

**WA-ACTE SUMMER CONFERENCE
AUGUST 12-14, 2013 – YAKIMA
INSERVICE EVALUATION SUMMARY**

5 = Excellent

4 = Very Good

3 = Good

2 = Fair

1 = Poor

2013 WA-ACTE Conference Objectives

To provide participants the opportunity to increase their knowledge and competencies while expanding their support network as they focus their professional development on the following:

1. Integrated Education (CTE Innovation)
 - 21st Century Skills
 - STEM / Next Generation Science
 - Programs of Study
2. Common Core State Standards: Transition & Application of Instructional Practice
3. Leadership for the classroom, school, and community
4. Acquire strategies to increase non-traditional student enhancement
5. Industry certification for students and teachers

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| 1. The extent to which the written objectives have been met. | 3.92 | | |
| 2. Participant perception of relevance and quality of the conference. | 3.91 | | |
| 3. The extent to which the following activities addressed by the conference have been met: | | | |
| a. Opportunities for participants to collect and analyze evidence related to student learning. | 3.73 | | |
| b. Professional certificate standards. | 3.83 | | |
| c. School and district improvement efforts. | 3.71 | | |
| d. K-12 frameworks and curriculum alignment. | 3.87 | | |
| e. Research-based instructional strategies and assessment practices. | 3.73 | | |
| f. Content of current or anticipated assignment. | 3.84 | | |
| g. Advocacy for students and leadership, supervision, mentoring/coaching. | 4.01 | | |
| h. Building a collaborative learning community. | 4.04 | | |
| 4. The quality of the physical facilities. | 4.34 | | |
| 5. The quality of the oral presentations. | 4.14 | | |
| 6. The quality of the written program materials. | 4.06 | | |
| 7. Opening Session | 4.04 | | |
| 8. General Session | 3.92 | | |
| 9. Closing Session | 4.17 | | |
| 10. Overall Conference Experience | 3.96 | | |
| 11. Do you plan to attend next year's conference in Yakima, August 3-6, 2014? | Yes 92% | | No 8% |

Content Comments

With Common Core and Teacher Evaluations being such big issues, those should have been covered on Monday. It seems those planning Monday are unaware and not up to date on the issues affecting us in our districts or the classroom.

I would like some more break outs that were meaningful on Monday.

Some of the sessions didn't match the description in the program. They were good but not what I thought.

Better this year for my section & its offerings. HSCTE

K-12 STEM. Middle school CTE opportunities/resources for math/science.

Start with sessions that help folks network earlier.

Send survey out to potential attendees and have them request specific workshops that they feel will better their year. If we can put out schedule early, may attract more. Thanks for all your work.

Relevance & quality of the conference, very relevant. Malcom is good, but he's preaching to the choir. Opening session, well done. Like showcasing CTSOs and all of their achievements. Chad did great. I enjoy this conference because of the networking opportunities available, not with just my section, but across the board. It has given me much to think about as I go back to my district and classroom. Loved the Grannies.

Not much on Tuesday afternoon. Waste.

Great meals @ Convention Center.

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

More Agricultural classes.

I wish there were a place for Cosmetology.

I thought everything went really well. I was able to walk away with some great new skills and tips.

Well done. Thank you.

Thank you. I will be back next year.

Thank you, as always this summer conference is relevant, informative and provides resources. Thanks.

This has been one of the best conferences in recent memories. Thank you.

Thanks for the available complimentary coffee.

The Monday sessions were not appropriate. Many were too content specific and not general to all CTE areas to be necessary to attend. Very disappointing

This was a great start to the 2013-2014 school year. Thank you.

Great job.

Conference was good and had insightful/reflective moments. I would encourage presenters to use sound and effective teaching strategies instead of reading and rambling.

Enjoy this conference each year, I always learn something new.

Conference was great. I wish I could attend next year, but can't due to a family event..

Great conference.

Very strong program.

Less prizes, better bags.

Overall great conference. Thank you for all your hard work WA-ACTE Board.

One of the best conferences.

Not much for FACSE teachers to attend.

