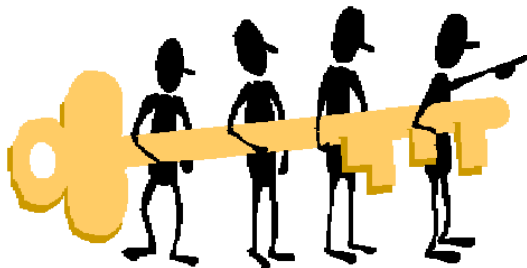


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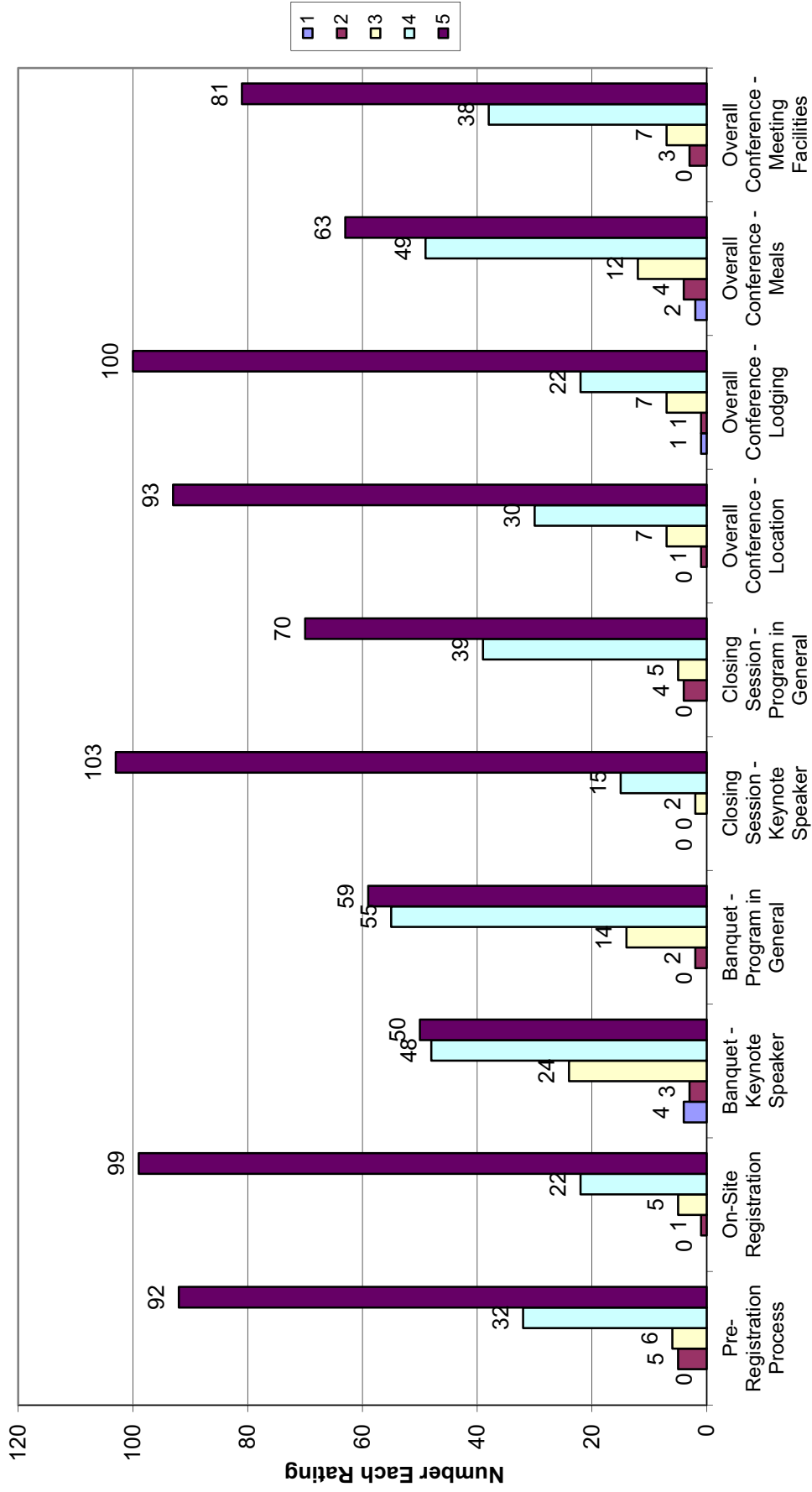
General Conference Ratings -- Summary

<u>Average</u>	<i>(5.0 Maximum)</i>
4.56	<i>CGR01: Pre-Registration Process</i>
4.72	<i>CGR02: On-Site Registration</i>
4.06	<i>CGR03: Banquet -- Keynote Speaker</i>
4.32	<i>CGR04: Banquet -- Program in General</i>
4.84	<i>CGR05: Closing Session -- Keynote Speaker</i>
4.48	<i>CGR06: Closing Session -- Program in General</i>
4.64	<i>CGR07: Overall Conference -- Location</i>
4.67	<i>CGR08: Overall Conference -- Lodging</i>
4.28	<i>CGR09: Overall Conference -- Meals</i>
4.53	<i>CGR10: Overall Conference -- Meeting Facilities</i>

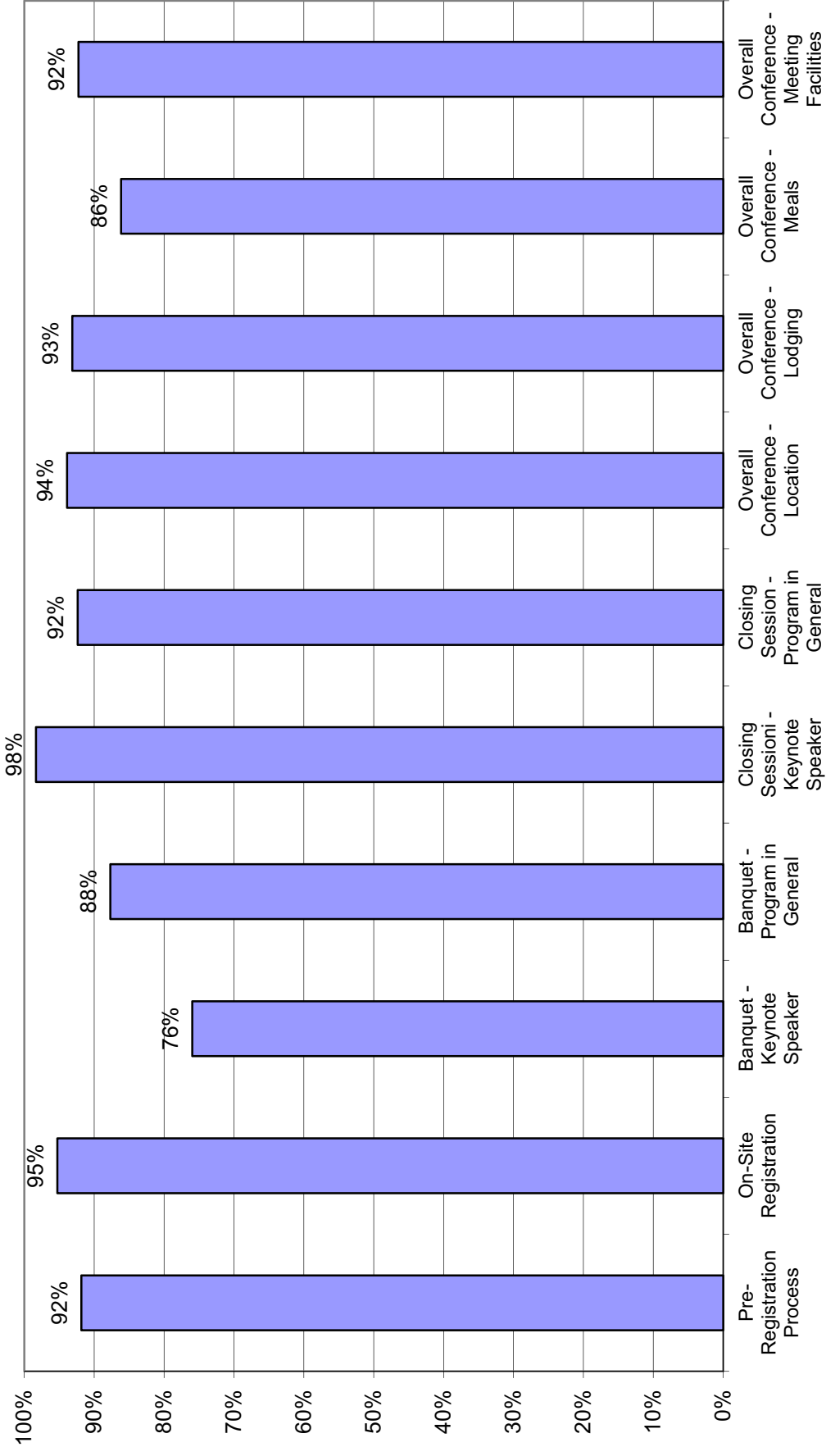
New Teacher Conference - General Evaluation Tally

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1		1	2	3	4	5
2	Pre-Registration Process	0	5	6	32	92
3	On-Site Registration	0	1	5	22	99
4	Banquet - Keynote Speaker	4	3	24	48	50
5	Banquet - Program in General	0	2	14	55	59
6	Closing Session - Keynote Speaker	0	0	2	15	103
7	Closing Session - Program in General	0	4	5	39	70
8	Overall Conference - Location	0	1	7	30	93
9	Overall Conference - Lodging	1	1	7	22	100
10	Overall Conference - Meals	2	4	12	49	63
11	Overall Conference - Meeting Facilities	0	3	7	38	81
12	Totals	7	24	89	350	810
13	Average Number of Responses	0.7	2.4	8.9	35.0	81.0

Conference General Evaluation -- 2015



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



Conference Comments

CG01

Comments

Pre-Registration Process

- 1 Didn't get emails and was told 4 days prior
- 2 Late notification to teachers
- 3 Late arrival
- 4 Fast and easy
- 5 Easy to check in
- 6 Super easy!
- 7 Quick and easy
- 8 Why did we pick sessions and not have a schedule based on these selections? Not a big deal though
- 9 Wasn't super mobile friendly
- 10 We arrived late, however we were okay
- 11 Diversity
- 12 Were organized
- 13 Hard to navigate website
- 14 Fairly simple
- 15 Yipee! Was added after cancelation
- 16 Thank you for the county car :)
- 17 Easy but more information would've been nice sooner
- 18 The pre-registration was easy and quick
- 19 No problems or issues
- 20 Very brief

Conference Comments

CG02

Comments

On-Site Registration

- 1 Quick and easy, a little early
- 2 Very nice host!
- 3 Missed...arrived Saturday morning
- 4 Late arrival
- 5 fast and easy
- 6 Very polite and friendly
- 7 Timothy was a great speaker w/ good advice and stories about inspiring students
- 8 It was very easy and organized.
- 9 Fast and easy!
- 10 Ladies were very pleasant
- 11 Quick and easy
- 12 Wonderful
- 13 Very brief
- 14 Quick and easy!
- 15 Simple
- 16 Fast!
- 17 Friendly staff
- 18 Quick and efficient
- 19 Little or no wait time
- 20 Easy, quick
- 21 Everything was given to us and ready on site
- 22 It was fast and easy!

