



**SUMMER CONFERENCE
AUGUST 6-9, 2017 – SPOKANE
INSERVICE EVALUATION
SUMMARY**

5 = Excellent 4 = Very Good 3 = Good 2 = Fair 1 = Poor

1. The extent to which the written objectives have been met.	4.23
2. Participant perception of relevance and quality of the conference.	4.12
3. The extent to which the following activities have been met:	
a. Opportunities for participants to collect and analyze evidence related to student learning.	3.95
b. Professional certificate standards.	4.13
c. School and district improvement efforts.	3.95
d. K-12 frameworks and curriculum alignment.	4.14
e. Research-based instructional strategies and assessment practices.	4.06
f. Content of current or anticipated assignment.	4.04
g. Advocacy for students and leadership, supervision, mentoring/coaching.	4.22
h. Building a collaborative learning community.	4.34

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General comments or suggestions for improving the conference

- There were lots of great sessions on Sunday & Monday, but some overlapped and were not repeated. Tuesday sessions lacked a bit.
- An outstanding variety of learning opportunities and classroom ideas. Everything went smoothly for in and outside opportunities to meet, gather, and socialize. Coffee stands were so appreciated. Food was great!
- I liked that meals were included
- Only one disappointment - opening session did not have enough seating – otherwise one of the best conferences – Thank you – you guys work so hard for us (Don Ide, Lynnwood HS, WAME)
- Great choice of facilities and presenters. Opening general session speaker was outstanding.
- Receiving a detailed itinerary in May before registering would benefit more teachers
- Excellent Summer Conference as usual
- Thanks for improving the meals & snacks!
- Add more video/photo/media vendors and workshops
- More professionals in industry – not people trying to
- More state-level sessions with clear guidance. Perhaps add a designation or “T” for teachers and “A” for administrators
- Continue to include curriculum ideas for content areas
- More meals – more fruit, less carbs; more sessions on STEM (pre-engineering) workshops
- A big improvement on last year’s; opening morning was excellent! Superintendent Reykdal & the keynote were exceptional!
- Love the Davenport Grand! Like having sessions in one venue
- Sunday – OSPI updates and expectations – areas of weakness we can work on; Monday – Admin and teacher opportunities – workshops on new programs and how to improve other programs; Tuesday – Repeat Monday and Q&A panels; Wednesday – area and section updates – planning – and how can we help OPSI initiatives
- Have a collaboration room by program organization. Please don’t serve buffet style lunch hallway. Long lines make hard to get around; no collaboration
- This is a conference for CTE teachers. Why haven’t any tours of industry been set up – one each day? I would also like to see more of the classes centered to the traditional CTE courses: woods, metals, welding. Jeremy Slack from Spokane Community College would love to come and share what he does in his CNC Machining classes or give a tour of his shop.
- Industry-related tours
- Sessions on standards – particularly for beginners
- Very well done
- Really appreciate the make and take mentality of the STEM workshop. Hotel was excellent!
- It seemed that people stayed in their “home” groups more – less interaction with ‘strangers’; Be sure the presentations accurately represents the advertised content
- The food was incredible; the gluten free veggie, non-dairy box lunch was so nummy..Dessert too!
- Keep at this location – it is fantastic!
- Too long & expensive
- As a new CTE director, this conference was great. I learned a lot of what tasks and responsibilities I need to accomplish and when
- The all-day STEM training; Treavor was an “awesome-lizer”
- OSPI Updates; section specific sessions

- State standards and presentation that “don’t suck”
- Networking, meeting others across the state and in other disciplines with a common purpose
- Offering multiple sessions or spacing the sessions for new directors. Example, Perkins 101 and program renewals offer at same time – both needed sessions.
- WITEA – if you didn’t get in on the 25 STEM training spots, not much directly benefitting them
- Need more all-day make and take activities; less sit & get sessions; do a Drone 2 STEM training!
- Fabulous facilities!
- None- enjoyed and learned a great deal.
- It was a valuable gathering, well worth every minute
- Great info for all
- I really love this conference and it help me to be excited about the coming school year.
- More hands-on (STEM) activities
- Things were great. Sunday (voucher) lunch sucked because Davenport didn’t have capacity for seating and was out of stuff. Everything else was great!
- It would be nice to have more hands-on trainings in computer lab and learn more applications like how to get into Imagine Academy or other resources for less technically-literate teachers. Various presentations had internet issues or individual laptops had multiple interfaces so presenters got bogged down with personal and how to I get site questions before even getting to main subject. New “TAs” to help with some special tech need students in presentations.
- I think the “mini” fall and spring meetings for professional growth is diluting the summer conference attendance and seminar content for the ‘transportation’ group
- Even though there was only one workshop related to my content area, I really enjoyed this conference – great offerings! Great hotel!
- Descriptions didn’t always match the actual session
- I enjoyed getting to see not only my content area, but also how other content areas related. Include more hands-on applicable workshops that can be taken directly to the classroom. More places to sit for breakfast/lunch.
- Great job
- It was very clear that this conference did not have much offered to FACSE educators, despite the email promises. I came in hopeful, but was very disappointed in quality of offerings and application I could use in my classroom this year.
- More short STEM-related activities
- It was a great conference
- Great conference – great facility – quality people at hotel, food, service, rooms, meeting rooms
- Some conference rooms had no audio, otherwise, it was great!
- Shuttle to events offsite
- Good job overall
- A couple sessions missed the mark – the presentation did not align with the description. I would like to see the WACTA sessions spread throughout the conference
- None – it was better than expected
- Dan Tedor’s session on classroom tech and mgt was great!
- Thank you for the opportunity
- A ½ day or full-day session for schools, thinking about starting CTE. Going through the process, etc., the 1st classes were above this.
- Well set up and a very good conference; better than previous
- Good to have grid pages

- More succinct session descriptions; there were multiple sessions on (1) Microsoft certifications and (2) project-based learning that each had varying descriptions. I thought there were different sessions, but they ended up being very similar/identical
- Sometimes there was no session that sounded good and then at other times there were too many good ones to choose from – so I guess my suggestion is to repeat some
- Put in the description of something if being “sold”. We need to use the programs we already have right now
- The lunch was really unorganized; registration should have more than 2 lines. Break up OSPI workshops.
- Make sure ALL presenters load their materials to the WA-ACTE website
- If you look at the titles of every session, nowhere are the words “manufacturing, welding, construction, or automotive. Even the word engineering only showed up twice. I would like to see more sessions dedicated to those areas.
- NOT in summer – use school days
- How/What are teachers taking away from every session? Is this week truly beneficial for teachers? Split OSPI/WA-ACTE/PD days
- STEM training; CNC Operation/Programming
- Great conference
- Food and location was fantastic! It was difficult to get resources from the community.wa.wacte site. I had to download @ home
- If the conference starts on Sunday, then I think 3 full days is plenty or start Monday and go 3 full weekdays and don't impact the weekends.
- None. Very nice conference!
- It was good!
- The STEM training was a fabulous experience. We need to make sure that it remains a part of the conference
- More off-site tours of local industry; last morning needs to be a collaboration room (8:00 – 9:00) and closing session earlier (9:00 – 10:00) Get people out on their way by 10:30.
- When a session is cancelled, please put something on the door so we don't sit and wait
- It felt to me as though if you were not an actual STEM curriculum teachers, you had no place here. Feels as though CTE is chasing the money
- Better mix of speakers
- Sessions that provided lesson examples or hands-on were awesome!
- I learned so much that I am excited to take back to the classroom
- The level of the course (beginners, intermediate & advance) should be listed on all courses. This will help educators decide how to prioritize their classes
- Put a map of the hotel in the very front or back of the program. Liked the general meals, rather than club/section-offered meals
- We need to get more teachers to attend the conferences – maybe look at scholarship opportunities in the future
- The app worked really well
- The WHOVA app was very helpful
- I'm not sure if it was my oversight or not, but I was not aware of the new CTE director session on Sunday from 9-12. I wish I had known or seen it
- Loved the venue! Plenty of opportunities to network with other professionals
- More roundtables
- A/V – very hard to see & hear
- Provide options for repeat sessions. There were very few and if you had to choose between potentially valuable topics, there wasn't an opportunity to attend a later session. Then very little for administrators on Wednesday.
- Microphones in breakout rooms