Always an excellent conference. Thank you.

Great conference again.

Very impressed and like the changes you made.

Possible industry tours, all documents and presentations made available after conference.

I can't find a single thing to complain about. It was a very thoughtfully planned conference.

Great Job

Another great conference. Well done.

Nice job.

The conference was improved over last year.

Great organizer. Thanks.

This was my first year. Information was creative and informative.

Way too much time/ Said it many years, but the format remains the same. This is a 1 and 1/2 - 2 day conference max. Especially if you continue to have it in Yakima.

Quality of sessions were horrible.

This was my first year. Information was creative and informative.

Thanks for all your hard work and time to organize the conference.

Regarding K-12 frameworks and curriculum alignment, a lot of talk, but want to see examples of implementation.

Something on measures of student growth.

The food for organization breakfast on Wed (FACSE) was terrible. Just do a continental breakfast.

Food was cold and did not taste good, try more of a continental breakfast next time.

Dessert for luncheons to keep you going (sugar)

Would like to see more examples on how to align common core with BME classes.

On the last day have a later time for breakfasts, sessions to start.

Would be nice to have some sort of beginners guide to help new attendees understand the flow of the conference, luncheons, dinners, etc.

Don't have meetings at 7 AM on the last day. Conference center food, lunch and breakfast, bad tasting.

More STEM focus, sort classes throughout conference, several time periods had few options/variety, more middle/Jr High related options.

Need more breakout sessions for mid-conference. I suggest individual sessions by content area.

My first conference. It was awesome. So much helpful, useful, practical information. It seemed well balanced for both new and experienced teachers. Thank you.

Fall conference for FACSE should be offered at this during Summer Conference time.

Not much for FACSE. Would like to see more relevant. Loved FACSE roundtables.

The first day of conference, Monday, had little relevance to FASCE. Tues & Wed were more productive and inspiring, especially Tuesday. This could be a 2 day conference.

Greater consideration between conference center and restaurants, particularly on Sunday, restaurants were not prepared creating slow service and overcrowding.

More workshops on Monday are needed. Need more variety. Not much as far as workshop choices, especially for day 1 of the conference.

Not as many sessions available to attend so am not sure I will choose to spend budget money on this conference. FACSE.

Very limited break-out sessions. More connection with teacher evaluation.

More to choose from.

If sessions are going to be off-site, please notify in advance. Some of us do not have cars. 1st day dragged, too many lectures & announcements. Can this be split up?

When sessions are off-site, previous notification to attendees is needed. Advertise it ahead.

Love all the different choices. Able to pick what fits best.

More sessions class content specific, i.e., Business Law, Business English, Media, etc., tips/tricks/training aids for specific classes/areas.

Conference attendance seems to be shrinking. This concerns me. I think this is such a valuable training for teachers and administrators.

We as a dept. were very disappointed in the very slim options for FACSE. If there was an option, it was only 1 at a time and in my case, only 2 were relevant, so in the 3 days there was very little useful things to go to. I found myself just going to anything that had a seat.

Might be helpful to post topics outside of the conference rooms to make it easier to locate to avoid un-intending interruptions, maybe.

Please move the sections sessions to the beginning of the conference. I was able to meet people today (Wed) that I would have liked to meet at the beginning of the conference. I am new to CTE and the "First Year in CTE" session was Tuesday at 2pm instead of Monday. You should always have a "New to CTE" session to make new people feel welcome. A lot of people here know each other and if you are new, it is difficult to feel included. If you want the conference to expand you need to reach out to new members.

I'd like to see some sessions offered twice so we didn't have to select only one topic (presentation)

As a newer teacher, I felt like much of what was presented was not relevant to me. I hope next year will be more helpful & easier to understand.

There was so little variety for FACSE. I have been coming for 15 years and this was by far the most disappointing. Need to offer way more!!!

CTE classes & CTSO's in the Alternative High School (at least one session)

Would like to have more section-based sessions & round tables for ideas and networking, such as photography, year book, financial algebra early on in the conference so we could do side meetings if needed!!!!!!!

Make sure there are class offerings for all subjects.