Conference Comments

CG03

Comments

Banquet -- Keynote Speaker

- 1 He was wonderful, but why was he selected?
- 2 He shared great stories (Go-Rilla).
- 3 Very funny!
- 4 Very good speaker
- 5 Entertaining but not super relevant
- 6 Funny and entertaining, but not totally relevant
- 7 He was very entertaining
- 8 Very interesting guy.
- 9 Enjoyed his stories and comments related to teaching
- 10 Slightly amused but confused by here relevance
- 11 Unrelated to teaching
- 12 Great guy, but seemed off topic
- 13 His stories were full of stereotypes and irrelevant
- 14 The speaker perpetuated stereotypes and used it as a platform to make fun of a group's culture
- 15 Did not like that we were eating during speaker
- 16 Wasn't really engaged w/ the audience as I would like for them to be
- 17 Excellent, awesome presenter and tips of advice from an outside professional
- 18 Needed Sonya!
- 19 I understand the concept of getting someone outside of education to speak. He was funny and entertaining, but could've been more empowering.
- 20 Missed this session
- 21 His humor was very refreshing. His experiences w/ education made his oracle meaningful
- 22 Not relatable
- 23 Very encouraging
- 24 Refreshing to hear from somebody outside education

- 25 Interesting to hear from someone outside of education
- 26 Judge was a good speaker, very relateable and entertaining
- 27 Interesting, sweet, motivating
- 28 He was great!
- 29 Great speaker, but an educator might be more applicable
- 30 Great speaker - his message was short and simple, making it useful
- 31 Go-rilla! Eucatastrophe!
- 32 Judge Finan was very informative and the information shared was true to the aspect of the students in our school. Parents having to deal w/ law enforcement
- 33 :)
- 34 Connection not quite there for teacher perspective
- 35 Funny, nice perspective of non-educator
- 36 No connection to judges, unrelatable
- 37 Nice man, unrelatable
- 38 Good speaker. Didn't relate directly to the teaching profession. Would be nice to hear from someone from the profession.
- 39 too long, unrelatable
- 40 Enjoyed the stories told, however, other than stating depending on how well we evaluators do our jobs, can reflect on how well we keep kids out of the courtroom, the speech didn't really appress educators
- 41 Good but boring
- 42 Missed
- 43 This was my first time and I really didn't feel he made me ready for what I was about to experience

Conference Comments

CG04

Comments

Banquet -- Program in General

- 1 Great food!
- 2 Missed this session
- 3 Awesome!
- 4 Enjoyed the food. Very clean meeting rooms. However the bathrooms could've been a little better cleaned.
- 5 Catered food was good w/ professional staff aboard.
- 6 Nice event for socializing and welcoming each other
- 7 Food was delicious!!! I am disappointed that I didn't get dessert
- 8 Good food and great speakers
- 9 Late start. Would've preferred an earlier start time. Food was great!
- 10 Humorous and relevant
- 11 Good food, a little slow w/ some of the speakers
- 12 Had a great time, food was great
- 13 A little longer than necessary
- 14 Too long
- 15 Very professional; informative. Very glad that I had the opportunity to attend and grow.
- 16 Missed
- 17 Short, sweet, good dinner, to the point
- 18 Staff friendly, helpful. Food was excellent!
- 19 Great food!
- 20 A little lengthy
- 21 The banquet was very nice and the food was delicious
- 22 The food was awesome
- 23 The program was carried out in a smooth and timely manner. Great food. The speaker's message was short and simple. I plan to use a large portion of the information when I speak w/ other groups, students and adults

- 24 Please provide more options for lactose intolerant guests
- 25 Alternative options (vegetarian/allergies, etc)
- 26 Good food and service
- 27 Wonderful
- 28 Always awesome! Great service
- 29 Good food, the program was the perfect length
- 30 Thank you for the delicious dinner!

Conference Comments

CG05

Comments

Closing Session -- Keynote Speaker

- 1 So much enthusiasm
- 2 She should be next years first choice!
- 3 Awesome! Very inspiring and energetic speaker. Her anectdotes were fantastic and a reminder of why we do what we do.
- 4 Very good stories
- 5 She was great!
- 6 The best way to end our conference! She is fantastic :)
- 7 Excellent speaker
- 8 Awesome. I felt energized after hearing her speak.
- 9 Love her energy!
- 10 Great!
- 11 Loved this presenter! Simply amazing and inspiring!
- 12 Excellent!
- 13 Wonderful, engaging, resourceful! Great!
- 14 I enjoyed this speaker more
- 15 Like another session
- 16 She was awesome!
- 17 Encouraging and enegaging!
- 18 Wonderful! Thank you!
- 19 Enjoyed her speaking. She is always energetic everytime I see her
- 20 Excellent speaker! She's the bomb!
- 21 Excellent! Awesome presenter and tips of advice from an ouside professional
- 22 Great!
- 23 Sonya is totally awesome! I too stand in chairs w/ my 8th graders! She needs to be the speaker of all of these things! Please have Sonya start and end all of these! She is so positive and energetic it makes us want to be the same way!

- 24 FANTASTIC!!!
- 25 EXCELLENT!
- 26 Very engaging, inspirational, best part of conference
- 27 Energetic, outgoing, and enthusiastic
- 28 The speaker was very positive, up lifting and energetic
- 29 As always, Sonya is awesome!
- 30 Wow, she is amazing. This is what all keynote speeches should be
- 31 Very engaging
- 32 Love Sonya, she is awesome!
- 33 Awesome motivator
- 34 Her enthusiasm is contagious!
- 35 Exciting!
- 36 Weird and energetic
- 37 Sonya will always inform, teach and entertain! She was awesome!
- 38 Speaker has lots of energy. Cool activities to end conference
- 39 Awesome! Love her
- 40 Fantastic! Great information sharer and innovator
- 41 Very energetic speaker gave powerful speech to encourage teachers
- 42 Great enthusiasm!
- 43 She has great energy
- 44 Great! Energetic! Engaging! Powerful. You couldn't have chosen better!
- 45 Love her!
- 46 Very energetic, gave teachers encouragement
- 47 Awesome
- 48 Very good!
- 49 Sonya is amazing!
- 50 Well presented! The speaker was very good in engaging the participants to the presentation
- 51 Keynotes hit/lived it!

- 52 Awesome!
- 53 Absolutely adored her
- 54 Motivational/ energetic
- 55 Her energy and great way to close the conference; Sonya was great
- 56 Great energy
- 57 Very engaging and inspiring
- 58 She's amazing! So much positive energy!

Conference Comments

CG06

Comments

Closing Session -- Program in General

- 1 I didn't like the extended portion subsequent to the viewing of the video
- 2 Good
- 3 Too long
- 4 So much fun!
- 5 Cool video!!
- 6 Sad to see new people I met leave. But I overall enjoyed myself. Would like to come back next year.
- 7 I am so motivated!
- 8 Loved the powerpoint/slideshow of pictures
- 9 Short and sweet! It has been a long weekend!
- 10 :)
- 11 Video was a bit long
- 12 Too long. Video was too long. But it was fair. Speaker was great! Could've ended after than
- 13 Snacks before water/soda, do doorprizes first, no video or better music
- 14 Great speaker engagement!
- 15 Better editing of video
- 16 Great conference!
- 17 Video a little too long, maybe include more of the video spoofs
- 18 Video was a bit long
- 19 Timing perfect!
- 20 Great experience
- 21 Great conference!
- 22 Fantastic
- 23 Couldn't hear video at the back of the room, a bit boring
- 24 Great networking

Conference Comments

CG07-10

Comments

Overall Conference

- 1 I'll definitely be back next year!
- 2 It was amazing!
- 3 Internet server
- 4 Wouldn't it be closer to have this on the OBX?
- 5 Great as usual! You are the best, Ralph!
- 6 Lunch made me sick to my stomach
- 7 Hotel was great
- 8 Cold!
- 9 Excellent
- 10 The wifi/techonology in some classes malfunctioned
- 11 Very informative
- 12 Location was great
- 13 Healthier food options
- 14 Awsome, I really enjoyed it
- 15 No beach :(, no pool. Timing didn't coincide w/ weather
- 16 Too close together
- 17 Everything was great. I hate we didn't have friend chicken :)
- 18 Great atmosphere! Lots of networking
- 19 Alternative options (vegitarian/allergies, etc)
- 20 I really appreciate the vegan options available!
- 21 Perfect instructional conference
- 22 Please provide more water in the future
- 23 Beautiful location/great speakers
- 24 I understand we need to have a roommate, but can there be an option to room alone?

Conference -- Liked Most

What did you liked most about the conference?

- 1 Collaboration that took place
- 2 I enjoyed the topics throughout the weekend
- 3 I appreciated the wealth of information and networking
- 4 The different choices of sessions, location of conference, the meals, overall everything was fantastic!
- 5 Presenters who had visuals
- 6 The different sessions to attend
- 7 Presenters
- 8 Sessions
- 9 Are you a Boss or a Leader In the classroom
- 10 The chance to meet some great presenters and people in our district...THE LAST SPEAKER!
- 11 I really liked the session "Parental Survival Tips." The presenter was awesome. I also teach science. Sessions weren't too long or dull. Loved spending time w/ work friends outside of school!!
- 12 Spending time with work friends
- 13 The opportunity to network w/ other teachers and the closing speaker
- 14 Closing keynote speaker and battling the bulge sessions...great information
- 15 Great information along w/ great speakers. Good resources!
- 16 The energy that the presenters brought
- 17 Everything was great (both keynote speakers were wonderful)
- 18 Hearing our teachers talk about things they can take back and use in their classroom. The enthusiasm they get from this conference is just what they need to give them that little jump start to push them successfully.
- 19 The art of app smashing and bridging the gap w/ the power of rap
- 20 Taking back practical ideas to use in my classroom. Spending time w/ other committed, passionate, excited teachers
- 21 Meeting other BTs and knowing that I am not the only one going through similar situations
- 22 The opportunity to meet w/ others in our situations to collaborate w/

What did you liked most about the conference?