- I would like more hands-on workshops that can be more interactive
- Too much “meeting” for meeting sake with admin WACTA strand. Combining awards & business meeting is smart. SHOCKED to hear frameworks expectations to late!
- If conference starts on Sunday now, let’s have food available for attendees.
- Less congestion at lunch
- More in-depth session for certifications – longer
- Maybe offer a few more sessions on topics taught n health class specifically – suicide, bullying a& depression
- Hotel was great!
- This has been a great location! Food was good, despite the Sunday lunch snafu. The WA-ACTE community website was difficult to access, but I did from home.
- Maybe not have breakfast @6:45
- One of the courses I wanted to go to was cancelled, but no one knew. So people were waiting for a speaker that didn’t come. Behavior styles for schools! Relationship building and understanding
- My field of broadcasting had no sessions. Further, photography & video were not evident
- Find another keynote like Jimmy! Also either ask for smaller tables, or use chair seating only in smaller rooms
- There were a lot of repeated information especially from OSPI
- State a little later on Sunday; Better breakfast on Monday; Need to investigate more math linkages between CTE, Applied Math, & OSPI match for CTE Statistics (Non-AP); What about considering ending closing a little later and include lunch?
- More seats in some of the sessions – tables are difficult for some sessions
- Great venue
- Great conference! Hugely helpful.....
- Need more specific class description – for example, I went to Industrial Certifications and there was 30 seconds about certifications other than Microsoft, which I don’t teach.
- STEM – We tried to do too much in two days. The projects were AMAZING, but we had to rush so much.
- I had 3 classes where the instructor was a no-show. (A case for Ethics on Monday, Take Charge of Savings on Tuesday, and Behavior Styles on Tuesday.) Very disappointed and unimpressed with the whole conference.
- Love Scott Le Duc presentation
- Nice job!
- Another idea other than the BBQ – not very many participated in my opinion – done it for a couple of years – time to do something else for a change
- If I pre-pay registration you should not “fund out” of Sunday lunch vouchers
- Monday sessions – very little information for classroom teachers...I feel bad that I brought so many teachers.
- Would have liked more FACS sessions, but I was able to find sessions that were useful.
- Maybe have student speakers
- STEM clock hours. Better communication/connection between app & book
- STEM training awesome as always @NewTech Skill Center
- STOP selling us on Imagine Academy – explain the exams more
- It seemed too long. Need more hands-on activities. Workshops that are geared towards student certification need to be more than computer science. During workshops, people should actually be doing something/more hands-on. There was too much sit and get.
- More session offerings on career services
- Hold in the middle of the state
- I know a lot of the classes are volunteer-based, but it would be nice to get Adobe at the conference, as I do most of my work with them.

- Great conference – my best yet!
- Include sessions for people working in publishing, photography, multimedia. There weren't a lot of sessions that were relevant. Last year I loved the Adobe training at the 'Skills Center. It made me come back, but this year there was nothing comparable.
- One day less. Don't start so early in the morning. I'm not sure how you could collect & analyze evidence related to student learning.
- General schedule of events beforehand – would be nice. Strange grouping of events for "admin" vs "teachers" type of sessions – so feast or famine to find sessions to go to – a day was a waste for either group.
- Need to be clearer and earlier on sessions & schedule
- The facility is great
- More FCS breakouts, more technology breakouts
- Loved the accommodations. The Grand is an awesome place to have it.
- The best offerings for teachers were on the same day as the off-site STEM session.
- The agenda for this conference comes from CTE people – great idea and keep pushing for input from CTE folks.
- Overall, another great conference. Maybe making sessions a bit longer. It seems the sessions I was in, the speaker would run out of time.
- Offer more variety in sessions. Many sessions give very similar information.
- I did not feel this conference was very helpful. Your conferences have been a lot more dynamic before – this one lacked.
- More options – some better descriptions of sessions
- Perfect location and accommodations
- Conference was excellent. Very informative. A great collection of subject areas and great speakers
- More for visual art
- Personally, I would have liked OSPI speakers spread over 2 days. I could not attend 3 sessions I wanted to because of conflicts.
- Loved the across the boards on Sunday and Monday. There may have been too many choices.
- 3-hour group time on last day is a LONG TIME. More space for gliders and drone participation.
- Lots of helpful sessions! At first, the daily agendas were confusing. The acronyms are overwhelming for a CTE newbie! I'd love to see suggested pathways written out for different areas of focus. I'd also love to have content specific sessions offered daily – maybe have those in the mornings & general CTE sessions in the afternoons.
- Need to coordinate the end of the conference with checkout time. Possibly 10 minutes breaks instead of 15 minutes.
- This conference is too long. 4.5 days is too much. Cut back by 1 day at least.
- Need schedule ahead of making reservations, so know when to arrive and NOT miss something
- The rooms were cold; good food
- Rooms were a bit cold. Liked having coffee, tea, and hot water available!!!
- Conference is too long. Having to stay Saturday night now is too long & too expensive for schools. Start no earlier than 1:00 p.m. Sunday so everyone can drive Sunday a.m. Also, with only an hour long lunch break on Sunday, food buffet should have been provided. We also need detailed program in May. Some of our staff here had very little to attend – others that stayed behind would have benefitted, if we had known before spending is cut off in the spring.
- Have at least 2 choices per industry (directly related)
- I would have liked our school/department to stick together when selecting sessions to attend. This would have given me a better idea of which sessions would be most impactful.
- It was an excellent conference. Thank you for all the excellent resources.

- Possible association grid (color coded?) on relevant sessions – specify duplicate sessions. Many session times had 2+ areas of interest, but could only choose one. Continental breakfast had zero options for GF/dairy free items, except fruit.
- More Art specific sessions
- Too many great choices on Sunday afternoon/Monday. Not enough on Tuesday/Wednesday. Shorten conference!
- I would like to see more technology presentations
- It would be helpful to have more classes that deal with specific content area.
- Great location – well organized. Good Keynote
- Using WHOVA was great in order to pre-plan my days. Please let participants know how to access various ppt presentations off website prior to conference.
- Start time is TOO Early. It's summer. 6:45 for breakfast! – Fresh fruit would be nice. 4 days is kind of long
- Great location. Wonderful hotel. Love that everything is at one location.
- More signage
- Need more accurate info on frameworks
- Good sessions. Good guest speakers.
- Great conference/great location. It is hard to get speakers, but I went to two sessions that were cancelled
- Disappointed when chosen seminars are cancelled (not your fault). Scheduling of seminars – great ones at last session are poorly attended
- None. Great conference! Thanks!!
- Excellent facility
- None, Job well done!!
- Thank you for all of your work to make this a great conference.
- Some of the sections would have been more helpful if we had more time and access to better internet to work and explore during the session.
- Agenda needs to be more clearly communicated earlier
- Didn't learn until the week before that there were tons of sessions on Sunday, but wasn't able to get an additional room/night or travel funds to come on Sunday.
- It's difficult when there's not much for FCCLA
- It would be nice to start a little later in the morning. I feel that we were told that WA-ACTE told us that even though FACSE wasn't providing sessions this summer, they would. I don't feel like this promise was met.
- Pretty good conference. Wish there was more FACS sessions, but thanks for providing relevant sessions for us. Days started way too early. 4-day conference is way TOO long.
- CTE conference needs to include more of the Arts in sessions...Fashion, Architecture, Graphic Arts, etc. The Arts are a huge influence on CTE conference
- Too long!
- Keep it up the way it is – awesome
- The 1st day's lunch coupons were really nice – but you CAN'T run out of them. VERY unfair – especially since I had pre-registered.
- Stay in Spokane
- Very good. Thanks for putting on. Have on Westside. The two main Construction/Woods seminars were on Sunday at the same time.
- Breakfast Monday was poor. More continental than regular. More identify for sections. With current format, very little incentive for sections to work / hands-on section planning
- I would like to have more content related to Arts and A/V
- Somehow need to attract more WASTS instructors