Still don't know what includes Century 21 Skills, always talked about, but never given the list of what or where to get.

Have more sessions where teach alike teachers can share lessons/projects/tips and not so many sit and get sessions. Try to have tours of industries and visit to Best Practice programs in the area where the conference is located.

This was my first conference here and it seemed to me I spent a lot of time being talked at - I am used to more interactive conferences where I learn things. A bit disappointed here.

Need more engaging & relevant FACSE workshops.

Really enjoyed learning more IT and MDS certification.

A schedule of speakers would be nice in advance for those who can't attend all week to see what days will be most beneficial to attend.

Common Core sessions within the conference, not just pre-con would have been great. Would like to see postsecondary admin sessions to collaborate with us, inviting more postsecondary people and offering collaboration sessions to bridge the gap.

More choices for general sessions.

I wish there was more opportunity to acquire "easy" to implement materials for my classrooms. However, I gained a great number of resources and inspiration while here.

I would enjoy it if you offered a time & place for members to gather to go for a healthy walk. We sit way too much.

Please have OSPI Program Supervisors lead sessions on re-approval for their areas!!!

More applicable workshops.

It would be nice to offer some of the sessions more than once. Sometimes two sessions of interest were scheduled at the same time. Other times there were only classes that didn't apply to me. The classes that did apply, were too short.

Offer intense STARS training.

Too many good topics on Tuesday, too few on Monday.

The networking that happens Wednesday @ the sections is the best, do that on Monday.

Please scramble subjects, too many same subject same time offerings. Lots of terrific speakers which equates to lots of terrific ideas.

Culinary related, restaurant management lessons, internships.

I prefer Spokane/everything is closer together.

More breakout sessions. 1 hour sessions that are good for all sections.

Would have liked a bit of focus on small schools. One person Department needs.

Shorter sessions which allow us to attend more, it was really hard to decide which ones to attend.

This is the best place for the conference, It should always be here. Need more meat in the presentations less from vendor presenting and more from programs industrial needs, colleges, etc.

There were many different workshops that I would have liked to attend all at the same time on Wednesday. There was not much that interested me on Monday.

Breakfast for sections on Wednesday is just too early for many people to attend. Please think about changing it to at least an hour later.

My only suggestion is to have more repeat of sessions. I had to choose from 3-4 sessions that were offered only once and at the same time.

Please consider Spokane as a venue.

Include some pre-conference topics in conference offerings. Get Shep's opening session speech to AWSO, WSSDA and counselors group. Reduce time spent on Microsoft awards and general flow-thru stuff during opening session. Try to repeat sessions when possible; post handouts in advance when possible.

It would be nice to hold the conference in Spokane or SeaTac again. I would be more inclined to attend.

Monday's choices were quite limited. Civil Rights Onsite-was the only session I could take at 2:30pm. (It was relevant to administrators, not teachers.) 3:45pm Employment Outlook for Occupations was not as promised. I switched to Old School, New School, which was the best of the whole day. Tuesday's choices were much better.

Provide and consolidate conference web site to post session handouts.

STEM low.

This year's FACSE sessions were very specific; there were many times when I had nothing to attend. Our entire districts FACSE teachers (10 of us) have decided to no-longer attend since this seems like a waste of money. Insanity doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. You can't plan the same (FACSE) conference from 1996 and expect your attendance to increase.

I really liked the "Health" activities (yoga, 5K, etc. - from a few years ago, bring it back.)

Thank you for the quality sessions, nice facilities, and for the tremendous amount of work done to prepare to the WA-ACTE Summer Conference.

Monday sessions need to be focused on State Initiatives & Introduction. Shift from sit & get to higher yield strategies.

More networking time, more practical training. Offer shorter classes offered by professionals (Adobe, Microsoft) Create #CTE...Instagram. Have images on the screen during closing session start.

Wish there was a session about 21st Century Skills as related to CTE course approval and program standards.

I know it is hard to address all the needs of participants due to diverse focus of content...Personally, I would have appreciated more Financial Literacy/Algebra and how to effectively integrate that with certifying students in MS Excel. That is going to be my focus this year.