- 23 Great networking, professional development and fresh ideas to take into the classroom. Please bring back Paul Grant
- 24 Meeting other teachers, Paul Grant session.
- 25 The opportunity to collaborate and gain professional development. The atmosphere
- 26 Relaxing location
- 27 The number of session opportunities was great! I enjoyed the choice aspect - allowing me to pick which sessions I went to made the weekened exciting and fun.
- 28 Meeting and collaborating w/ other teachers
- 29 Place
- 30 Share w/ other teachers our experiences
- 31 Networking, banquet meal, sessions, lodging.
- 32 Collaborating w/ teachers from across eastern NC
- 33 Networking and information
- 34 The sessions provided were very helpful and engaging. Have lots of ideas to take back w/ me.
- 35 Session lengths
- 36 Meeting different people, networking, learning new things to enhance my effectiveness as a teacher
- 37 I totally enjoyed the networking and the variety of courses this year
- 38 I loved the chance to meet new people and collaborate
- 39 Collaborating and networking among other counties
- 40 The sessions, very informative, got lots of valuable resources
- 41 Hearing other teachers, makes me feel that I'm not the only one. Sessions were very informative
- 42 Our closing session speaker! I also loved the choice boards and guided writing sessions.
- 43 The closing keynote speaker! Deliverable/things we could physically take away from sessions
- 44 Collaborating w/ other teachers
- 45 I liked the "communicating effectively" session the most b/c she addressed the real problem
- 46 The conference was beneficial b/c it taught me some information that I can use in my classroom. I was also able to network
- 47 Choice of sessions
- 48 Collaborating and networking w/ other 2nd grade teachers :)

What did you liked most about the conference?

- 49 Everything!
- 50 The sessions were awesome!
- 51 Briding the gap thru rap!
- 52 Meeting new people and exchanging ideas. This conference has enhanced my knowledge on how I can better meet the needs of the children I serve
- 53 Everything!
- 54 I enjoyed the details and effectiveness of the session and the presenters!
- 55 Lots of sessions to choose from.
- 56 Meeting new teachers
- 57 Being able to choose our own sessions
- 58 I enjoyed being able to reflect and collaborate making it to this point
- 59 Variety in sessions that were being offered. Banquet food. Closing keynote speaker. Organization of the conference
- 60 Great resources
- 61 The workshops were really great!
- 62 Most of the sessions were great and very informative
- 63 Great sessions, good food
- 64 Sessions # 10, 34, and 27 were the absolutely great. We need more time in these sessions
- 65 Connections made, the energy of the speakers
- 66 The great presenters and their energy levels. Everything went smoothly and was organized. Getting out at 3 to explore.
- 67 Relevance of session topics
- 68 We were able to be active and participate in different games
- 69 I like that I was given information and practices that I can begin in my class on Monday! I liked that we had free time on Saturday
- 70 The wonderful sessions and networking w/ colleagues
- 71 Very informative and engaging. Great opportunity to learn, engage and develop skills needed to provide better instruction to students.
- 72 The material presented was very valuable and informative
- 73 Networking, interactive activities

What did you liked most about the conference?

- 74 Meeting w/ others learning different ways to teach my students
- 75 The networking and collaboration amongst other educators
- 76 Freedom of choice for sessions, working w/ neighbor counties
- 77 I really liked to close proximity of the quads, very convient. The food (dinner) was good.
- 78 Vertical planning/collaborationi amongst counties
- 79 Networking w/ other schools
- 80 It was a great opportunity to hear from and meet those from other districts and get their ideas
- 81 I enjoyed the content of most of the sessions. I enjoyed collaborating and meeting w/ other county teachers
- 82 Getting to collaborate w/ other beginning teachers across the northeast
- 83 Networking
- 84 It was a beautiful venue and has some really great presenters and information for BT's
- 85 I liked meeting people from other counties
- 86 I enjoyed the presenters and the different info they provided
- 87 The networking possibilities. Being able to keep up w/ current practices and trends
- 88 Connecting w/ others across the state realizing some of the same issues are occuring even in the not so rural areas
- 89 Freedom of choice
- 90 the rejuvenating atmospere. The warm welcome from member who facilitated the conference. As well as the great ideas from other fellow teachers
- 91 Concurrent sessions/ organization. I really enjoyed the conference. This was one of the best I have attended
- 92 Topics were all interesting. The presentations I have attended were all presented well
- 93 The take aways from sessions
- 94 The sesions were really informative and we could really go into our classrooms and apply what we learned
- 95 I enjoyed the networking and sessions
- 96 I liked the session b/c they are very informative. The information shared can be used when I return to the classroom
- 97 I liked the flow. It was well put together. The locations weren't hard to find and everything was accessible

What did you liked most about the conference?

- 98 I like that the presenters gave great information that as 1st and 2nd year teachers could use in their classroom
- 99 Door prizes!
- 100 Those presenters that were energetic and used activities in their presentations
- 101 The vocabulary workshop was excellent
- 102 Well planned and organized. Great location and presenters who shared useful info and lots of active involvement w/ participants
- 103 Wide array of topics for sessions
- 104 Engaging vocabulary lesson
- 105 Engaging in vocabulary was the only session where I gained new information
- 106 Most of the presenters were really good and the food was great
- 107 The interaction and collaboration
- 108 Collaborating w/ other teachers in my county and having variety of resources to use in the classroom.
- 109 That the presenters gave great information, resources and contact information if you needed more info
- 110 Everything
- 111 Talented and excellent presenters and organization
- 112 The conference location is great! the facilities were very nice - conference center and hotel. The variety of topics for the session was very nice and helpful. Mrs. Outland was by far the best presenter and the msot helpful presentation!
- 113 Great location
- 114 The food was great, everyone was very friendly, the sessions were very informative
- 115 The information was very helpful
- 116 I liked the power of rap session! I think the engage w/ vocab session was the most helpful. I enjoyed the keynote speaker and spending time w/ my colleagues
- 117 Dare to differentiate session. The variety of sessions
- 118 Great sessions that focus on integrating technology into the classroom whether for lessons or classroom mgmt. Great sesssion that focus on classroom mgmt strategies and how to implement in the classroom and for individual students
- 119 All speakers really shed a light on their topic. Extremely useful information!
- 120 Diversity of speakers and topics and location

What did you liked most about the conference?

- 121 Networking :)
- 122 Knowledgable presenters
- 123 Meeting other teachers and exchaning ideas
- 124 Networking
- 125 Food
- 126 Collaborating w/ other districts. Smile is our teachers sharing and relaxing! Beautiful city and great seafood resturant but meal expensive
- 127 The session involving learning and poverty
- 128 At the beach, the food!

Conference -- Liked Least

What did you liked least about the conference?

- 1 Communication "across districts". During the "Networking/reflection" maybe structure it so we can collaborate w/ other districts
- 2 Schedules so late in the year
- 3 A lot of BT1 and 2s would have benefitted from this information at the beginning of the school year.
- 4 A few presenters seemed unprepared
- 5 Weather
- 6 Not enough meat in the sessions. Review of items taught/learned in college needed to go more in depth on content not just w/ what we have learned through this first year.
- 7 Location too far from home. OBX only an hr. away. Wish the sessions were a little longer so we had time to talk w/ other teachers in our same content area.
- 8 A LOT of repeated material. As new teachers from college we've learned it.
- 9 A lot of the sessions covered broad topics w/o actually giving examples of things I could use in the classroom
- 10 Overall, great sessions. Maybe less topics on classroom management because they get repetitive
- 11 Overall good, maybe a little more exciting opening ceremony
- 12 The opening ceremony needed more excitement
- 13 Air conditioner was loud and couldn't hear videos in some sessions (large room).
- 14 The weather (We know it would've been great if Ralph had any control over it.)
- 15 The least things I liked was teachers who were talking as presenters were talking, very distracting.
- 16 Drawn at Sunday morning closing session.
- 17 The fact that I didn't get the opportunity to attend all of the sessions.
- 18 Teachers talking during sessions!
- 19 The location
- 20 The drive and some of the sessions weren't engaging the crowd, I didn't like that some of the sessions I wanted to go to I missed b/c it was a time conflict
- 21 See back

What did you liked least about the conference?

- 22 The session called "how do I reach you to teach you" - see comment. This was extremely disturbing and flawed.
- 23 The session on "How can I reach you to Teach You"
- 24 Too much time!
- 25 Some sessions have great names but they were not practice. They didn't show real cases. Some videos didn't work b/c of internet or computers don't work.
- 26 Logistics of actively engaged sessions vs. unengaged ones
- 27 Needed more interatction as opposed to lecturing b/c so many people were falling asleep...in all sessions.
- 28 Not long enough (1 more day)
- 29 I strongly feel that we struggle trying to fix the wrong problems. Then we try to get new BT's to jump on the bangwagon to continue addressing the same wrong problems.
- 30 There werwe so many courses on classroom management. Maybe incorporate classes specific for core subject. It's not often us core teachers can get out and visit workshops.
- 31 That it's only offerend for BT 1, 2, 3 - this will be my last year :(
- 32 The weather!! The conference was great!
- 33 Starting time - too early. Sessions should be 45 mins or an hr.
- 34 The video - too long, repeated pics, elevator music. Some sessions were the same as other sessions.
- 35 I wish there was more sessions of like an hour long
- 36 The technical difficulties in the big quad room
- 37 Didn't like that we have to work 1/2 day. I felt the conference could start ealier than it did
- 38 Would like it to be Friday/Saturday
- 39 I wish I got more specific instruction on things to use not what everything is.
- 40 Saturday was very long, maybe make 3/4 mandatory and leave an hour or so for work time!
- 41 How do I reach you to teach you?
- 42 Weekend shcedule -
- 43 I loved all of it!
- 44 The weather throughout the weekend/ I was recorded yesterday and didn't appear in the final video
- 45 Scheduling of session. Sessions I wanted to attend were at the same time.

What did you liked least about the conference?

- 46 Scheduling of sessions
- 47 Little worktime - 4 sessions in a day was a little much
- 48 There could've been more content specific sessions. Some sessions were too large for discussion
- 49 Make sure all technology works
- 50 I didn't enjoy the lunch
- 51 The rap session was so loud that I couldn't focus or hear my speaker
- 52 Late session on Friday, we can get up at 5 a.m., teach all day, drive 3 hours, we should be able to check in and relax
- 53 Some of the sessions weren't engaging and intriguing as I thought. Also, some descriptions of the sessions would've been beneficial while registering.
- 54 Weather
- 55 I would've loved the opportunity to see more sessions.
- 56 Cold temperature in Civic Center
- 57 Some of my sessions reflected in evaluation were not as helpful as I hoped
- 58 The time frame, a small factor. Some sessions didn't have enough time to provide all information and answer questions.
- 59 Some fo the classes not working, CPU's going down
- 60 I am not a coffee drinker so I would've liked to have had hot tea available
- 61 Online evaluations would be great
- 62 Bad weather
- 63 Weather
- 64 Weather
- 65 That it had to go on until Sunday
- 66 The weather, but you all can't control that situation
- 67 Some of the sessions didn't match their description as well as I would like
- 68 Being released late from sessions unable to make next session on time w/ a break
- 69 The banquet was a little long and at times pointless. The speaker was a judge, which isn't a profession we teachers can relate to.
- 70 It was a ton of sitting. It would be nice to be up and moving around to get more into the sessions

What did you liked least about the conference?