- Lots of Computer Science – loved it!
- Good conference, great place!
- Accommodations at Davenport are excellent!
- STEM training was fantastic!
- It is summer, no meetings before 8 a.m. This should be one less day, with regular stuff starting on Sunday, it is really long!
- This is my 3rd time attending and I get more out of this conference every year.
- Sunday, Monday & Tuesday a.m. were excellence – learned a lot. Tuesday p.m. wasn't worth my time (I chose two uninspiring sessions). Overall, very helpful conference
- Awesome
- This is my first WA-ACTE conference and I learned so much. Most of all, I am excited about the contacts I have made here.
- Please, let attendees know next August that "Early Bird Parking" is available for \$7/day, 2 blocks from hotel. A savings of \$10/day over your advertised rates. Some teachers did not attend because of cost – I saved \$40.
- Lock the doors after so that they do NOT latch when people come in late, leave early, etc. SO annoying! Not the magnetic catches because we need the doors closed – just the latches.
- Emphasis on Sunday classes being part of conference & not additional cost.
- Great sessions – very informative
- Great class (STEM) wish it was at least 3 days on build instead of 2.
- Not much FACSE – very poor. I don't know if I will come back year. Bring FACSE BACK!!
- Some sessions need to be repeated so you can attend when there are 2 sessions you want to go to at the same time.
- Too expensive for outcomes. Condense to 2 days.
- WOW! Everyday I had "nuggets" of info that I can take back and use immediately! Great job to the sections for planning
- This was a great conference. The best I have been to in a long time. Great classes, great facilities.
- Please don't assume everyone knows the basics. "101" classes/workshops should be "101" classes/workshops and talk about basics. Maybe don't stack popular workshops during same hour.
- Pre-conference OSPI changes and updates, preferably not at conference – pre-conf as in mailing – let us know (like Perkins for example)
- It would be nice to have this conference on both sides of the mountains!
- Hotel's dining facilities/restaurant overwhelmed several times. Buffet support and box lunches were excellent.
- Having a little more time in classes with two parts
- Be clearer on classes so we don't end up taking a class we don't need i.e., Google Classroom 101/Google Classroom 102
- Hotel accommodations are wonderful/clean/friendly. Food is good
- Great conference
- A lot of should do's – would like more how-to-do
- Descriptions/titles of some sessions were misleading – could we get a link to their ppt on the WHOVA App before we go in?
- The hotel and services were perfect! 2 of the classes that I was really looking forward to were cancelled & I understand that, but when there is a cancellation, please put that notice on the door of where it was supposed to take place.
- Trevor did a great job. Could have used more time for application and best practices
- Nice conference with good variety
- Love Spokane
- More detail on sessions. It was pretty cold in the meeting rooms – too much AC. Not a lot of sessions caught my interest. Some of the sessions I went to weren't what I expected. I appreciate more strategies for application

- Loved it.
- Offering a wider variety for those subjects like Arts, make take-away some type of product
- Having breakfast/lunch during the conference was awesome!
- Awesome!
- More motivational speakers like Casas – he was AWESOME!!
- Overall a good conference. Very frustrating, however, with new Perkins requirements released w/o any prior notice. I could understand notice w/extended time for delivery of Perkins App, cue to changes, but no extension was provided
- Great conference
- Would like to see more teachers allowed to participate in the STEM training
- STEM training is the BEST!
- Lots of great sessions and information. More hands-on learning labs, web-based.
- It's hard to make it to everything I want to attend, but it's kind of the nature of the beast
- Great Conference
- Would love to see more related to video production
- Excellent accommodations
- Some industry field trips for other programs
- Would have liked to know ahead of time when classes were cancelled
- This was a great conference. I wish it was earlier. I am looking forward to the fall.
- More information on Career Choices and Frameworks
- As a new CTE Director, I found the information shared during the New Directors session highly valuable. I could have benefitted from the session for the entire day.
- Have better sound available in the sessions for the presenters.
- Well done overall. I would like to see sessions identified by type: vendor, OSPI, teacher, etc.
- Great venue
- Love the venue and the attention to detail by everyone who put this together
- There were a lot of sessions that were only relevant to high school and not middle school. A lot of sessions were trying to see things instead of really diving into Washington curriculum.
- I wish Monday had more hands-on
- Not a lot of options for hands-on
- More hands-on activities related to the different curriculum areas
- Bring FACSE back
- Replace continental breakfast with full breakfast
- I wish admin could have stayed the whole time
- Found it difficult to find answers to middle school needs. Came with questions and left with more. Time with OSPI helped some.
- Spend less time talking about Microsoft certs - Adobe, and Autodesk get no time. More non-business ed options.
- More Google stuff to add to Microsoft
- Would prefer more hands-on, 1-hour options
- Another good conference that I can take something from and apply to my current position
- Include more FACSE options
- I was bummed that there were not more people at the sessions I went to.
- Good on Pathway
- I think if we are going to ask for donations for backpacks, the backpacks should go to communities that have no resources – those schools with 100% poverty, etc.

- STEM class was awesome – great technical knowledge upgrade
- I enjoyed the variety of workshops. It met my expectation. The box lunch was 90% inedible.
- Did not know conferences started Sunday mornings. WA-ACTE should be more communicative of conference start/stop times and days, well before agenda is released. Those flying to conference missed some content on Sunday.
- The times on the App were not always correct, so I missed a session. I attended the Imagine Academy session on Sunday and think the link that presenter sent us to was incorrect, so I was not able to sign in the entire time. Also, sessions where you have to purchase the software – should be stated in the description. It is a waste of teachers' time if he/she doesn't have any pull.
- WHOVA is awesome! Loved the Imagine Academy info and resources!
- As a middle school CTE teachers, I would have appreciated more learning opportunities geared towards our exploratory courses/content and CTE for early teens – who learn differently than high schoolers.
- Maybe change week eventually so directors can stay
- I'd like to see more "hands-on" sessions. Ex.: Do what the students would be doing.
- I attended the STEM training and wish that it was 3-full days instead of just two.
- More speakers with varying topics. Go back to daily rates instead of one flat rate
- Felt that there was very little for CTE directors who have experience
- Thank you for this opportunity to share ideas and thoughts about helping students prepare for work after high school
- Please difference lunch options on the different days
- Some of the sessions were very repetitive. If they are going to have the same content, call them the same thing so people can chose other options.
- More sessions that repeat so if you can't attend the 1st time it is offered, you can the second time.
- Offer FASCE courses; Offer WAMC courses to introduce Applied Math opportunities; Offer courses on CC alignment of CTE courses
- More "cutting edge" type topics. Less frameworks and other bureaucratic info
- Lots of great presentations – teachers are the best presenters
- Having all of the section groups here if possible. My section was not here. FACSE, and it is going to be hard to go to their state conference during the school year, due to I am from a small district.
- Seemed very tech and STEM heavy. These are very important, of course, but not directly relevant to all of us. Also 2-3 workshops cancelled – disappointing.
- Lots of relevant info. Great conference.
- Awesome conference. Love the facilities and workshop topics. Presenters needed reminders to put their presentations on the community site.
- Networking; source/OSPI updates
- Information from the state about programs already available
- Great conference
- The conference was EXCELLENT! Quality of speakers and presentations were exceptional – my only concern was that many of the presentations were at the same time with no opportunity to take some in another session – it made it very difficult to choose.
- Great conference! I met a number of people who I can collaborate with in my subject areas
- Shorter, shorter, shorter. The hotel was fabulous!
- Tuesday, complete waste of time for sessions
- Overall I really enjoyed the conference; I think most of the sessions were interesting and applicable
- None, the conference was great
- Cancelled quite a few classes ☺
- I'm here as a FACSE teacher and it was very limited to the options