Advocacy presentations for all content areas.

Good networking opportunities. More robotic sessions-Lego robotics and Vex robotics. Wider variety of sessions, sections need to add more sessions to provide reason/value to attend.

If you want to increase membership the overall effectiveness and best practice modeling and topics during break outs need to improve. This conference isn't innovative or exciting so why would teachers give up summer time to attend?

Thank you for the coffee. A spectacular all inclusive and fun conference. Spot-on! I loved Marianna Goheen's Health Science session.

The coffee/tea and snacks during break time were a great bonus. It is hard to sit still for that long for opening session and general session. I notice the attendance is really dropping, it is sad because I have attended for 17 years and it has always been an enjoyable time to network with others. I wasn't as impressed this year with the lack of sessions that were available.

The workshops offered on Monday were very limited. They did not cover general information for all and there was nothing worth seeing.

Wow. What an improvement from last summer. I brought 9 teachers and do not regret doing so. They left their workshops excited about improving their practice. Great job WA-ACTE!! See you in Vegas. I did miss out on the foundation auction. Time and Shep asked for ideas and suggestions. We need more section offerings. I know many sections have their own conferences which provide in-depth professional development and found their sections work. If you would offer sections more time (Monday) and provided them funding, charge more for registration you might see an increase. As a director, I anticipate that we will not be able to send teachers to conferences during the school day much longer. It would be cheaper for me to pay more for them to attend summer than pay for subs and a conference. The cost to student learning is not measurable, but has an impact. Perhaps we could organize and offer childcare or activities for spouses with children. People could sign up for childcare with registration. Maybe you could create a survey on why people do not attend this conference. Sent it to our directors to send link to all CTE staff. Again I thought it was a great conference. WAVA meals were great.

My teachers need more purpose in their own areas. Please let the Monday afternoon sessions have that focus. Let the sections be in charge of the Monday afternoon sessions. Have some pre-conference work sessions for collaboration/developing frameworks. Also the 7:00am section breakfast meetings need to be at 8am. This conference is for non-paid teachers to attend during their summer vacation and most are not used to that time. Need conference agenda by mid-June if more people will attend.

I was disappointed with the 1 day Monday, boring, same exhibitors, same venue for 5 years.

There didn't seem to be as many choices for FACSE workshops as there were last year. I'm teaching a new class on relationships and was disappointed that there wasn't any information - Dibble Institute was missed.

Sciences update and CTE Framework workshop. She taught us the shortcuts for writing and assessing the frameworks

Opening Session Comments

Keynote speakers were excellent.

Opening needs more relativity.

Opening session needs to be less boring, more energy.

This year's opening session was much improved. Good job.

Good speakers.

Chad Foster, excellent. Loved the speakers for opening and closing sessions.

More excitement and enthusiasm at opening session from WA-ACTE members. Pump us up.

Opening session was sort of slow. Needs to be motivating and inspiring. Start with something like Chad right out of the gate next year.

Loved keynote speaker, rest is a little slow.

Chad was terrific.

The opening session was not useful. The speaker was great and Lance did a good job but the content from the rest of that session was not helpful. Thanks.

Chad Foster was great.

Loved Chad Foster. Opening (not Chad) felt a bit like kissing politicians behinds, but needed?

Long, but loved the speaker.

Chad Foster - Excellent. Opening session dragged on too much.

Chad Foster was excellent.

First keynote speaker was mediocre.

Mind numbing

Keynote speaker @ opening was excellent. The remainder of the opening session was not. Awards are great but not Opening session (over whelming # of MSIT, CTE is more that MSIT cert.)

Shorten opening session or have it with energy, it was flat.

Opening flag presentation was poor. Do not need to ID IT Academy winners unless we do for all areas during General Session.

Chad Fosters opening really set the stage. Having state leader support and legislative recognition is fantastic. Thank you WA-ACTE.

I've heard Chad before

Closing Session Comments

Grannies were good.

Nice touch.

Excellent choice for Closing Speakers.

Great closing keynote.