- 71 Room outlets in hotel not all operable
- 72 Could've been condensed to only Saturday
- 73 It was great, but as an exceptional children's teacher there needs to be more geared towards EC
- 74 Weather
- 75 Two of the presentation I have attended didn't have a presentation show (technical difficulties)
- 76 I feel that this conference should've been done at the beginning of the year before we go into our classrooms. The conference could've been done in Sept. once all new teachers were hired, we could've as new teachers implememnted these things in our classes all togethers
- 77 Most sessions talk about the "what" but not the "how"
- 78 Techonology failing
- 79 Some of the workshops I wanted to attend were only offered once, and at the same time
- 80 Everything went well
- 81 No subject-specific sessions. I.E. high school social studies, elementary math, middle school ELA, etc.
- 82 Most lessons didn't apply to my content area. Also information is very basic. If teachers don't know this then they shouldn't be teaching.
- 83 Most sessions didn't offer higher order engaging activities
- 84 Some fo the technology equipment didn't work
- 85 Technical difficulties
- 86 Some of the technology not working/not having an effective back up plan
- 87 Problems w/ technology in Quad 2
- 88 The topics were great but I wish the presenation would'be been more specific, organized, and practical w/I each session.
- 89 Some of the sessions weren't very informative, not enough resources that I could actually use
- 90 I came last year also and I went to one session this time that I also went to last year
- 91 Technical difficulties
- 92 Would like more sessions
- 93 Technological difficulties. Multiple sessions of interest at the same time
- 94 Middle school sessions are limited
- 95 Some fo the sessions were too short for the topic - technology hindered the presentations at times

What did you liked least about the conference?

- 96 Discipline strategies (something other than yelling)
- 97 The weather
- 98 We need more diversity w/ presenters and examples w/ resources. Our students that aren't european are often only presented w/ European (white) lessons/training.
- 99 Many of the sessions I went to were presenting material that I received many times at the county level
- 100 Tech problems in the sessions. Rap session was loud next door.
- 101 Too many sessions on classroom mgmt - more high school topics

Conference -- Other Topics

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

- 1 Modeled teaching/classrooms and anchor charts
- 2 Music sessions or sessions geared towards those who teach the arts
- 3 Teaching about burnout, how not to get burned out in the 1st year
- 4 More in depth/actual things we can go use in our classroom.
- 5 Less talking and more hand on stuff. If you want us to get our students up then you need to get us up!
- 6 More differentiation teaching strategies.
- 7 Psychological benefits of smiling and laughter in the classroom for teachers and students (making content fun! Ask Brenda Dail for presenter).
- 8 Battle of the bulge more than just one session. Bridging the Gap w/ power of Rap
- 9 A round of subject area specific development
- 10 Reaching EC students or what can we do for them in the classroom.
- 11 No.
- 12 How to handle all the levels of your student's w/ the same lesson. More math incorporated into sessions.
- 13 More sessions for Pre-k teachers
- 14 Ways to deal w/ challenging behavior.
- 15 Truly educating people on what poverty is, how race plays a crucial role in it and how institutional racism effects our students everyday (i.e. the school to prison pipeline)
- 16 Specific content area meetings, like having all social studies teachers meet.
- 17 No.
- 18 Include strategies for foreign languages.
- 19 Not at this time, however, each district could have new teachers to complete a survey of interest to help w/ planning.
- 20 Students who don't have accommodations but clearly need them...Is it okay or permitted to modify their assignments?
- 21 SSMT/PST - process or interventions to help those struggling students.
- 22 Working w/ special needs

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

- 23 Core specific: science, ELA, math
- 24 Working w/ AIG students and EC
- 25 Progress monitoring, how to use it to benefit instruction instead of taking time from instruction.
- 26 More guided reaching resources. Sessions on progress monitoring.
- 27 Some kind of technology presentation about apps/programs/sites for elementary
- 28 Giving clear directions
- 29 How to motivate the unmotivated students
- 30 Daily 5 for upper grades. Café strategies and how to implement them in the classroom.
- 31 How to merge lesson planning, grading, and all of the paperwork (work/life balance)
- 32 Whole brain teaching, math centers, language arts. Materials games.
- 33 Engaging in secondary math. Making math fun, cross curricular ideas/strategies.
- 34 Leadership in the community and how it can transcend to the classroom.
- 35 More on content
- 36 Content specific sessions
- 37 Legal issue topics for educators
- 38 Technology, global awareness
- 39 I was REALLY upset that the RIGOR session was cancelled
- 40 RIGOR!
- 41 Guided math or Daily 5 math
- 42 Working w/ ESL students and integrating SS in reading
- 43 Bringing in visuals for repetition - long term memory. Yes, visual (other) art integration for all subjects. Art, special class very important for building student confidence, learning to communicate in this learning style
- 44 I would've liked to have a session that focuses on time management in the classroom as well as a session on how to motivate students.
- 45 Speaker that is in our profession
- 46 How to work w/ students who are several grades behind.
- 47 Engaging/reaching low level learners
- 48 EC related sessions

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

- 49 Transitions/small groups for Pre-k/kindergarten. Reading/writing/ABC for pre-k
- 50 Something dealing w/ the implementation of the common core curriculum
- 51 True meaning of team collaboration across the grade levels
- 52 More classes that are relateable for technical education class. Collaborating efforts between CTE and core classes
- 53 More content specific workshops
- 54 A session on how to be effective teachers
- 55 No, every topic I want to learn about was presented
- 56 Planning lesson plans according to the standards
- 57 Science in the pre-k classroom, math, and lesson planning
- 58 Getting parent and community involvement
- 59 More presentations for high school CTE teachers
- 60 Procedures that work (people always say to teach your procedures, but what if you don't know what they should be)?
- 61 Dealing w/ discipline issues and disrespect
- 62 Building on basics. Not just basics.
- 63 Being a mentor for males as a male teacher
- 64 How to be creative w/ little to no resources in the classroom.
- 65 Science in the pre-k classroom, math, and lesson planning
- 66 Teacher portfolio
- 67 There needs to be more presentation like Mrs. Outland's - specific, practical, research based, thorough, visual! I could've spent hours in her presentation and talking to her! She was very helpful!
- 68 Specific grade level sessions
- 69 Everything was great
- 70 Arts integration
- 71 21st century skills in math
- 72 More technology integration and 21st century skills
- 73 Middle school CTE sessions/ offer a panel of teachers that are willing to answer questions. Maybe a Q & A session

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

- 74 I think it'd be great to have a question and answer panel w/ experience staff (during lunch maybe?) so individual questions that take a lot of time in sessions could be referred to that!
- 75 Financial training for teachers, how to communicate and build leadership w/ principles, importance to gather artifacts for summative evaluation. Maybe someone from NCDPI to have law school and explain pay scale/step scale, etc.

Ralph, thanks for all your hard work!

- 76 Technology more high school sessions - I felt like my options for sessions were limited. Too many elementary sessions.