- Schedule rooms per attendance sizes. Packed room which was good. I liked how the assoc. stayed in close vicinity for rooms
- I'm glad it's not in Yakima!!!
- Great breakout sessions and lots of options. It would be great to move the conference up one day for administrators
- 1st time attending – Great
- Great job! Monday breakfast could have had more protein options
- Food was very good!
- New format is not very accommodating to districts. Impression is that conference has been lengthened to increase amount charged without increasing quality
- There seemed to be a lot of cancellations. Maybe post materials for all classes, sooner.
- Remove cancelled sessions from WHOVA, a session I was attending got cancelled and a notice was sent one week ago, and didn't show on my feed, as I signed into the site just after coming
- I was hoping to be able to go on a field trip to local industry or business
- Eliminate Wednesday
- The conference went well, but after two years in Spokane, please have it on the west side in 2018
- Have a big "cancelled" board of info at the registration station and on the door of the room
- Include FCS workshops
- More sections focused on Business and Marketing
- Would like to have tools that have more prep before rolled out with change. Change seemed to be the theme room-to-room from Admin sessions.
- Very good!!
- Too many Admin sessions clumped together. Missed some I'd like to have attended.
- Continental breakfast was not appetizing. Too many admin sessions competing against each other. Want PPT and materials loaded in WHOVA
- It was very difficult to see the slides on most of the presentations. Would be most helpful if they were bigger on the screen and had more clarity
- This was fantastic – best one yet – teachers agreed also. Information on regional opportunities to meet socially would be nice.
- Lots of information and classes for ?? (?Math??) and Science, but does not seem to be a lot for woodshop or construction
- Topics were good, especially Frameworks and approvals
- Industry Certification presentation (Thank you!)
- Enjoyed the conference. It was informative and energizing.
- Call me if you care (206-xxx-xxxx) Tim called and has not received a return call...

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What was most valuable to you at this conference?

- The CTE Bootcamp was a highly valuable experience. Great, practical, wisdom for new CTE teachers
- Getting a better handle on the moving target of accountability to OSPI.
- Contacts with PIM (Project Management) and National Guard
- Becky Wallace!
- All of the info for directors...I'm band new, so needed all I could get
- The venue! The Davenport was great & the conference was so well-organized. GREAT JOB! Thank you for continuing to print the booklet along with the app. The "my agenda" on the app was helpful.
- Networking
- Scott Le Duc presentation!
- Collaboration with other teachers in content areas
- Perkins update
- Hands-on lesson ideas for Health
- Science (ex., Anatomy in clay); Opportunity to have a working lunch with other people in my content area
- Speakers
- The modeling or use and infusion of technology!
- Sunday WACTA sessions
- Opening session with Jimmy Cusas; OSPI updates on what additional work I need to plan on and budget info
- Exhibitor Hall & specific content area classes!
- Opening key note was perfectly timed. Liked the silent auction.
- Adam Smith
- CTSO; leadership equivalency information; course approvals; program re-approval
- Scott le Duc, by far
- STEM training at New Tech Skills Center
- STEM training for 2 days
- The several nuggets of information I can take/use
- OSPI information on funding
- Sessions with specific strategies, lessons, proven methods; opportunities to network; Vendors were good, as well.
- Kathy Schmidt is a rock star presenter!
- Frameworks alignment
- Collaboration and help with technical instruction
- STEM training was awesome!
- Networking
- Showing how to utilize on-line resources; **Boot Camp very useful !**
- Networking, knowledge le people presenting
- Info about frameworks
- Networking and gleaning ideas from other teachers in my content area and others
- Framework review
- Keynote 1st day; CCI testing
- Opening speaker, motivational, but not much to take back and apply in classroom. Enjoyed update from SERS and BAS degree – found many too detached from my classroom needs. I attended sessions each day – none excited me or prepared me to return to classroom with new materials (FACSE)

- CTE certification requirements; framework information; collaboration opportunities
- Discussions with others
- Microsoft Jasperactive Certification
- The range of sessions!
- Building personal connections
- All the resources I learned about
- STEM at New Tech
- Learning OSPI (?) in policy & practice – networking with colleagues and developing partnership/contacts
- Imagine Academy, CCI Learning, Certiport; meeting people who can help me get started
- Heather Week's session on making connections with businesses
- I did enjoy the workshops & networking
- Networking and learning new concepts
- Opening speaker, recognition of awardees; OSPI program supervisor reports; OSPI overview of Best Practices for Program Review; HSCTE Bioethics: Reading and Discussion Strategies for Health Science (ethics); conference book was great!
- Agriculture Biodiversity Seed: Food Science for the Beginning; Teen Labor Laws; Tech Prep SERS updates/changes
- CCI Certification lab for MS Office; networking with colleagues who are teaching the same classes as me
- Chemicals in your body in reaction, growth, success, etc. It was great and I am looking forward to learning more (Scott le Duc)
- Networking; Final speaker should have been the speaker before the awards at the big lunch (Hughes Smith process)
- Connecting; OPSI updates
- The workshops about student engagement; the guest speaker was amazing!
- Networking and professional development
- Networking with other educators
- I attended the session by careertech.org on messaging to promote CTE – Why as WA-ACTE not produced a branding PSA to be shared throughout the state?
- Freedom at meals to talk to colleagues
- Time to network and get feedback from others
- Networking
- Collegiality
- STEM Training
- Talking to others in my area
- STEM training]
- Tour of EWU/WSU Medical Science programs; Time with OSPI for legislative updates; collaboration and statewide connections
- FBLA session & OSPI update
- Networking with my colleagues
- Networking manufacturers for possible program support
- Networking & content
- As a candidate in the CTE director program, this conference was incredibly beneficial
- Everything was valuable to me, even if I anticipated a session to not be as great, I walked away from every session with valuable info! I loved this conference!
- The Plan 2 Boot Camp, given by Lew Keilher and various speakers. The collaboration, advice, and support of more experienced educators
- The sessions by Marty Sugerik

