

The Pennsylvania Department of Education
Bureau of Special Education
Annual Conference 2015

Making a Difference: Educational Practices That Work!



Three days of intensive learning with educators who are making a difference for all students.

Wednesday, February 4 through Friday, February 6, 2015
Hershey Lodge and Convention Center



Are you wondering how to help students thrive in a global community?
Do you want to learn effective instructional strategies?
Are you looking for ways to enable students with disabilities to succeed?

This is the conference for you.

Join Pennsylvania's educators for the Bureau of Special Education's signature event. This annual, statewide conference offers an opportunity to learn and engage with nationally-known presenters, as well as colleagues from across the state, highlighting effective instructional strategies and interventions designed to make an educational difference for all students.

Keynotes

Leading the New Literacies: Digital, Media, Global, in Every Classroom for All Learners

Heidi Hayes Jacobs, Ph.D.

Would you like to engage your school in digital literacy upgrades? How do we help our students critique and create media that prepares them for future careers and college? Do you want to globalize your classroom? These questions will be addressed in this lively and hands-on session. Our learners need capability and sophistication in these three new 21st century literacies to be prepared not only for the future, but for the present. Dr. Jacobs will share practical steps in identifying these literacies in classroom practice and how they intersect in dynamic projects for our learners K through 12. Based on her book series with Solution Tree, *Contemporary Perspectives on Literacy*, Dr. Jacobs will focus on how to make the transition from dated practices to a dynamic approach. Special attention will be given to aligning to standards and mission statements.

Sacking Dyslexia: Enabling Students to Succeed

Robert Tate

National Football League veteran, Robert Tate, understands how challenging school can be for a child with dyslexia. In this keynote presentation, Mr. Tate will share his experiences – his struggles in school and the toll it took on his state of mind. With the support of his mother, extra effort, and hard work, Mr. Tate overcame his battle with dyslexia and now supports children with dyslexia in their efforts to succeed. Mr. Tate will convey how parents and teachers can ensure that children with dyslexia get the reading support needed for success.

Enhancing Strength or Fixing Deficit: Shifting the Education Paradigm

Yong Zhao, Ph.D.

Technology and globalization have brought massive changes to society. They have also redefined the value of talents and skills. According to Dr. Zhao, what used to be valuable has become less so, and what used to be undervalued has gained more value. As a result, today's society values greatness and diversity – that is, all talents can be valuable, but they must be great. In this presentation, Dr. Zhao presents reasons for, and elements of, a paradigm shift in education to enhance students' individual strengths.

Highlighted Sessions

More information about additional sessions and presenters is available at: tinyurl.com/pdeconference.

20 Years of Published Case Law Under the IDEA and 504/ADA in Pennsylvania
Perry Zirkel, Ph.D., JD

Choosing Transition Assessments, Understanding Results, Writing and Implementing Plans
James Martin, Ph.D.

Common Causes of Disproportionality
Chemay Morales-James

Connecting Families and School Staff to Pennsylvania Tools and Resources
Batya Elbaum, Ph.D.

Curriculum Mapping: A Four-Phase Model for Aligning Your Local Curriculum and Assessment
Heidi Hayes Jacobs, Ph.D.

Effective Teaching Strategies That Accommodate Diverse Learners
Michael Coyne, Ph.D.

Ethical Issues Surrounding Electronic Communication
Barbara Bole Williams, Ph.D.

Ethical Principles for School Psychologists
Barbara Bole Williams, Ph.D.

Facilitating Fluency and Automaticity: Purposeful, Planned, and Targeted Practice Activities
Paul J. Riccomini, Ph.D.

From Number Sense to Fraction Sense
Nancy Dyson, Ph.D.

Fundamental Facilitation Practices for Teamwork
Rhonda Beach Tyree

Getting Them All Engaged: Inclusive Active Participation
Anita Archer, Ph.D.

High-Impact Strategies of Family Engagement in Elementary and Secondary Education
Anne Henderson, Ph.D.

Important Components of Special Education for Principals and Other Administrators
David Bateman, Ph.D.

Instructional Scaffolding to Promote More Strategic Mathematical Problem Solving Skills
Paul J. Riccomini, Ph.D.

A New Online Transition Assessment and a Disability Awareness/Self-Advocacy Lesson Package
James Martin, Ph.D.

Protocol for Accommodations in Reading: Evidence-based Decision Making
Denise DeCoste, Ph.D.

Reading Comprehension: The Quest for the Holy Grail
Melissa Farrall, Ph.D.

Research-Based Services for Learners Who Are Gifted: A Continuum of Services
Karen Rogers, Ph.D.

Short Writing **Often**, Not Just Long Writing **Seldom**
Anita Archer, Ph.D.

Teacher Strategies for Twice Exceptional Learners
Karen Rogers, Ph.D.

Testing Reading Fluency: More Than Just the Numbers
Melissa Farrall, Ph.D.

Time to Demystify Dyslexia!
Nancy Hennessy, M.Ed., LDT-C

Transition to College for Students on the Autism Spectrum
Jane Thierfeld Brown, Ed.D.

Words to the Wise on Preventing Special Education Litigation
David Bateman, Ph.D.

Networking Events

Ask the Bureau

This is your opportunity to meet and talk with Bureau of Special Education advisors. You are encouraged to ask questions related to special education issues.

Exhibit Hall

Explore the Exhibit Hall to discover new resources, technology, and services for you and your students.

- Attend the Welcome Reception.
- Visit displays and demonstrations that will spark your imagination.
- Join your colleagues for lunchtime discussion.

Poster Sessions

These sessions will highlight effective practices used by local education agencies and programs throughout the state.

Parent Scholarships

The Bureau of Special Education and PaTTAN are pleased to offer a limited number of parent scholarships to Pennsylvania residents who are not employed in a professional capacity by any of the following: school, district, charter school, preschool program, IU, PTI, CPRC, or other funded educational or advocacy organization. Parents of school-age (Kindergarten

and up) students with a current IEP may apply. Preference will be given to parents who have never attended the conference. A partial scholarship includes the conference registration. A full scholarship includes the conference registration and lodging for those who live 50 miles or farther from Hershey.

All scholarship applications must be emailed or postmarked on or before December 12, 2014.

More information on parent scholarships, as well as session descriptions and presenter biographies, is available at:

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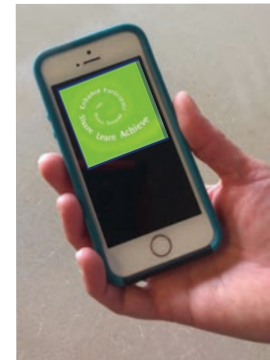
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Registration Information

Registration Fee: Early-bird registration (by 4:00 p.m., January 23, 2015) is \$75. Beginning January 24, 2015, registration will be accepted at the conference site only and the registration fee will be \$125. Out-of-state registration is \$500 at any time. Payment may be made with check, cash, or purchase order; no credit cards will be accepted. Make checks payable to MCIU 23/PaTTAN and send them to Debra Jordan, PaTTAN, 200 Anderson Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406.

Inclement Weather: The conference will take place rain or shine, regardless of weather conditions.

Cancellations: If you are unable to attend the conference, you must cancel your registration by 4:00 p.m., January 23, 2015, by contacting Debra Jordan at: 800-441-3215, ext. 7224 or djordan@pattan.net, or your registration fee will not be refunded.

Room Reservations: Conference attendees may book a room at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center for \$128 (single or double room per night). Hershey Lodge reservations will be accepted at 800-437-7439.

Registration Questions:

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