Concurrent Sessions

Concurrent Sessions Evaluation Tally -- 2015

Count		1	2	3	4	5	DI
01. Are you a Boss or a Leader in yo	Presenter	0	2	4	13	44	30
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	Resources	0	2	16	13	31	
02. Assessment Toolkit	Presenter	1	0	0	0	13	5
Comments:	Topic	1	0	1	5	7	
	Resources	1	0	2	7	5	
03. Battling the Bulge, Take 2!-Mot	Presenter	0	1	0	4	24	16
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	Resources	0	0	0	3	26	
04. Bridging the Gap with the Powe	Presenter	0	0	1	1	32	25
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05. Communicating Effectively	Presenter	0	0	3	5	18	9
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	Resources	1	2	4	6	12	
06. Dare to Differentiate: Creating	Presenter	0	0	4	8	24	18
Comments:	Topic	0	0	3	4	29	
	Resources	0	2	2	6	26	
07. Delving Into Guided Writing	Presenter	1	0	7	9	19	13
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	Resources	0	2	3	10	21	
08. Designing for Active, Engaged I	Presenter	0	2	4	12	12	11
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09. Eating the Elephant--A Bite-Siz	Presenter	0	0	1	3	11	7
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10. Engaging with Vocabulary	Presenter	0	2	0	4	28	14
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	Resources	1	0	1	7	24	
11. Flipping and Blending Learning	Presenter	0	1	0	6	1	1
Comments:	Topic	0	2	1	3	2	
	Resources	0	3	2	2	1	
12. Guided Reading (Using Whole	Presenter	2	6	7	6	15	7
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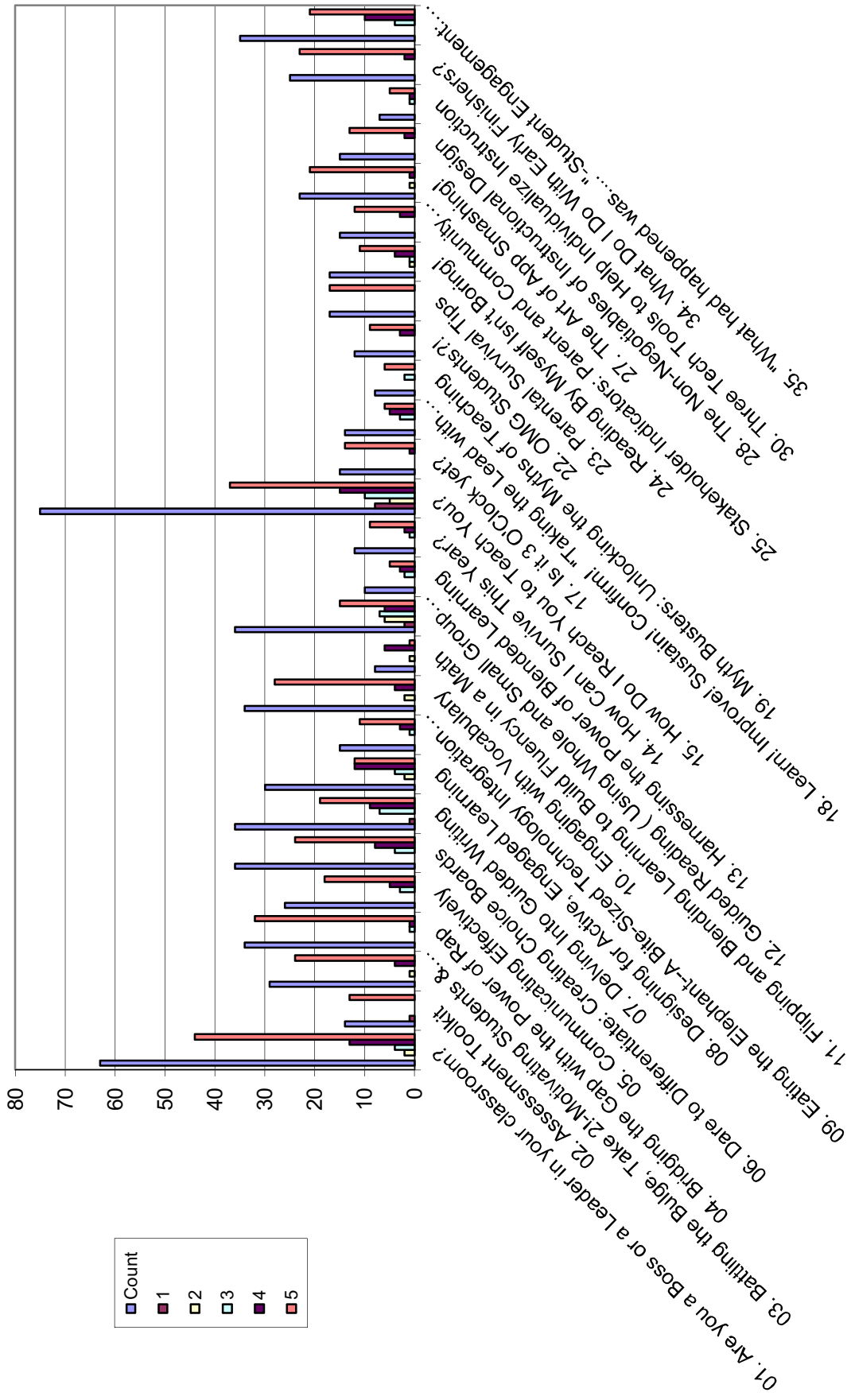
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15. How Do I Reach You to Teach Your Students?	Presenter		8	5	10	15	37	23
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	Resources		15	7	11	14	25	
17. Is it 3 O'Clock yet?	Presenter		0	0	0	1	14	5
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18. Learn! Improve! Sustain! Confidence!	Presenter		0	0	3	5	6	3
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	Resources		0	1	0	2	5	
22. OMG Students?!	Presenter		0	0	0	3	9	4
	Comments: Topic		0	0	1	3	8	
	Resources		1	1	0	2	8	
23. Parental Survival Tips	Presenter		0	0	0	0	17	7
	Comments: Topic		0	0	1	0	16	
	Resources		0	1	0	1	15	
24. Reading By Myself Isn't Boring	Presenter		0	1	1	4	11	8
	Comments: Topic		0	1	0	6	10	
	Resources		0	1	2	3	10	
25. Stakeholder Indicators: Parental Involvement	Presenter		0	0	0	3	12	5
	Comments: Topic		0	0	0	4	11	
	Resources		0	0	0	4	11	
27. The Art of App Smashing!	Presenter		0	1	0	1	21	13
	Comments: Topic		0	1	0	0	22	
	Resources		0	1	0	2	20	
28. The Non-Negotiables of Instruction	Presenter		0	0	0	2	13	8
	Comments: Topic		0	0	1	3	11	
	Resources		0	0	2	2	11	
30. Three Tech Tools to Help Individualize Learning	Presenter		0	0	1	1	5	3
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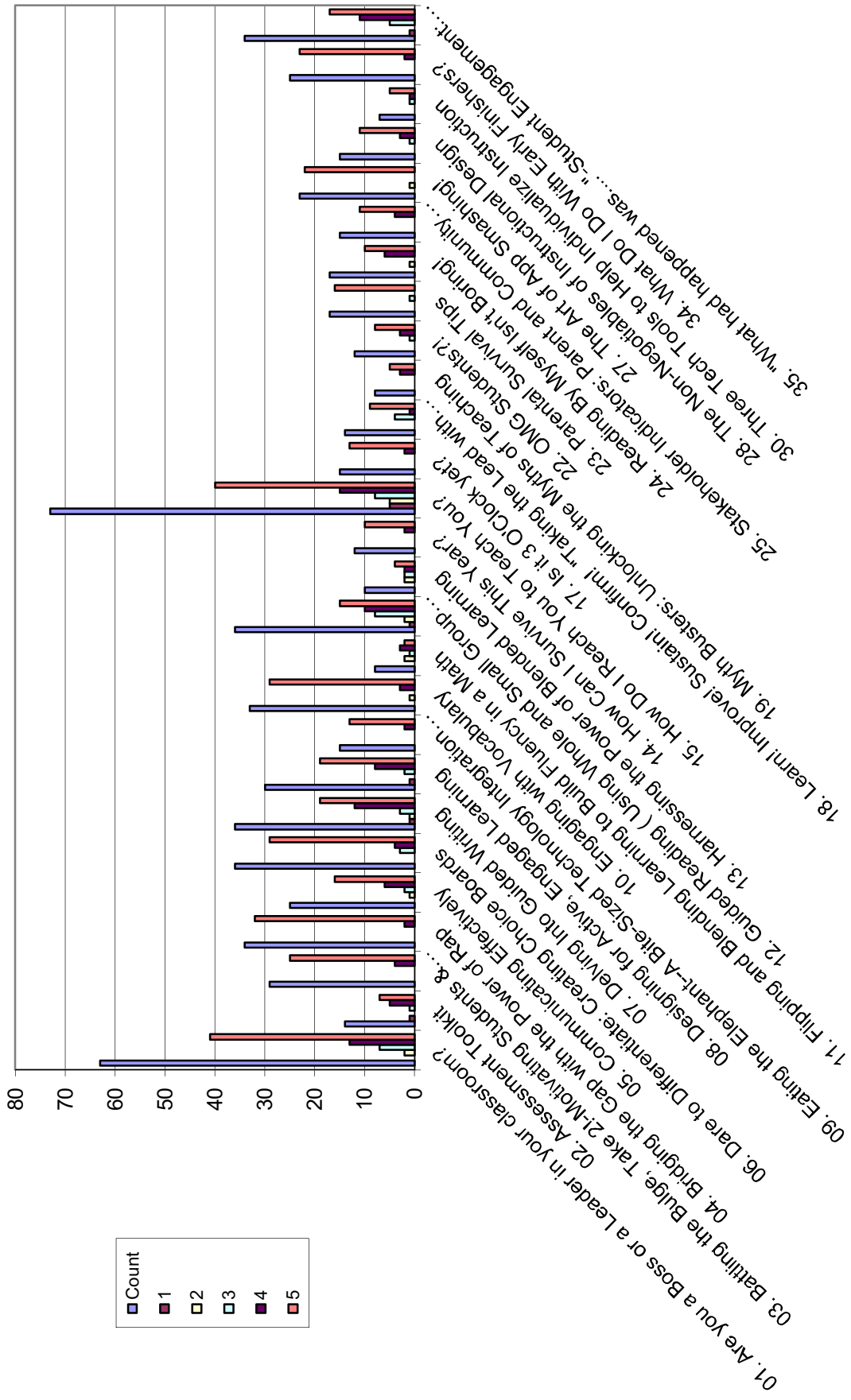
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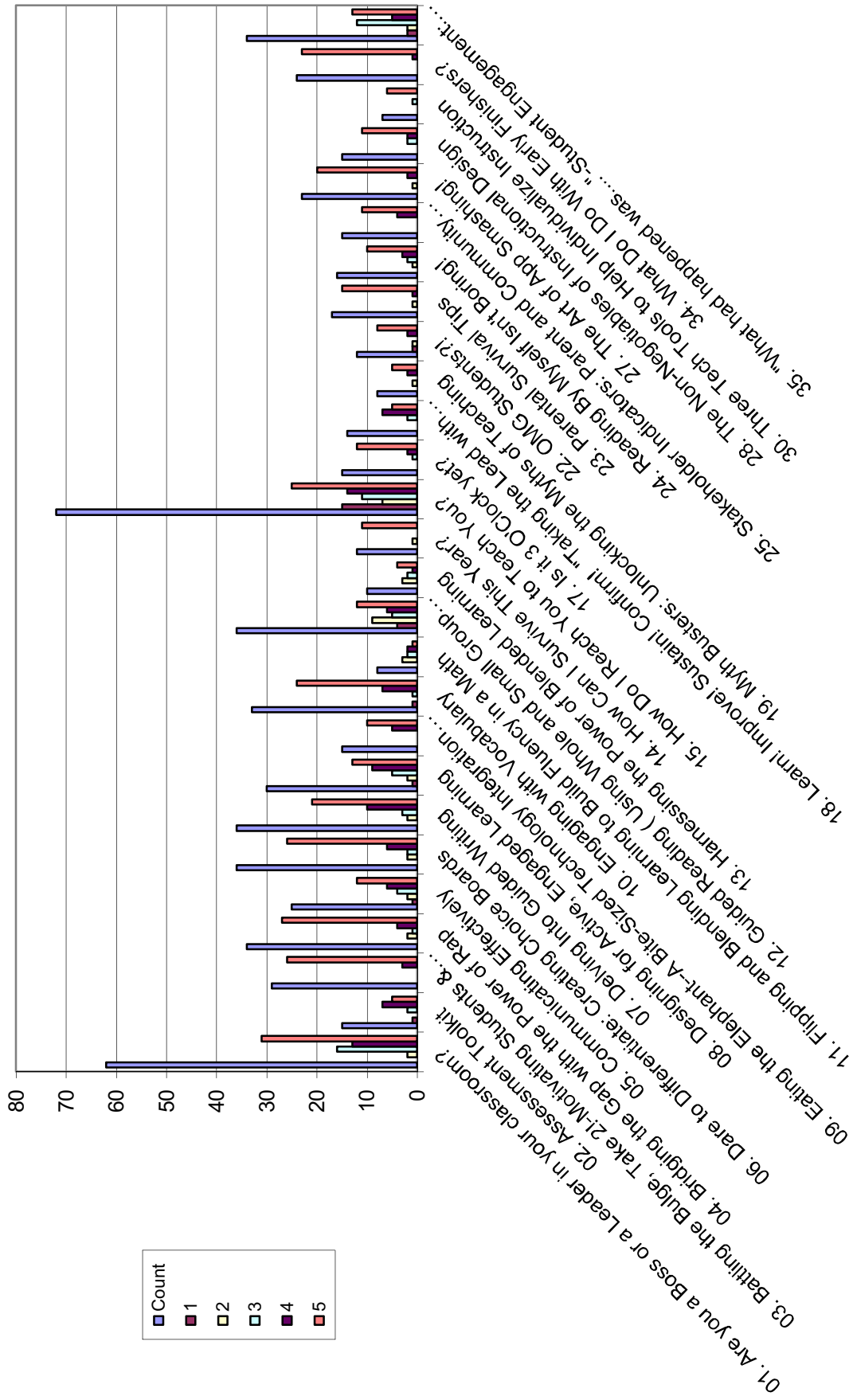
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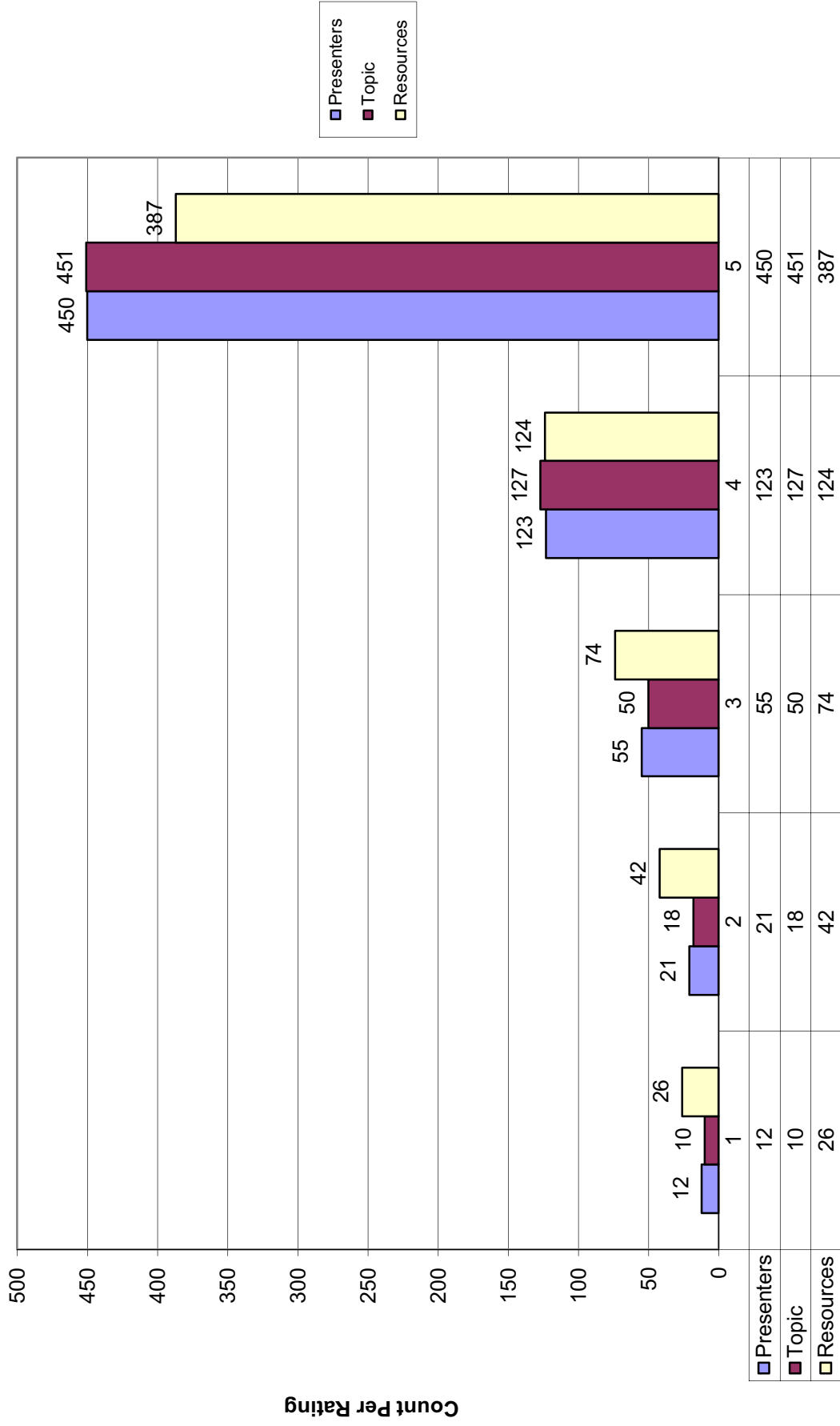
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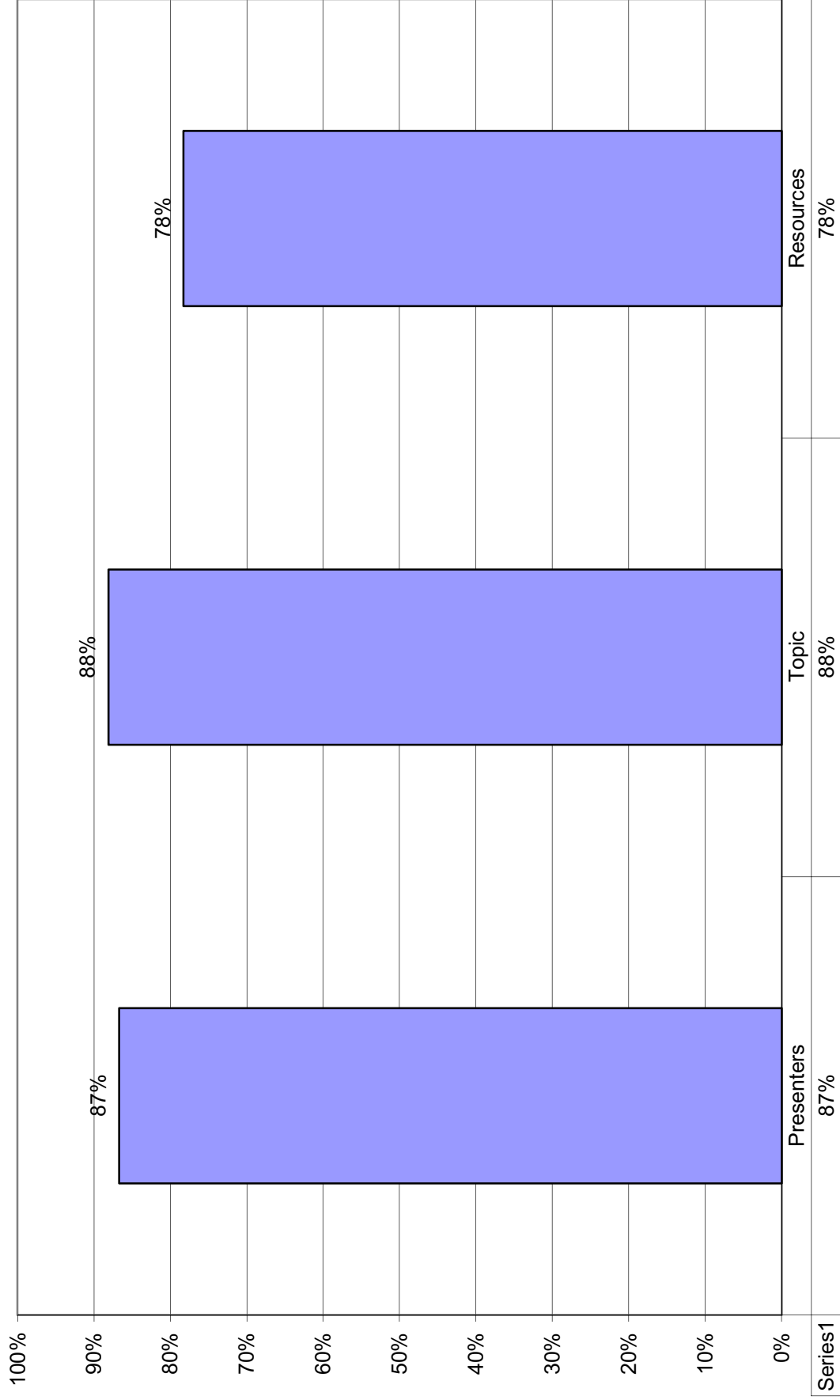
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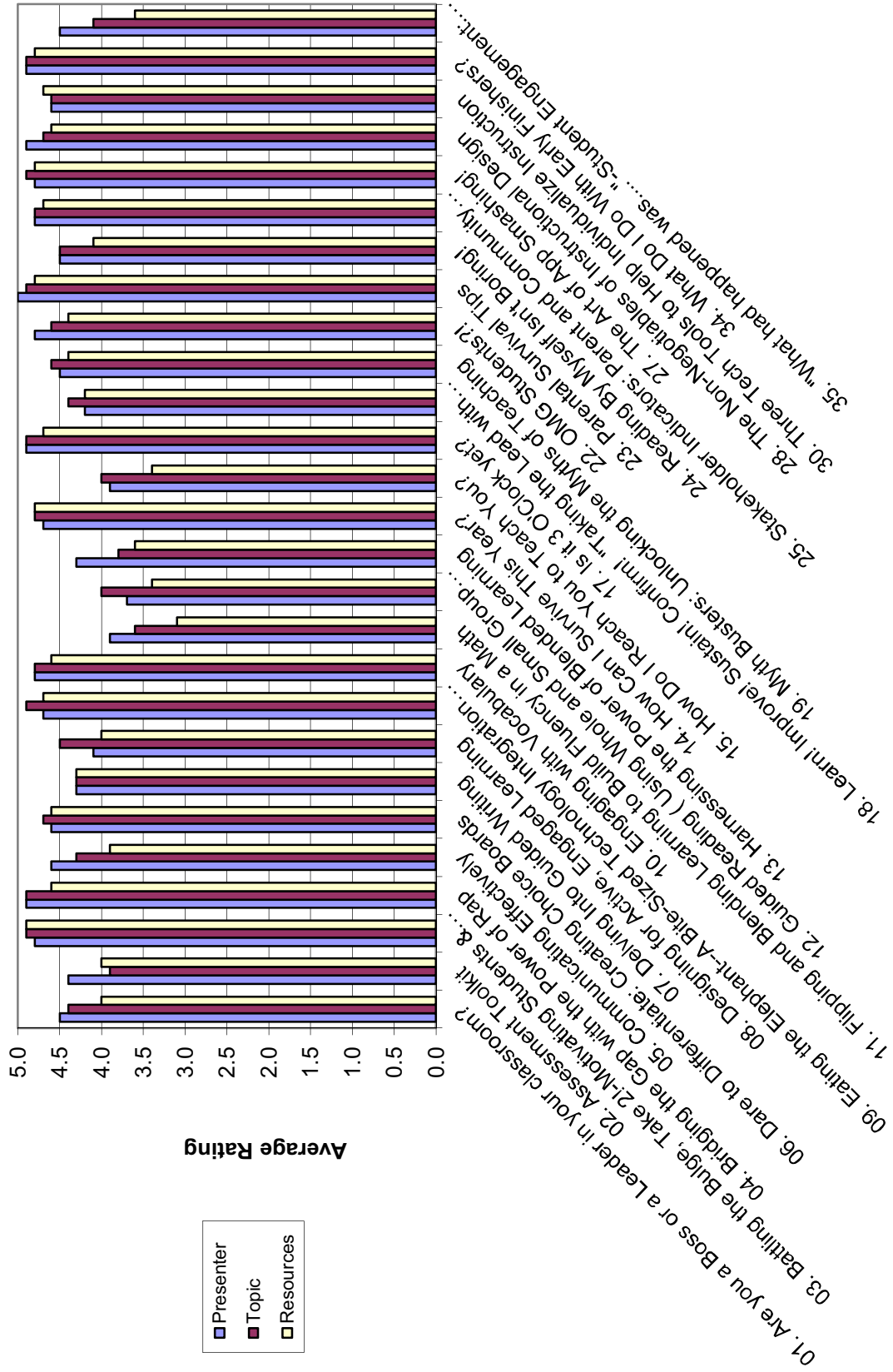
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Session Average Summary 2015