Grannies were awesome.

Wonderful closing session.

Loved the Grannies.

Fabulous, thank you.

Excellent closing session. Down to earth, lots of fun, learned much.

Closing session too long of presentations, Shark Grannies, especially if you don't know "Shark Tank" They also jumped around in subject areas.

Great speakers.

The closing session was almost entirely irrelevant; Any relevance to any aspect of CTE was entirely the burden of the audience member to find.

Awesome

Fun, interesting, relevant.

The Grannies were great

Great story but relevance lacking without having to tease out the point.

Shark Tank Grannies were awesome.

Good stories, funny, clear message.

I liked your tag team closing speakers.

The Shark Grannies ending was practical, fun and inspiring.

Time of Year Comments

Could you move the dates back to later in August? Start entire conference on Sunday so it is not so long.

Never can come when it's early August. Thanks for making it later this year.

Not having conference so early in August.

The date of conference needs to be moved to late June-July. It is hard to attend this late with school, fairs, etc.

The earlier it is in August and the more it is in Yakima, the harder it is to get teachers to come.

It is too early in the year. We always vacation the first week in August. I did not attend last year for that reason.

Seems early. Might conflict with district administration workshop.

Too early. Why Yakima again?

Workshop Comments

Please, if you use adjacent rooms Use 1 room number not all ie: 100/600, 200/500, 300/400. Distracting to have people enter room at front with speaker instead at back of room. Pick one door.

Have more content specific sessions, i.e. robotics, metals, etc.

Really need more hands-on workshops.

Great session in WAVA

HSCTE presentations useful and allowed for networking.

Note whether workshop presenter is a vendor promoting a product.

I thought the sessions were outstanding. Also, thanks for allowing "networking" time.

More opportunities for networking/sharing/relationships-building in specific areas & sections.

Grant writing workshop (tips)

More on teacher evaluation and how CTE can be of help.

Add sessions on college in the classroom or Running Start in the classroom which make CTE classes more desirable to college bound students. (Compete with AP)

Workshops cancelled, speakers no-show. Very little available for Ag.

No programs directed to anything other than Ag and Human Science. No Tech/graphics/video/energy. Just fluff.

More workshops on technology for teaching, please.

More sessions on STEM integration and ways to make this happen.

Have projectors in all rooms.

I appreciate the ITA focus for WSBEA. I have a better idea of how to use the resources to certify more students.

Federal Reserve Financial Literacy class for pre-conf. next year? Pre-conf Financial Literacy class not specific or detailed.

Offer sessions more than once. Monday I struggled to fill my day with interesting sessions. Tuesday, Wednesday I had multiple sessions I wanted to take and had to choose.

Is there a way to "vet" speakers before they present? The quality of presentations improved this year, but there were still a few "duds". Thank you.

Some speakers didn't even cover their topic according to the description (Financial Literacy pre-con, project based)

HSCTE did great.

How to prepare students for jobs (Filling application online - Social networking is in the past).

Some WSBEA - WAME related workshops were scheduled opposite of one other. If multiples are not offered, be more sensitive.

Projectors should be set up in every room, speakers not bring. Mics needed for all large rooms.

WAME, Adele Marshall, information presented was confusing and inflammatory regarding TPEP. Please make this conference workshop information relevant with accurate data.

TPEP was very informational. Engaged the conference.

Very nice to have all of CTE people in one spot at one time to share ideas and curriculum.

Heavy emphases on IT Academy, maybe too much. Loved the Federal Reserve presentation, most useful to my assignment.

I loved 'Taming the Internet' with Scott LeDuc. It would be cool to have a hands-on section in a lab. Also, Classroom Management with Brenda Knowlton was great. The Best Practices with Microsoft - was very helpful...could use more.

There was a wide, unpredictable range in presenters preparation, content, and presentation abilities. A large proportion of lecturing (droning).

All presenters should engage the audience. CTE teachers are expected to give students hands-on learning. Our presenters should at minimum do call & response so attendees don't tune out. Small group work is possible in large group. I have experienced it in other conferences.

Would like to see a session on retirement.