- STEM Workshop
- Framework info and collaboration with others who teach similar subjects. The guest speakers were awesome!
- The on-line assignments for skyward and the frameworks
- Chance to meet others
- Scott le Duc – his presentations were packed with helpful insight that will make me a better teacher
- Networking opportunities. Updates on frameworks expectations. Ideas on new ways to teach topics in health science
- Roundtables
- Networking with other teachers in my content area and learning new strategies and activities to use in the classroom
- OSPI Info; Frameworks
- OSPI updates (though little in the way of reference points & there are a number of important details that require comprehensive guidance)
- Jimmy Casas – keynote; Hearing from Rebecca Wallace; MOA/CPR update
- The WSECU sessions with personal finance programs and the frameworks sessions
- Networking
- Networking with key players (i.e., OSPI certification, CWU folks and session re: Perkins, Audits, Frameworks) CPR/MOA session was great!
- Insight to Jasperactiv e and the info about MBA research
- Networking and sharing with other districts
- Funding updates
- The sessions and the networking opportunities and Jimmy Casas – great speaker
- Working and meeting with other teachers
- Seeing some resources in action that I have not seen before. Talking with people from all around about their offerings, methodology, etc. Jimmy Casas was awesome!!
- Hearing practices from other teachers in my content area. Receiving contact info from experts so I can ask questions
- The breakout sessions
- STEM hours – BUT not able to differentiate between clock hours/STEM hours?
- Networking and helpful OSPI presenters
- Networking with colleagues
- The keynote. His follow-up breakout session, and use of Adobe Spark as a teaching tool. As a FBLA/DECA advisor, both WSBEA and WAME did a fine job in presenting updates for 2017-18.
- The leadership and 21st Century Skills were fantastic (also repeated often)
- Info about NGSS – what we don't know; what we do; and how OSPI, SDs or CTE can work together to address options to work for kids who aren't best served with the rubber stamp
- Specific health science courses/NGSS; keynote speaker/breakout/follow-up session
- Perkins grant information was helpful and Becky Wallace's willingness to answer questions
- OSPI folks – direct answers SO appreciated
- Section roundtable where I spoke with other CTE/ART & STEAM members
- The chance to work with others and get support and learn skills. Make and take projects. Incredible community.
- I'm still wondering about that, to be perfectly honest. I'm not sure this is really worth time & money, except I get clock hours for being here.
- The whole experience
- OSPI updates for directors

- Computer science; STEM training; Opening speakers; networking; \$15 breakfast/lunch money Sunday – thank you
- Keynote – followed by his breakout
- Networking opportunities, social time with 13 staff members I brought with me.
- New teacher – all of it!
- Opportunity to speak to state officials regarding WA state graduation requirements; Certification
- Simulated work environment session on Sunday
- STEM training & Microsoft Academy certification
- Collaborating – I'm here for the clock hours – the sessions aren't new/different, so there isn't much value anymore. I will stop coming when I don't need them anymore
- MOA Session
- Technology in the classroom (Dan Tedor), Science workshops (Moore's) Skyward to grade materials, changes to funding
- Sessions that provided lesson ideas
- Learning more about certification testing
- The networking opportunities
- I liked the Adobe Spark training & the info about the Technology Student Association. I plan to give students the opportunity to join that.
- The opening speaker
- Meeting with colleagues to talk about lessons, club, strategies, and sharing resources.
- The day with the sessions that I like – were relevant
- Networking opportunity. Lunch sessions were a great use of time.
- Opening speaker – Jimmy Casas session. Microsoft sessions – information & collaboration with other teachers.
- Networking. Thank you to the hotel and hotel staff for a fabulous stay!
- Learning from others in the field.
- Learning about resources other teachers/districts are using that are effective as well as the OSPI feedback session.
- Always the sharing of best practices
- Speaking with Jack Greaves from FITE
- Networking
- Nothing of value
- Jimmy Casas – twitter use; teen labor laws; career cruising
- Learning about project management
- Sessions were great
- Jimmy Casas Attitude!
- Always Scott le Duc. The new guy from OSPI was great –something on tech and discipline
- Computer Science standards info – ways to add Tech to any class/course! Frameworks approval cycle explained
- In general, the computer science content was excellent
- Jim Flatmo was hands-down the most engaging speaker I listened to all week! I loved getting lessons and other ideas from other teachers. Also, having the opportunity to network with people all over the state gave me perspective about my program. Thanks for a great conference!
- Opening speaker was very inspirational!
- Info about approvals (program) but don't believe timeline is realistic.
- Collaboration with MOS/MOAB professionals

- OSPI updates always good. Enjoyed opening speaker and his follow-up session to admin. Lots of other sessions were great.
- Delegate meeting and how the voting process worked.
- Discovering resources available (Imagine Academy & Jasperactive!) Great. Very, very motivating for new CTE teacher.
- The 5S session on organization
- Enjoyed keynote speaker Jimmy Casas. He is an inspiration. Also enjoyed the Adobe Spark session. I can use that.
- Love that Kathy Schmit and Scott le Duc
- Keynote speaker and probably closing speaker (yes!). Exhibitors. Monday GF lunch!
- Skills USA as your CTSO and industry certifications
- Frameworks info
- Computer Science sessions
- Information about frameworks
- The most valuable part was having time to discuss curriculum with teachers between meetings
- Project-based curriculum concepts
- Networking with other districts and content areas
- Breakout sessions – FBLA, Identity Theft
- College connections
- WSU/EWU tour
- Wow having Jimmy as keynote and as a workshop speaker was great!
- Meeting with others and sharing successes and challenges
- Recruiting data and info. Food right here so we didn't have to go out!
- Keynote 1st day. Jimmy has encouraged me to establish on-line and social media connections
- Networking. Innovative practices
- Teen Labor Law with Josie Bryan; Career Bridge with Marina Parr
- RWT/CIE session. CCL opportunity to certify with MSO 2016
- Collaboration with others in my content area
- Opportunity to network with colleagues. The working lunch session on Tuesday was an excellent use of time
- Networking and the session on how to create presentations that don't suck
- Networking
- Being able to network with other departments and teachers from other areas. I also thought the opening speaker was amazing.
- Networking with other content areas and people from other districts.
- Meeting with teachers and discussing all of their activities and ideas that they do with their classes. Scott de Luc's presentations were awesome
- Collaboration availability
- OSPI updates!!
- Networking with colleagues; Opening session keynote speakers – EXCELLENT!!
- Collaboration with other instructors
- Networking opportunity
- Networking with other teaching professionals
- Professional development clock hours
- Networking
- Connection to STEM
- Networking opportunities. Programs available to CS/Coding
- Excitement from the skills and good collaboration

- Scott Le Duc presentations – very informative, great take-aways
- Learning of new requirements in CTE
- Tech Spark & CCI Jasperactive; Keynote speaker was motivational and relatable. Scott le Duc is the best – he looks at learning from a different angle!
- Workbased learning & worksite learning classes
- Scott Le Duc – “Creating Presentations that Don’t Suck!” Most inspirational: Bri Durham “A How-to Guide for Starting Youth Apprenticeships”; Andy Nydam’s “Launching Core-Plus Maritime”
- The opening keynote speaker; meeting colleagues
- Learning and time to apply it
- Great opportunity to network and hear what other middle schools are doing
- Meeting new people to collaborate with
- Networking breakfast
- Networking
- Time with other teachers; vendors
- Time to learn new things and connect with other teachers
- WBL classes, Microsoft classes, program re-approval classes. Skyward class
- The certification process and information on the support documentation for that document, grading on Skyward, Computer Science information
- Networking
- Networking with other district professionals
- BAS meeting
- Networking and certifications
- Speakers outstanding
- How to do my job better!!
- Frameworks; Tech for Class. Really had amazing classes this year! THANKS!
- MS Skyward on-line assignments/ Quizzes information; CTE info on funding
- Networking. Diversity of sessions – lots to select from
- Inspiration & connection. Techniques with students – (the Moore’s rock!); budding relations. Hands-on with Ag.
- Observing – training sessions – collaboration with other professionals from diverse professions
- Just the networking and resources
- Brain; Technology Strategies; Teaching Practices
- Meeting the pathway supervisor
- Learning about health science curriculum
- Drones and gliders
- Talking & collaborating with other educators
- PBL sessions; Collecting resources digitally to share
- Networking with HSCTE
- The Boot Camp information
- Adobe tools
- The Boot Camp conferences
- Networking with industry partners
- Inquiry-based science
- Student engagement ideas and Skyward grading
- Networking
- STEM
- College participation