	Presenter	Topic	Resources
01. Are you a Boss or a Leader in your classroom?	4.5	4.4	4.0
02. Assessment Toolkit	4.4	3.9	4.0
03. Battling the Bulge, Take 2!-Motivating Students & Teach	4.8	4.9	4.9
04. Bridging the Gap with the Power of Rap	4.9	4.9	4.6
05. Communicating Effectively	4.6	4.3	3.9
06. Dare to Differentiate: Creating Choice Boards	4.6	4.7	4.6
07. Delving Into Guided Writing	4.3	4.3	4.3
08. Designing for Active, Engaged Learning	4.1	4.5	4.0
09. Eating the Elephant--A Bite-Sized Technology Integration	4.7	4.9	4.7
10. Engaging with Vocabulary	4.8	4.8	4.6
11. Flipping and Blending Learning to Build Fluency in a Mat	3.9	3.6	3.1
12. Guided Reading (Using Whole and Small Group Instructi	3.7	4.0	3.4
13. Harnessing the Power of Blended Learning	4.3	3.8	3.6
14. How Can I Survive This Year?	4.7	4.8	4.8
15. How Do I Reach You to Teach You?	3.9	4.0	3.2
17. Is it 3 O'Clock yet?	4.9	4.9	4.7
18. Learn! Improve! Sustain! Confirm! "Taking the Lead with	4.2	4.4	4.2
19. Myth Busters: Unlocking the Myths of Teaching	4.5	4.6	4.4
22. OMG Students?!	4.8	4.6	4.3
23. Parental Survival Tips	5.0	4.9	4.8
24. Reading By Myself Isn't Boring!	4.5	4.5	4.1
25. Stakeholder Indicators: Parent and Community Engagem	4.8	4.8	4.7
27. The Art of App Smashing!	4.8	4.9	4.8
28. The Non-Negotiables of Instructional Design	4.9	4.7	4.6
30. Three Tech Tools to Help Individualize Instruction	4.6	4.6	4.7
34. What Do I Do With Early Finishers?	4.9	4.9	4.8
35. "What had happened was...."-Student Engagement: Proa	4.5	4.1	3.6

