3 Awesome
- 4 Helpful
- 5 Enjoyed your ideas and research based strategies! It was a lot of info, and could be a little bit overwhelming - loved it overall!
- 6 This was their first time, but they did a great job!
- 7 Very Good!
- 8 The had a great presentation and engaging activities for literature & math.
- 9 Great useful session.

Session Comments 15

Myth Busters: Unlocking the Myths of Teaching

- 1 The presentation was very well put together and interactive.
- 2 Good for BTs
- 3 Very engaging. Nice to just hear somebody else's life experiences.
- 4 I loved it. Very good to be reminded "the truth." Ms. DeCresie was perfect for this session. Strong connection with topic & I feel like I will actively implement some strategies into my classroom because of it. No handouts, but this didn't detract from her presentation (she did sort of have handouts -- some door prizes!
- 5 Very encouraging
- 6 Great session!

Session Comments 16

P is for PRAXIS: Plan, Prep, and Pass!

- 1 Learned a lot about the basics of getting ready.
- 2 Presenter engaging. Tone & inflection in voice excellent.
- 3 Excellent presenter
- 4 No handouts were given. Everything was online. Very enthusiastic
- 5 Definitely ended my praxis anxiety
- 6 Great strategies to understand and answer in the right way the questions. Goo to help students to get a good test score
- 7 Great energy and resources. Very helpful examples.
- 8 Very gig help!
- 9 Insightful

Session Comments 17

Secondary Literacy Strategies

- 1 Really helpful strategies for my kids!
- 2 Very good! Wish the websites had worked!
- 3 Enjoyed the session
- 4 OK

Session Comments 18

Steps to Success In Classroom Management

- 1 Very informative, not very interactive.
- 2 Very reliant on technology, rushed (poor time management)
- 3 Boring ... seemed like an intro to the subject. No specifics or stories.
- 4 Excellent presenter!, but back to audience quite a bit. Handout good, but very hard to read (need to print in black/white, not color) Too much info on each screen/ color schemes hard to follow.
- 5 Covered the very basics & I was looking for more innovation.

Session Comments 19

Teachers Are Professionals (TAP): Time to Shuffle, Ball, Change Some Attitudes

- 1 Excellent presenter
- 2 Humorous and engaging
- 3 Best thing was the reminder to be positive.
- 4 It was helpful, an nice reminder why I went into teaching in the firs place
- 5 Ms. Rigsbee was nice. I felt it was a nice combination of "feel good" and practical advice. No handouts -- but I actually liked that -- it wasn't a distraction not to have them. Her PowerPoint was terrific.
- 6 Cute! Looking forward to checking out her blog.
- 7 Presenter was dynamic!
- 8 Very engaging & informative
- 9 Great session
- 10 Excellent! All new teachers need this session.

Session Comments 20

Teachers as Neuroplasticians

- 1 Not overly technical -- not too simplistic -- great balance. Gorilla nice :-)
- 2 Kind of boring
- 3 I enjoyed that the class was not totally science based. I can really relate this to my students.
- 4 A little too basic for me.
- 5 Really helped me understand some of my male students better. Great session.
- 6 Wonderfully engaging
- 7 This was GREAT!
- 8 Interesting way to see how individuals think. Engaging activities. Pretty boring at times.
- 9 I loved this session! The presenter, content, & activities were great!!!

Session Comments 21

Technology In Action

- 1 Kind of boring
- 2 Hard to read the handouts, but very helpful information.
- 3 Presentation was great however a tad bit uninteresting. I will use the resources.
- 4 Very organized w/stats & w/suggested websites. Great examples/ samples. Handout hard to read but gave access for us to see & follow along.
- 5 My feelings on this session may have been colored by the fact I had attended so many other tech sessions.
- 6 Awesome Tech. Very Good
- 7 Definitely 21st Century Learning!!!
- 8 Love the class. Great info

Session Comments 22

Technology Toolbox

- 1 Discussed different websites, but I just couldn't get into the presentation.
- 2 Great technology websites.
- 3 Great resources!
- 4 Useful to see all of the different things you can use.
- 5 Very informational with a ton of websites to use in the classroom
- 6 Tons of resources.
- 7 Always an excellent resource to learn about new websites.
- 8 Excellent list of apps/links

Session Comments 23

Who is working harder? You or your students?

- 1 Presenter was GREAT! I learned so much!
- 2 Great ideas shared! Very informative
- 3 Really enjoyed this workshop
- 4 Valuable Information!
- 5 Ms. Elks was very informative and I got great ideas from her presentation.
- 6 Movement ideas are wonderful
- 7 Great resources
- 8 Great! I use to hate daily 5 -- not any more!
- 9 Very helpful, tons of ideas, I will definitely use these.
- 10 Needed more hands-on. Wanted to practice the daily five.
- 11 It was for elementary -- I'm in middle school.
- 12 I learned a lot of great strategies & how to correctly implement Daily 5
- 13 Good strategies to apply in the classroom. Thank you!
- 14 Loved Chrystal Elks. Thanks for all the knowledge for the younger grade (I am a PreK teacher)
- 15 I got a lot of info about Daily 5 and take aways for my classroom!!
- 16 Interesting ideas that can be tied to upper grades.
- 17 Resourceful
- 18 Activity clearly demonstrated in lesson ideas. Clear use of data within presentation.
- 19 Great presentation. Handout was less helpful.

Session Comments 24

You're a STAR Teacher, so BURST out of the Box

- 1 High energy. Good ideas/ techniques. Fun activities.
- 2 Great for Sunday morning! Loved all of the ideas given :-)
- 3 Enjoyed that they had all info consolidated
- 4 Great ideas & fantastic presenters.
- 5 Fun and engaging. I will take some new ideas away with me.
- 6 We were told to download an app to scan handouts, neat but annoying.
- 7 Awesome
- 8 Excellent ways to engage students and make lessons different. Presenters were active and engaging.
- 9 Loved it as always!
- 10 Really packed full of great strategies & ideas.
- 11 Great energy! Wonderful strategies & resources.
- 12 Seemed all over the place -- lost most of session.
- 13 This session actually practiced what they preached! :-)
- 14 Maybe a slide show or even blog!
- 15 Great Great Great info and resources.
- 16 Excellent presenters. Loved doing the activities and seeing examples/ choices to use right away in the class.
- 17 I'm s glad someone finally showed me how to differentiate with examples.
- 18 Very energetic.
- 19 This session was fun, energetic, and very informative! The hands-on lessons were great -- I will be implementing many of the techniques we learned in my middle and high school band classes!
- 20 No handout -- would have liked one.

21 Excellent