- Networking
- ELA and Tech sessions
- More available on teaching & learning strategies
- Teen Labor Laws
- "Presentations that Don't Suck"
- I love the STEM workgroup. This is so helpful to me, and the networking is absolutely awesome. Many thanks to Gene for putting this together.
- All was valuable to me!
- I liked the networking opportunities
- The first day we got a change to go to the new vocational director sessions and got a calendar of things to get done for each month. That calendar is worth the price of the whole conference!
- All sessions attended were excellent
- As a new CTE director, I found the information shared during the New Directors' session highly valuable. I could have benefitted from the session for the entire day.
- CS standards
- The quality of the content
- Sessions led by teachers. Networking and discussions with teachers
- Getting out of the school district 'bubble' we sometimes like and work in. Fresh perspectives and new innovations. Boot Camp was very helpful.
- Networking with peers
- Scott De Luc (*sic*) and his presentations were awesome. He did a great job providing information that was relevant
- Imagine Academy stuff
- Scott Le Duc
- Time to be with peers and share
- Good OSPI info
- Networking, speakers, getting ideas from others. CCI help! Liked community website w/speaker resources. Like having the WHOVA App.
- Networking; OSPI updates
- Computer Tech sessions. Wish there were more geared to middle school though.
- Great workshops
- Briefing about DECA and MS Office practice testing
- Collaboration with peers
- Getting in our groups: CATE Directors, Business teachers, etc. (Scott Le Duc was awesome!)
- Loved the keynote speakers, Jimmy is amazing!!
- Networking; OSPI updates; Jimmy Casas was great!
- More Options
- FACSE group meeting and WBL workshop
- Having a variety of breakout sessions
- Sharing of problems, networking, etc.
- Failure of drones was a great lesson...we cannot succeed until we fail
- Great networking
- The new CTE Teacher Boot Camp is useful for new instructors. Wish I had known earlier to new instructors could have attended.
- The Certiport information and the info on Wednesday's Imagine Academy. The opportunity to certify on MOS was awesome!

- Having access to all PPTs on WHOVA. Clarification and updates, examples, and helpful resources – including people!
- The networking and collaborative opportunities
- OSPI sessions on Sunday and Monday
- OSPI talking about the changes to framework approval
- Hands-on sessions
- Hands-on STEM training
- The Microsoft Imagine Academy free curriculum and Ever-fi curriculum as well
- Opening sessions, follow-up to the speaker. Jimmy Casas was a great speaker!
- Updates
- Connecting with other educators
- Perkins/Frameworks/Networking
- More opportunities to network and connect with technology teachers
- Making connections; Really enjoyed Scott Le Duc sessions; Enjoyed Dan Tedor: Effective Classroom Management and Tech
- Great location, great workshops, wonderful opening keynote
- Networking opportunities, OSPI classes, opening general session
- OSPI Updates
- Conversations between presentations
- Networking with others and instruction in classrooms
- Discussion of dual credit and course equivalencies
- OSPI info on Frameworks, sharing of ideas. Networking, Networking, Networking.
- The variety of workshops.
- Networking, Course OSPI updates
- Information from the state about programs already available
- Monday sessions
- CTE Administration
- There was such a wide range of options for every level – Admin. Teaching – that were meaningful. Every session I attended connected to my work and to my staff. I appreciated the breadth of opportunities for nuts & bolts, learning about new programs, and my own PD through Jimmy Casas.
- How to best implement OSPI training
- Drone build
- Monday's sessions were incredible, but all competing against. Networking was wonderful
- I really enjoyed the "Who Cares?" session on Sunday with Scott Le Duc
- Safety sessions, WAAE sessions
- Forensics – excellent presentation
- Scott Le Duc was a valuable presenter
- Session time in groups. Like award breakfast with speakers; Exhibitors in the hall on Tuesday
- FCS session – FIDM did an amazing presentation
- All the CCI and Microsoft training was excellent -Please continue to have them here to grow more in our state
- I like the work sessions (i.e., Monday's schedule)
- All of it – and making the connections
- CTSO's meeting
- Networking with peers. Infor on new Computer Apps/Science programs
- Networking
- Becky Wallace; Core+; Computer science – Adam Smith

- Able to collaborate with colleagues
- Networking
- Frameworks and director-related content
- Starting off with amazing keynote
- Being able to hear updates/changes for coming year from OSPI
- Meeting with other teachers in the halls and at lunch
- Networking opportunities; Scott Le Duc sessions
- The variety of offerings and ability to collaborate with colleagues in the same discipline
- Really like the OSPI updates; TJ Kelly discussion and items importance to CTE Directors being Sunday and Monday, for those that have to go back to districts
- Networking. OSPI update, Perkins, Frameworks presentations
- Great speakers with relevant information
- Wide variety of content
- Networking with other professionals; compliance updates
- Getting to hear from a wide variety of experts in the CTE field. Excellent content!
- Talking with peers between sessions
- Being able to keep up with changes/policies on an administrative level
- The Sunday sessions by OSPI that directly related to CTE director's needs. Thank you so much – Please continue that because our districts often send us/need us back earlier than end of conference
- Industry certification presentation; Career Guidance: HS & Beyond; Certification 100; Microsoft certification
- The breakouts with OSPI and the opening speaker
- Meeting people

2017 Summer Conference Evaluations

What additions and/or changes would you like to see at this conference in the future?

- Popular session repeated.
- More presentation like Boeing's Mr. Conner – that was fantastic. How about Amazon or Microsoft regarding careers?
- Not sure. Nice additional of meals
- Re-approval (Framework) changes – Workshop
- Maybe giving options for sessions to be repeated. I really hate to complain because this was such a strong conference. So many valuable sessions, everything was so organized and the location is perfect. Big kudos to the WA-ACTE team for their hard work – you guys are amazing!
- More video/photography elements
- Lower price, different food options – no sessions before 8 a.m. – Sunday sessions remain pre-conference
- It's a pretty spendy conference
- More large group sessions, favor yet highest quality presenters
- Wednesday morning sessions and timing weren't the best. Lot of down time waiting for closing session; need final agenda sooner in order to plan arrival and departure; please emphasize to speakers that session should match the published description
- Repeat key workshops
- Reach out and invite superintendents and tech directors, as well as CTE directors. They need to see what we are doing. Also bring in industry partners for sessions, on what we need to work on, like our current pathway meetings. They should be doing sessions, not just sitting in vendor area.
- More stuff for the shop guys
- Course specific information; best practices for teaching a specific class; more sessions like Math in Video Games
- The site for the STEM training didn't have cooling, so it was too warm. Having more flat surfaces to allow up to spread out would be nice.
- I know these are not professional presenters, BUT there should be some sort of coaching in true public speaking. Two of the presenters seemed to be shooting from the hip when not using materials that they read (like reading PowerPoints to us)
- Add technical college folks in. They partner with CTE too
- It has been one of the best conference I have been at.
- Opening and OSPI/certification on Saturday. All day training activities on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday – and section meetings on Wednesday
- The meals were cold and stale; unsatisfactory
- All sessions filmed in some way – lesson sessions and repeat some
- More in Ocean Marine
- Loved it
- Longer between session; gaps to facilitate networking – right after content; TED model is great!
- Some sessions need to be longer, specially tutorial types with on-line resources
- More AG sessions
- Add tours to see/relate with industry businesses or hands-on labs/activities
- More support for sections in planning and cost offset
- First time I felt devalued and “less” at this conference. Mainly because there was a lack of offerings that I could apply to my classroom and forward-thinking and forward-teaching & offerings at this CTE conference (FACSE)
- More short STEM opportunities; Vertical alignment plans between high school, middle school, and college; more soft skills and collaboration ideas to instill teamwork in the class and shop.