Concurrent Session Evaluation Summary - Average Rating (5 Max)



Session Comments 01

01. Are you a Boss or a Leader in your classroom?

- 1 Wonderful facilitator. Kept everyone engaged. Truly enjoyed.
- 2 N/A
- 3 Great enthusiasm
- 4 Good job!
- 5 Wish we could've finished, she was very engaging!
- 6 Good!
- 7 Could've given more clear picture of the difference of a boss and leader
- 8 Very interactive
- 9 Very engaging presenter!
- 10 Excellent information for new teachers. Lots of tools to help them plan. Best workshop award! Awesome.
- 11 Nice handout. A/C was loud - couldn't hear video. Presenter had a lot of energy & engaging activities. A little "choppy". Nice prizes for participants.
- 12 Liked the conga line - great session
- 13 Couldn't hear videos, need better speakers
- 14 Thought it was going to be strategies to be a leader. Really only classroom management
- 15 Couldn't hear video, needed better and bigger speakers to project sound
- 16 N/a
- 17 Very interactive and interesting
- 18 Great info on how to be in charge in the classroom.
- 19 Great session. Helps teachers understand strengths and weaknesses and what we can improve on.
- 20 Especially good for 1st year teachers.

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- 21 N/A
 - 22 This was a very informative workshop.
 - 23 Speakers weren't working
 - 24 I loved this session
 - 25 I like this workshop b/c I was given resources to evaluate myself as a teacher.
 - 26 I just want to work w/ this presenter! Love her management
 - 27 Enjoyed her session. Knowledgeable of her subject
 - 28 Very interactive and engaging
 - 29 Excellent presentation. This is very much some of the things I need to work on.
 - 30 Needed for all teachers
 - 31 I enjoyed reflecting on my classroom management. I wish more strategies were given! Great job to the presenter!
 - 32 Awesome!
 - 33 Great for learning how not to manage a classroom, but could use more alternatives.

Session Comments 02

02. Assessment Toolkit

- 1 Enjoyed this session!
- 2 Unable to attend session I choose and attended this one. Not geared towards my grade
- 3 Great session. I learned about different physical activities - I can use in my classroom.
- 4 Awesome presenter!

Session Comments 03

03. Battling the Bulge, Take 2!-Motivating Students & Teachers Through NEW Physical Activity Strategies for the Academic Classroom

- 1 More diversity please!
- 2 Gave info. Keep a teacher healthy
- 3 Really enjoyed this session! It woke me up.
- 4 Awesome!
- 5 Loved this! Great presenters, very engaging.
- 6 This session provided me with various physical activities that will keep my kids actively engaged.
- 7 Love how applicable it is
- 8 Great resources for teachers and students!
- 9 Awesome!
- 10 It's important to put yourself as a priority!
- 11 Awesome review games
- 12 As a health and P.E. teachers this was great as well!

Session Comments 04

04. Bridging the Gap with the Power of Rap

- 1 The most engaged I've ever been in a session.
- 2 Great topic! Really interesting. Presenter seemed a little unprepared.
- 3 Great! Speaker was great for the topic
- 4 Amazing presentation, inspiring
- 5 Fun and engaging.
- 6 Presenter was amazing. Really and truly enjoyed all aspects. Would've stayed in this session all day.
- 7 Best class ever and very interactive
- 8 Was able to teach me to be able to turn anything into a rap for the students
- 9 This was the most amazing and useful session I have EVER gone to.
- 10 Very engaging! Great session!
- 11 Wish I'd gone there, seemed awesome!
- 12 AWESOME!
- 13 This session gave me a new perspective on how to get my kids engaged and motivated.
- 14 No handouts but overall very engaging - can be applied across multiple disciplines. Fun!
- 15 The presenter is fantastic. He really opened my mind to include rhyme into my class.
- 16 I think this was the best course I attended.
- 17 Too loud
- 18 No materials that I could take away
- 19 Awesome way to engaging students
- 20 Engagement connectivity!

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- 21 the best session to have after lunch.
 - 22 Awesome instructional methods to get students engaged. Amazing class.
 - 23 Very engaging
 - 24 Awesome, gave great ideas to use in the classroom.
 - 25 Have never been so excited in a session. Awesome

Session Comments 05

05. Communicating Effectively

- 1 I got a lot more out of this than I expected.
- 2 Awesome workshop that shows teachers how to connect w/ their kids.
- 3 Less emphasis on grammar, more emphasis on how to present info to parents and get them to respond.
- 4 Speaker was good but topic didn't match my expectation.
- 5 I was hoping the session would focus on how to talk to students, not parents.
- 6 Love the sample take home letter to a parent discussing the child's bad behavior.
- 7 The conversations about the content were very good.
- 8 Less lecture and more examples other than email. What about different styles based on students?
- 9 Shared some interesting things for me to take back to my co-workers
- 10 Practical tips

Session Comments 06

06. Dare to Differentiate: Creating Choice Boards

- 1 Love!
- 2 Presenter was very knowledgeable. Great resources and sessions
- 3 Awesome job!
- 4 Loved having examples given and being able to work w/ grade level on choice board.
- 5 Very informative, loved the resources.
- 6 This was fantastic! I think this will be wonderful to use in the classroom.
- 7 Good ideas
- 8 Great resources :)
- 9 Awesome presentation
- 10 GREAT presenter. This was my absolute favorite. I came away from this w/ so many great ideas.
- 11 I was able to gain much information and resources to use! Great session!
- 12 Great, great PD session!
- 13 Wanted more time
- 14 This was a great presentation
- 15 Couldn't attend but should've. Please offer again!
- 16 Present presentation on the overhead, overall good presentation

Session Comments 07

07. Delving Into Guided Writing

- 1 This was great way to inform pre-k teachers to prepare students for kindergarten.
- 2 This presenter was good.
- 3 Loved the energy! Love the ideas and the 3 F's - flexible, fast, focused.
- 4 Well-researched and so resourceful!
- 5 Loved the resources :)
- 6 Great session! I learned how I can incorporate guided writing in my pre-k class.
- 7 Very good presenter w/ high energy
- 8 Great ideas to motivate writing
- 9 Not enough seats!

Session Comments 08

08. Designing for Active, Engaged Learning

- 1 Need better description
- 2 Good but a lot of down time to get distracted
- 3 There wasn't much info given in this session
- 4 Did a lot of collaborating and learned of new strategies
- 5 I really enjoyed how she modeled the strategies.
- 6 Lots of concrete ideas! Very thorough and great discussion.
- 7 Second best; really active. Gallery walks are awesome! 4 corners are awesome! Great packet. Some we already knew, but some are new to us! New stuff is good stuff!
- 8 The instructions weren't clear; however, engaged with it.
- 9 Good job!
- 10 Student implementation is an area I will develop
- 11 Repetitive not reflective
- 12 Reinforcing. Student-centered learning and importance of protocols. Not enough hard copies for all.
- 13 This session wasn't helpful.
- 14 This was a great presentation.
- 15 Was really hoping for more tools to take back to the classroom.
- 16 Useful resources and perfect modeling.

Session Comments 09

09. Eating the Elephant--A Bite-Sized Technology Integration Plan

- 1 Showed many useful tools I will personally check out.
- 2 Some cool Google tools.
- 3 Much less helpful for LEAs that have either no 1-1 system or a nonfunctional one.
- 4 Presentation is well organized and info very helpful in the class.
- 5 Good use of learning new technology: Google classroom, Flugaroo. Handed out great google tool resources.
- 6 Appreciate handbook on Google tools!
- 7 Great energy

Session Comments 10

10. Engaging with Vocabulary

- 1 Too much talk w/o sharing resources and off topic. Too much sharing of her gov.-tech network.
- 2 Really helpful
- 3 Rushed a little d/t time
- 4 Best.Session.Ever. Great strategies. Practice using them was helpful. Increase my confidence.
- 5 Very useful ideas!
- 6 Presenter good resources and methods to teach vocab.
- 7 I enjoyed the session and resources given so that we can take information back to the classroom.
- 8 Great, great, great tools that I can use and implement immediately.
- 9 Awesome
- 10 Enjoyed the presenter and presentation. She just went a little too fast.
- 11 Great resources! Will definitely use this week in class.
- 12 Great session!
- 13 Great job! Very engaging; A+
- 14 Not enough time but great information!