Great MS IT Academy sessions and workshops. Thanks Ryan Broom for opening his new media center at YV Tech. Very impressive.

I thought the sessions I attended which gave me ideas to take back to my classroom were most engaging.

Would like more info on Common Core, Advisory Boards, Frameworks, etc.

Most of the workshops I attended were good.

Make sure presenters give more information that they have printed on their power-point and power-point hand-out.

Several of the sessions I attended weren't what the written blurb said it was. This makes it a little frustrating.

We were @ YV Tech all-day Tuesday. This worked very well for Health Science instructors.

WSBEA, good choices, great speakers. Abbie DeMeerleer great!!

Several presenters had technology issues due to facility (security blocks, etc.) printed power point presentations were provided instead, but they are small print and difficult to read.

Kudos to Bill Rahr and Creed Nelson, it's been years since I've gone to a worthwhile session.

ASL was unstructured and that was a big disappointment. Brenda Knowlton, excellent.

With the CCSS looming, it was disappointing that the only context directed at this was at pre-conference. There needs to be more focus on instructional best practices and less show and tell. The best breakouts were in the WAVA Sessions.

WAVA Section stuff was awesome & useful. Concessions presentation was the best & really helpful. The WAVA luncheon was the best part of conference. Short & to the point program plus truly an opportunity to network.

Power point handouts need to be available. Relevant specific example in presentations.

More written handouts would be helpful. Would love more hands-on opportunities and lessons plans that are ready to go for our classrooms.

Readable handouts (font size and quality) would be great to have. Common Core session was too generic, need more specifics please. I teach CTE for students with disabilities and found more applicable sessions on Tuesday and not much at all on Monday or Wednesday. I know it is hard to fit everyone's needs, but CTE serves students with special needs as well. I thought there would be more offerings related to special education. Just something to consider.

Very disappointed in Pre-Conference for Financial Literacy. The presentation had nothing to do with description. No projects/activities relating to the description. I believe it was a repeat of opening session. Looking for actual lesson plans, take away activities instead of overall descriptions. I do however appreciate all the hard work people put into the conference. It is impossible to please everyone.

Some speakers weren't well prepared, others were very dynamic. I'd like to see more speakers/classes that are relevant to the Arts.

I like the technology sessions like using iPads or web sites in the classroom. Like sock puppets, crock (sp?) it, etc to enhance curriculum.

For the Across the Board session time from 3:45 to 4:45, the participant level was very low (20-12 people). Perhaps having "networking session" would be beneficial, since that is what is happening anyway.

Marina Parr's presentation on Career Bridge was great. Mary Miller's presentation on Workers Rules was great. Excellent WAVA Session. Make sure presenters have enough handouts.

Several of the pre-conference sessions would have been more beneficial as part of the normal sessions, PLTW, NGSS, Project Management.

Invite back, Abbie DeMeerleer for session on "Old School, New School: Generation Experience vs Passion"

IT testing awesome, bring this back every year. However, we don't need to have all the workshops be on IT. We do teach more than IT in business.

Every session I attended seemed to provide just the knowledge and skills I needed to use right way. Thank you Tim, Franciene and Tess for our foundation skills and talents for conference planning and for leading others, sections and officers, to develop their leadership skills and model them in front of the audience.

Thanks to Family & Consumer Science for providing so many great sessions.

Social Event Comments

Great BBQ

I loved the fair setting for the BBQ and honoring teachers and WA-ACTE winners.

Less \$ for group dinner so more will show up.

Go back to a winery environment for conference dinner.

Bring back the winery.

Dinner was too expensive for the meal we got. \$40 too much to spend for some people. Why not have a lunch at conference center instead?

Banquet was cost prohibitive, music too loud for networking. Include in conference cost so everyone attends.

The awards ceremony should have been during a general session in front of all WA-ACTE members. All members should get to hear from the people who won awards, not just those who wanted to pay \$40 for a less than average dinner and an, at best, mediocre band.

The Tuesday night event dinner was not very good. The band was good though. I'd like to go back to a winery.