- Good Conference – Thank you!
- More hands-on content
- Sessions for (1) CTE admin assistants (2) Assessing 21st Century Skills (3) Regional data (ex., Pac. Mtn.)
- Not sure. So much was offered – it was hard to choose at times.
- Let vendors teach sessions that are make and take
- Great job – good variety
- More middle school classes
- Maybe a map; FACSE teachers should have been there and had more opportunities for teachers to be aware of all the changes to CTE
- A more central location in the state for the conference would be nice
- Some discussion or session about having IEP kids in a shop setting – safety!! Please add several more blank pages to take notes on for each day.
- If in Spokane – connect with CSI (OSI? Or GSI?) – they are doing amazing work!
- Have individual evaluations
- Split conference into OSPI/WA-ACTE/PD
- Testing area needs to be quiet! The vendor shouldn't be in discussion with people about their product or the set up of a lab. I wonder how many presenters don't realize that their workshop content doesn't match the title and info provided at a glance
- Like the fact that OSPI and political figures are here to speak – great to hear those direct messages.
- It would be nice to include some laser cutting applications to build on what I already do
- Thank you to the team for the countless hours to put this together. Much appreciated!!
- One day less. Sunday-Monday, full days; Tuesday – Half day
- Like being in one building! 3 ½ days is too long – 3 max please?! Can you consider having an Admin or CTE Intensive Sunday or Monday that covers all of the compliance type stuff; OSPI update, Perkins, Audit info, funding update, etc.
- More speakers
- Give each speaker a feedback form to collect more data about each session
- I loved the location, set up and presenters. The only suggestion I would make is to keep doors open during presentations, if possible This would make it easier to go to two seminars (I was divided a couple times)
- Do all of the awards – including section awards in front of everyone. Let's celebrate success
- STEM workshop; Clock by James Sullivan
- More workshops and hands-on learning opportunities
- I know it depends on who attends and who is willing to present, but it would be great to have more sessions centered on welding, fabrication, machining, and manufacturing
- Regarding the Tuesday breakfast, I would have put more emphasis on the keynote speakers, followed, then, with the awards. I think attendance would have been better. Otherwise, it was an excellent conference for me.
- I don't know if you have much control of this...less cancellations! Also, I'd like to see more curricular sessions relating to Woods and Art
- Roundtables for small groups (ie. Woodshop and screen printing (Graphic Arts))
- More sessions on instruction strategies and activities in business education
- If a session is a sales pitch – let us know before
- How is it that we are able to offer STEM clock hours for the (general) WA-ACTE Conference? While nice, it in no way meets the criteria and makes us look like we are not aligned with expected rigor – not talking the talk (integrity)
- More focused sessions in specific areas that are more applicable
- WEA could be present; CTE jobs/networking section; On-line CTE undergrad/grad/advanced programs (Ball University, UW-Stout)

- Actual working sessions – come with laptop to do certs right then and there. Do the work of year-end Perkins to help move us and show us!
- Have more for CTE directors on Sunday (maybe directors only on that day?) Could condense last 2 days into one day.
- A few non-teachers sessions for support people
- Repeat sessions so that we have the opportunity to attend more sessions and not have to make choices
- More stuff for FACSE (culinary, child development)
- More Family and Consumer Sciences specific information
- Really ask presenters to double-check that their content matches their synopsis in the program. Have the certification room separate from the Jasper Active tool and/or proctor information space – the constant talking, etc., is a distraction for testers. If presenters are focused on a software or on-line tool, perhaps generic account log-ins can be created so there isn't a large amount of wait time while they try to get everyone access
- More Hands-on sessions
- More student motivation techniques
- Individual evaluation forms in sessions
- Change evaluation form to ask/get section identification and feedback
- I would like actual training on Adobe & Project Management, not just how to get certification. More tools for the business and marketing classes
- Speakers with shareable resources are awesome – the more, the better! Please continue to use the Davenport Grand – food & facilities are top-notch!
- Key admin sessions don't conflict
- Add in some technical seminars in media communications
- More Adobe sessions – more STEAM information – tours of industrial companies/facilities – less sales pitches on software
- Please find a way to continue STEM training. I don't have a specific project, but I have learned so much at these every year.
- Get dependable presenters. Repeat a few of the classes at different times. Have other beverages (besides coffee & tea) available between sessions/classes.
- Keep it in Spokane. Less traffic, better affordable accommodations!
- Expand the STEM training (3-day) to include more than 25(16)
- More hotel availability, especially for late registers. No rooms in block for many people. Bummer to have to not be with everyone.
- On-going display of available simulations
- Bring content sessions back to Monday. Teachers do not need across the board beyond frameworks & leadership. They want content. If there is not stronger content area sessions, may not bring teachers again. Teachers need content area professional development. Separate conferences for each section requiring subs is not the answer. WA-ACTE and all the sections MUST come to the table and find a way that section business and professional development, as well as section fundraising can occur at summer conference as it was 30 years ago. Divided we fall. (Sharon Fochtman)
- More lesson/student activities that meet TPEP requirements and that satisfy framework requirements.
- More specific project-based learning, more framework and certification options throughout
- Larger space for opening/closing; Exhibitors should be here Monday/Tuesday
- Make sure speakers are here on time (calculating FTEs workshop); more hands-on/productive workshops; make it shorter; too much sit and get.
- Maybe an opportunity to put together meaningful networking opportunities.
- Less teacher presentations; more professionals from the community
- It was a great event

- More Business/Marketing resources
- More sessions related to Adobe – publications multimedia, photography
- One day less and start at 9:00 instead of 7:00. More best practices and instruction strategies lessons. The “Putting Learner Success First” pamphlet seems like a waste of money.
- One day I could find 2 sessions per time period to go to. Other day, could hardly find any sessions relevant.
- 7 a.m. sessions were TOO early!
- More of a variety of session offerings.
- More VARIETY of breakouts!
- More sessions for ALL sections
- Could this conference be completed in 2 days?
- At this time I really can’t think of anything.
- Better food. More sessions for Career Counselors.
- I would have benefitted more if there were a place/person to refer to for “first time” participants for coordinating sessions, and kind of a “how to” session or handout.
- More sessions – less sales pitches
- Food was great this year.
- Tables at all meals. Monday breakfast as a continental fine and I get that the vendors took up 2 ballrooms... So I don’t know. Please add photography and more arts. Those 2 credits required are an opportunity? Do another backpack drive next year! Let’s try to beat this year’s numbers!!!
- The WAAE networking sessions were lackluster & would benefit by having a facilitator or at least the WAAE reps available to talk to. I’d love to see a greater Natural Resource presence too. Also I felt bad about all of the disposable cups we used (& lack of recycling options). And would appreciate a heads-up to bring a reusable cup.
- Having time to work individually with OSPI folks on frameworks and fixing concerns they have with your submission.
- 7 a.m. is too early to start!
- One day sessions for more specialized small groups, i.e., Firefighting, Jewelry Makers, ASL teachers, etc. They could come for 1 day and have a different conference rate. Need program early in May before spending is done & teachers’ summer schedules are set. I went to 2 sessions that were no-shows and 1 of my teachers went to 3. Some sessions really nothing for certain sections
- More workshops. Monday - time to relax
- Add a room showing CTE YouTube examples of different CTE Subjects. Simply show the examples – great way to see “modeling” – sharing best practices.
- Have the conference somewhere in Western Washington
- I would like more signs promoting sessions. Also more open doors while sessions are happening
- Gosh....not sure. I know some of my colleagues travelled with their families and wanted the option to stay at a different hotel.
- Keep up the excellent work!
- The screens outside the rooms should describe the session that is inside.
- Go back to 3 or 2 ½ days!
- Adobe Photoshop training!!
- Well-organized – Thank you. Love the Davenport and all they do for us.
- More resources to use in classrooms. Less meals – it’s less expensive for the districts to pay the per diem
- \$15.00 vouchers – hotel not prepared for that
- More of the same
- OSPI information needs to be accurate
- Nice job!!
- More collaboration time!