Session Comments 11

11. Flipping and Blending Learning to Build Fluency in a Math

- 1 Wi-Fi and Internet wasn't working for all resources. Excellent ideas!
- 2 This wouldn't work in the school I work in - not enough resources
- 3 Would love to see this modeled.

Session Comments 12

12. Guided Reading (Using Whole and Small Group Instruction During the 90 minute Literacy Block)

- 1 I felt it wasn't structured in the most beneficial way for someone new to the info.
- 2 I need to know how to make sure other students are on task while I work w/ small groups. Step by step "lesson" example would help.
- 3 There should be more enthusiasm in the instructor. Instructor was still good.
- 4 Not as informed as I needed.
- 5 I wanted to see how/what an effective guided reading lesson looks like.
- 6 Review material presenter was snotty.
- 7 I was looking forward to this but disappointed w/ materials. I wanted to learn things to do during GR not how to make the groups and whatnot.
- 8 Need resources on things to use in guided reading not what it is.
- 9 Resources weren't available. The presentation was a little dry. I didn't learn anything from this presentation :(
- 10 The topic is very important but I didn't get much out of the presentation - no handouts, repeat info, dull presentation, etc.
- 11 The presenter was right when she said no one should be pulled out from the literary block. An EC teacher should be put in.
- 12 Interesting that she stressed to not have students pulled out during reading block
- 13 I thought I would get more info about guided reading ideas and tips - not "what guided reading is."
- 14 Very informative, but unable to hear at times (Rap session next door)
- 15 Need more practical solutions ideas

Session Comments 13

13. Harnessing the Power of Blended Learning

- 1 Very positive w/ all of the mishaps. Internet prevented the presentation from being as helpful as it could be.
- 2 Great info, technology wasn't performing
- 3 Excellent! Very professional presenter.
- 4 We should conduct a "Tech-trial run" the day before

Session Comments 14

14. How Can I Survive This Year?

- 1 She was awesome. I enjoyed it.
- 2 She was timely. Awesome! Great! The best one! Needed more.
- 3 Awesome! Great info! I look forward to using info.
- 4 Classroom management, engaging students
- 5 Great visuals

Session Comments 15

15. How Do I Reach You to Teach You?

- 1 Unprofessional atmosphere. Felt extremely uncomfortable to share w/ the room. (See word doc Additional Comment #30)
- 2 Bold topic but needful
- 3 This session provided me w/ a better understanding on how to better serve disadvantaged kids and help them b/cm successful in life.
- 4 Great resources on students in poverty.
- 5 Lack of resources and didn't really help much on how to teach these children. Great presenter though.
- 6 Great topic - but presenter didn't cover material well at all. No substance. More about stereotypes and not topic
- 7 The language used didn't promote the growth of our students. I didn't take anything positive from this session.
- 8 Unprepared to teach this subject, poor planning.
- 9 It was similar to a lecture...
- 10 This session reinforced stereotypes and presented low-income communities as something purely to "deal w/" and not as something to understand. (See word doc Additional Comment #31)
- 11 Need small group, very surface level. Not as engaging
- 12 This conversation was nothing but reinforcing stereotypes about poor people. (See word doc Additional Comment #29)
- 13 Great topic to discuss language community/school
- 14 Speaker was very good. Too much rude talkers from the beg. Teachers. Wasn't able to fully focus on the speaker
- 15 Hate we didn't get to see the PowerPoint. She did get email addresses though
- 16 The presenter was excellent and the session was informative

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- 17 Loved this topic, wish she could've shared strategies vs. people complaining about their students
 - 18 Can read the handout and it is just as helpful as the presentation - presentation kind of dull
 - 19 Laptop wasn't working
 - 20 Stats and more activity that are related instead of a lecture. (See word doc Additional Comment #32)
 - 21 Interesting and active workshop.
 - 22 Very relative.
 - 23 Thank you!
 - 24 Informative info that needs to have more hands on learning.
 - 25 Extremely helpful for us teaching in low SES districts.
 - 26 More strategies, please. This should a 2 sessions. Part A about poverty and part B about strategies.
 - 27 Informative. Would love to be more informative.
 - 28 there weren't enough materials.
 - 29 I feel like this session would work best in small groups.
 - 30 The presentation of the information was great. I would like more examples of reaching the kids.
 - 31 Topic was good but no resources
 - 32 Very informative
 - 33 No PPT, trivialized and generalized this session, no take aways!
 - 34 Great topic, but lacked substance. I didn't like the focus on vocab. The topic could've been explored in a different way, one where there was a clear takeaway. Also, no ppt, generalized topic, and very surface level discussion.
 - 35 Great topic w/ financial status data to show poverty across the races and how it affects classroom.
 - 36 Knowing where your kids come from is essential
 - 37 Needed for every county

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- 38 I hate that her computer malfunctioned.
 - 39 The session topic is very important but could've been explored in a more interactive/engaging matter.
 - 40 A good topic but the presentation should've focused more on the strategies to reach the end students.

Session Comments 16

17. Is it 3 O'Clock yet?

- 1 Couldn't hear presenter
- 2 Wonderful info. Wish I could've stayed another hour.
- 3 Awesome ways to deal w/ students academically and emotionally. Great resources.
- 4 The presenters were extremely nice and had great info!
- 5 Loved the real - scenarios and solutions.
- 6 Great modeling examples; very helpful and useful info.

Session Comments 17

18. Learn! Improve! Sustain! Confirm! 'Taking the Lead with Classroom Management in Order to Improve Instruction'

- 1 Too much conversation for the time. It was good but a little frustrating. Kept calling on the same people
- 2 Buffering held back presentation
- 3 Lots of repeated information, just read off the slide, sharing stories instead of solutions.
- 4 Loved being able to talk and hear stories from other teachers and how they handle situations.
- 5 cancelled

Session Comments 18

20. Myth Busters: Unlocking the Myths of Teaching

1 None

Session Comments 19

22. OMG Students?!

- 1 Great
- 2 I truly enjoyed the presenter and the info presented! Awesome!
- 3 I was really expecting specific examples of strategies to deal w/ difficult kids - Topics need to align w/ sessions.
- 4 This was a very informative session. I will use these activities in my class.

Session Comments 20

23. Parental Survival Tips

- 1 More diversity
- 2 I went to this last year also, same information was given.
- 3 Excellent presentation
- 4 More specific information and time for questions
- 5 Helped me be positive and reframe my mindset of parent interactions!
- 6 Good tips about the first day of school
- 7 This session was excellent
- 8 Lots of good tips that I plan to implement very different topic
- 9 Best one yet, loved this one!

Session Comments 21

24. Reading By Myself Isn't Boring!

- 1 Vocabulary
- 2 Amazing resources and wonderful presentation. Great examples of progress monitoring.
- 3 Great
- 4 Enjoyed viewing and participating in reading centers.
- 5 Thought we would learn more strategies
- 6 I liked this session but would've loved more resources and ideas.
- 7 Less of research project presentation in future, but still some good ideas/info
- 8 Great ideas and presenter!
- 9 Great ideas I can implement next week!
- 10 Awesome!
- 11 Well prepared; strategies will be very useful w/ new K-3 entry assessment

Session Comments 22

25. Stakeholder Indicators: Parent and Community Engagement

- 1 Engaging and interesting the entire time.
- 2 The non-attribution up front broke the ice for airing "dirty laundry". It got everyone sharing their situations and proved we all have similar lives.
- 3 Great information! Enjoyed the conversation w/ my peers.
- 4 Good discussion engaging leaders.

Session Comments 23

27. The Art of App Smashing!

- 1 The technology presented was all new. Over 12 apps were introduced.
- 2 Great tools
- 3 Amazing, informative, engaging.
- 4 I really like the App @Tackk.com
- 5 I loved seeing the examples of the resources and having time to brainstorm. Very awesome presenter :)
- 6 Some useful resources! Especially for ELA teachers!
- 7 Love!
- 8 Awesome presenter/resources.
- 9 Wonderful resources and ideas!
- 10 Moved a little fast - so I wonder if everyone had the full experience

Session Comments 24

28. The Non-Negotiables of Instructional Design

- 1 Too little time for in depth training example.
- 2 Helped bridge my understanding gap w/ prior knowledge.
- 3 Using a more accessible example (instead of phylogenetic trees) would be helpful.
- 4 Important for every teacher to know.
- 5 Very effective
- 6 Timing was off
- 7 Great tools for planning

Session Comments 26

30. Three Tech Tools to Help Individualize Instruction

- 1 Presenter was well prepared, engaged the audience and provided great useful resources.
- 2 I enjoyed the video slide
- 3 Awesome! My favorite so far.

Session Comments 27

34. What Do I Do With Early Finishers?

- 1 Great session, ideas and resources.
- 2 Great resources, presenter and collaboration!
- 3 Great giveaways! Great participation from audience.
- 4 Shanetta Pittman
- 5 Great presenter! Very helpful and engaging.
- 6 Great resources
- 7 Fantastic presenter! She had great ideas and gave us a chance to share our own ideas. This session tied in well w/ the choice boards session.
- 8 I loved every minute! Fantastic!
- 9 Very informative
- 10 This was great, lots of good info
- 11 Great ideas.
- 12 Ms. Pittman rocks! Great info and tools to take back and use.
- 13 This was sort of the same session as choice boards.
- 14 Interactive, engaging, informative.
- 15 Great resources! Very informative.
- 16 Energetic, informative, sharing!
- 17 A lot of the time was spent on differentiation and choice boards, which was a different session. I already attend that; but still a very engaging presenter.

Session Comments 28

35. 'What had happened was....'-Student Engagement: Proactive versus Reactive

- 1 Very helpful, needs to be repeated!
- 2 Good presenters
- 3 Instructors did a great job even w/ faulty technology.
- 4 Liked the videos, the different types of students. Good tips and advice.
- 5 Technology was an issue
- 6 Projector didn't work.
- 7 I loved the presenters!
- 8 Engaging but not many takeaways for 2nd semester teachers. Review.
- 9 Nothing new
- 10 Technology was poor.
- 11 Great session!
- 12 Topic didn't relate to material presented. Topic relates to excuses people use.
- 13 Projector didn't work so we couldn't follow presentation. Things that were mentioned have been said in many other sessions/conferences, not really new info.
- 14 Repeat of info that has been said over and over
- 15 Most of this stuff we already knew. Maybe but add more things to it