Seemed to be a low turnout at the BBQ and most left early. How about a "mixer" or "CTE Happy Hour" on Tuesday evening from 4- 6 PM or 5-7 PM just after the last breakout. People could visit, enjoy some hearty appetizers and no-host bar and then still have time to go out to dinner, join their families or just relax. The price would be much lower also. Maybe more would participate.

The BBQ Tuesday night was a big waste of \$40. My meat was very raw in the middle. The vegetables and baked potatoes were over cooked. The water was undrinkable, some metallic taste to it. It was not just me but everyone at my table agreed.

\$40 for a crappy dinner is unacceptable.

BBQ was a lot of money, but food was awful, frozen & over cooked, veggies, steak tough & over cooked. Dessert & Band, awesome.

The awards dinner was too difficult to hear because of the venue.

Award dinner on first night for people to network.

Awards music too loud. Could not hear speakers!!!

Awards dinner, the music was too LOUD and very difficult to understand the speakers due to the sound system.

Consider lesson time for social or happy hour.

More social events to pull in new teachers right away.

Past presidents breakfast for all sections past presidents or past presidents social, appetizer hour Monday.

The Tuesday evening banquet was not worth \$40. The music was too loud to collaborate or visit with your table mates. Could you include cost of banquet into registration? All would attend.

I would like to see students cater the social evening on Tuesday.

The dinner was much better than last year, still not as good as the vineyard trip 6 years ago or the mansion in Spokane.

Dinner at fairground was overpriced for quality of food.

The food was terrible, especially the BBQ at the fair grounds.

BBQ was over priced % of poor quality. Sound system was loud for music (very good) and hard to hear the speakers.

For Yakima, the dinner worked well when it was at the convention center. Let's keep it onsite.

Need social activities at first part of conference.

Incorporate social dinner cost into overall price. Put awards and award winner presentations all in opening ceremony.

Tuesday dinner was too expensive.

Program Info Comments

With the session descriptions, I would suggest making them more detailed, some of the sessions ended up not pertaining to me due to the fact their descriptions were more general which in reality they were more focused.

Program hard to navigate.
Print the QR code on our badges.
The agenda planner was confusing.
Print the times for events in the evening in the program.
The schedule was hard to follow.
Program seems outdated.
Update the brochure & web site.

Registration Comments

The welcoming people at the registration tables were awesome. Thank you.

Costs Comments

District does not let us come every year.
Cheaper price to attend summer conference.
Conference cost was a lot like all conferences some were good and some not. But overall good conference.

Exhibits Comments

Great Vendors.
More vendors, where was Adobe?

Convention Center Comments

Paint the crosswalk to the parking lot. Folks will run your butt over. (PLEASE recommend to convention center.)
I like not having to go from hotel to hotel to hotel.
Skill Center AC "Cold"
Move conference out of Yakima for a long time. Nothing to do here.
Too cold.
Meeting rooms are too cold.
Location
I froze.
Thanks for coffee/water at sessions.
Leave Yakima
All rooms should have microphones.
Change conference location to Spokane or West Side like the old rotation.
Thank you for keeping coffee, tea and water available. Missed the fruit with the breads though.
It was a little cold in some rooms and the hallways.
I know there's a commitment to Yakima for the next few years, but please go back to the rotation after that. Money is getting tighter and CTE Director is not as likely to allow us to attend conferences. If we can stay at home at night it cuts costs.
Please consider other locations out of Yakima. Food, marginal.
I would like to see the conference in Spokane or the Tri-Cities.
Rooms were very chilly uncomfortably so.
Need microphones in all rooms.

Good, but usually cold.

Better mics for speakers, with presenters repeating participant questions/comments. Every speaker should not have to bring their own projectors.

No microphones

Air conditioning was very cold.

Too cold inside.

Like the location and having the session in one place.

Rooms were cold.

I really enjoy the Yakima Convention Center. It is central to our state.

Food was terrible at all convention center meals.

I like the facilities. I always loving having it in Yakima. It is nice and central.

Red Lion Comments

Red Lion was a nightmare.

Great

Red Lion is dirty and outdated