- FACSE luncheon?
- Very little for Career Counselors/Career Guidance (other than products to sell) ...on a related note, very inconsistent “model” between districts; varying levels of education required to be a “Career Counselor.”
- Someone talking about retirement benefits and options.
- More “Growing Our Own” guidance for all sections/pathways.
- Would there be more participation if the conference was held in a more central location like Yakima? This would make for shorter travel from the westside.
- 7 a.m. sessions are too early for a summer conference. Conference agenda MUST be more clear
- Starting sessions @8:00....not 7:00. I like the “working” lunch on Tuesday
- I would like to see more cross-curricular classes that include more areas. I would also like to get back to the individual meals. It cost the district less money.
- Including meals in fee is good, but make them worth it. We don’t get \$\$ from districts when meals are provided, but breakfast on Monday and the boxed lunches were NOT good. Per Diem for breakfast/lunch is \$20 a day – it does NOT equal the \$100 in registration fee.
- ARTS! Mandy More ARTS! The starting before 8 a.m.; Vendor booths were king of lame
- Sunday till Wednesday
- Breakfast on Monday should be like the breakfast we had on Tuesday – both days should start with a really good breakfast!
- More Shop/Safety seminars
- Wednesday – more closing session to 10 a.m. and finish up by 11:00. Too much time waiting around for closing.
- Love to do more STEM training like this
- This should be one-less day, with regular stuff starting on Sunday. The music before closing was TOO loud!!
- Offer some more of the same sessions more than once – several had this option, but sometimes I couldn’t quite make it to everything I wanted to see.
- Great place – great food
- Continue the good work. This was fantastic
- Business Law presentation. Hard boiled eggs served each day.
- Could we re-establish a first aid class as part of the summer conference again? Use green laser pointers please!
- Continue with STEM
- More FACSE! I don’t want to go to “fall FACSE” conference. I prefer this one. Until this year. Did you know 3 D’s food network as numerous restaurants in Spokane? Why not have an evening self-tour with guiding members to these pubs/restaurants? I would be fun/networking time. Maybe even make a Bingo type card or Poker Run, getting a stamp on card. Then have a prize for the best poker hand or a drawing of cards with Bingo.
- The fact that things started on Sunday and were not an extra charge was not well communicated. Need to work on the marketing. Please get rid of the closing speaker. We are exhausted and want to leave. The closing was not a motivating way to end the conference. He should have done this at the beginning of the conference.
- So far meeting my needs. Some support on the Arts would be great.
- A track for individuals who are new to CTE
- Better facilities/hotel modern, but not so great. Service great, but will stay somewhere else next time.
- More people! Add Administrators!
- Not on Sundays
- More exhibitors; the tables that the projector sits on needs to be moved back so the screen size is bigger. There were projector issues at every session I attended
- ASL options – although great use of collaboration time with ASL teachers present

- WITEA Project-based curriculum, PLEASE!!
- Maybe sharing sessions – not bitch sessions. What works???
- Vet presenters before hand
- More FACSE related sessions
- Keep the STEM workshop by hook or by crook!! PLEASE
- Robots, drones
- More information and updated classes for work-based learning related subjects
- PBL sessions/ collecting resources digitally to share; descriptions/titles of some sessions were misleading – could we get a link to their PPT on the WHOVA App before we go in
- More hands-on breakouts, motivational speakers, nutrition, and later start on Wednesday (7:30?)
- More WITEA sessions dealing with project-based productions
- More STEM
- Don't do BBQ. Save your money, as the turnout was low
- No 7:00 a.m. sessions
- I would like to see a session on best practices for lab set-up, inventory, and maintenance, especially for us packrats!
- Maybe a different hotel
- Hold the conference earlier...I am also the principal. I kept getting texts and email from my HS & District staff, asking lots of questions as they are returning back to school. It would be nice to be able to concentrate just on the info we got here, without the interruption
- Excellent facility!
- More middle school relevant content
- Given the cost of the hotel/facilities, I was not impressed with the food. Sunday lunch wasn't staffed well, so had to eat & run to class. Monday, ran out of popular choices early. Did appreciate iced tea & Crystal Light choices beyond water and coffee.
- More in-class relevant ideas and content. Sessions on inter-personality, multiculturalism, etc. More teacher presenters and less business presentations
- Bring Malcolm back!!
- More hands-on
- Repeat popular workshops so more choices. Fewer session overlaps. Conference rooms need audio capability
- CTE at middle schools is spotty, so know this is a difficult target area with limited presenters.
- Future of Applied Math and 3rd Year math options
- Give more time to Adobe and Autodesk – less time talking about Microsoft certs
- Technology
- Work sessions following informational sessions (example: having a working session AFTER attending a Google Classroom presentation)
- More sessions about best classroom practices
- More in-depth workshops, tours, etc.
- Wooden gear clocks, please!
- More boxed meals, including breakfast – it was really convenient and nicely disposable!
- More learning opportunities geared towards middle school exploratory courses/content and CTE for early teens, who learn differently than high schoolers.
- Repeat some of the OSPI sessions – can't be everywhere. Example: Perkins 101
- The options for different pricing, based upon days attending – allowing districts to allow more people to come at same cost as this year.
- Quality of presenters was not strong. Presentations should not be sales pitches
- STEM sessions – pick ONE project to do – go deep

- More Computer Science/programming training. Make it a 3-day, 3-hour thing with a certification at the end.
- Loved the keynote speakers, Jimmy Casas
- Keep up the great work!
- More variety in course offerings
- More 'cutting edge' type topics.
- Breakout sessions with hands-on practicum. Would like to see the App be up to date with class cancelations.
- This is just my 2nd year. Last year's seemed more dynamic, but perhaps that's because I was new.
- I was looking forward to the exhibits on Tuesday, but they were gone. I was so busy on Monday that I only had time to walk through. (I didn't arrive until 3:00 on Sunday and went directly to workshops.
- If you asked for specific presentations, maybe more teachers will answer the call for presentations.
- No after 5 sessions
- I would like to see more FACSE related content
- Good conference (N/A)
- Include FACSE next year!
- More curriculum-based sessions – at least for FCS. The on-line literacy Ever-fi & Life Smart were decent
- None for now. Vendors here all week!
- Great conference Thank you! Will this conference always be in Spokane, or is there a chance it will also be offered in western Washington?
- More STEM connections. Thanks!
- A west side conference
- Make it shorter and condense it so it is more efficient
- More opportunities to collaborate with peers that are job-like
- Would like to see more content specific information; culinary arts; and specific learning strategy pedagogy
- I would like to see First Robotics represented.
- Some tours of industry
- FCS!
- More Marketing sections
- Keep that format
- Greater opportunity for teachers to engage in data and instruction
- Keep it at the Davenport – Great location
- Please spread out Admin sessions. Rollout sessions with registration – as may have been able to shorten trip, based upon relevance
- Maybe have one long OSPI session for all directors one day – and then there will be freedom to attend program development other days
- Just spread out key admin sessions more. Very well done though. Thank you!
- Program details are needed sooner so staff can adequately plan on attending
- Would be nice to have events besides workshops added to the agenda portion of the WHOVA app - breakfast, opening session, lunches, etc.
- Continued support for understanding CTE and dual credits, certification and frameworks. More advertisement reach-out to school counselors
- More time to mingle without rules
- I would like to see more black presenters, speakers, leaders, directors