

**WA-ACTE SUMMER CONFERENCE, AUGUST 4-6, 2014 – YAKIMA
INSERVICE EVALUATION
SUMMARY**

2014 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

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

1. The extent to which the written objectives have been met.	4.09	
2. Participant perception of relevance and quality of the conference.	4.06	
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.	3.86	
b. Professional certificate standards.	4.02	
c. School and district improvement efforts.	3.85	
d. K-12 frameworks and curriculum alignment.	3.93	
e. Research-based instructional strategies and assessment practices.	3.89	
f. Content of current or anticipated assignment.	3.99	
g. Advocacy for students and leadership, supervision, mentoring/coaching.	4.11	
h. Building a collaborative learning community.	4.12	
4. The quality of the physical facilities.	4.21	
5. The quality of the oral presentations.	4.12	
6. The quality of the written program materials.	4.04	
7. Opening Session	4.52	
8. General Session	4.00	
9. Closing Session	4.30	
10. Overall Conference Experience	4.05	
11. Do you plan to attend next year in Yakima, August 9-12, 2015?	Yes 89%	No 11%

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- 15 minutes between sessions was great
- My 1st WA-ACTE conference, well organized, some very valuable presentations, some just okay, overall well pleased.
- 2 days max is desirable.
- 2 for 1 policy and implementation, more on finance, integrating common core in content (purposeful, meaningful)
- 2 sessions did not present what was stated in booklet.
- Adam Saenz was outstanding
- Need more STEM
- Allow vendors to stay at least 2 days. We need them after attending some of the presentations.
- Always good to have as many vendors as possible just to see what is available.
- Always looking for K-6 STEM/CTE methods
- Appreciated the keynote speaker Adam Saenz
- As a member of the photography teachers group we all would like to see a mini conference for media/digital photo
- Audio during some sessions was not working!
- Awards breakfast great idea. Good attendance, Award recipients felt honored. Do again.
- Best summer conference in the past few years. One of my staff members attended the STEM portion and loved it. Would also like to see Framework Development time added.
- Better location. More consolidated use of time.
- Both Dr. Saenz and Rep Reykdal were amazing.
- Breakfast at sessions very helpful to spend more time at conference.
- Bring back evening social.
- Science based exhibitors (talk to vendor in Ore)
- Bring back the wine tasting, visit and supper at a winery.
- Get more industry partnership/sponsors.
- Bring back new teacher orientation.
- Loved the afternoon social-veggie snacks on Monday. Wonderful Awards breakfast.
- Can we start an hour later?
- Changes to structure on 1st and 2nd days was perfect. Thank you for breaking up the Awards and Opening, much better. I miss the large group events (winery dinner, etc.) really like the social on Monday for networking.
- Chris Reykdal was phenomenal as our closing speaker. Great words.
- Clarification around required vs recommended sessions
- Clearer reading material.
- Closing did not start on time. Excelled closing session, great message that held my attention. I would like a short social or something for new members. Printed list of web site & resources for each breakout sessions.
- Closing session was fantastic.
- Closing speaker was fun, energetic and relatable.
- Conference met what I was looking for. Would like to see some metal shop sessions in future. Went to a power equipment session that was great. Need more of those types of sessions
- Conference room cold. ATB offerings need to be more interactive. Great speakers at opening and closing sessions.
- Connections to internet for presenters not always working.
- Continue the choices on Monday, there were many great options to choose from
- Continue to provide several programs specific sessions to benefit teachers. Attempt to provide program specific opportunities during each session, provide high demand sessions more than once.
- Cooler weather (talk to the weather gods)
- Could be somewhere besides Yakima.
- Could start Delegate Assembly earlier.
- Dan Tedor and his "use of technology" class was awesome. Best session of the entire conference.
- Description in brochure did not always match what actual happened in the workshop
- Different City- Please!
- Do more content specific on Monday. Not much "relevant "need to know" for teachers.
- Don't have it in Yakima so often
- During the e-Cert class, Kelli Bennett posted personal information about other teachers certs on the big screen and said "these are my problem children." I know that if my name was up there I would have been upset. I thought she was very unprofessional and not well equipped to talk in the conference. She seemed to have good intentions just not professional.
- Effective use in the Classroom - Dan Tedor - This was the best! Please have him back next year.
- Engineering, architecture, 3D printing sessions needed.
- Enjoyed myself. Met new people to network with. Updates were great
- Enjoyed workshops w/hands-on activities.
- Even though there seemed to be fewer workshops the quality of each I attended was excellent.

- Excellent closing speaker, thanks.
- FACS sessions were more applicable and meaningful
- Food needs work. Water and ice would be nice or Iced tea and ice!
- Food service poor- no cups for coffee, silverware ran out, poor food quality, Boxed lunch-Caesar salad was dumped in the box. Should be in container or a plate.
- For Fall Conference, I would like to see a session on eCertification and TPEP. Didn't get a chance to get to those.
- Good conference overall. Content of sessions was good but speakers need to polish presentations a little more and increase audience engagement.
- Good conference, Tech Tools in the Classroom
Good timing of workshops and breaks
- Got up early to attend "Creating Successful Partnerships with Industry," presenter was a no show. I would rather have slept in.
- Great atmosphere. Have heard workshop info will be on website. I hope that happens.
- Great changes this year
- Great closing
- Great conference, nice blend of offerings. Favorite? What I would love to see more of? Peers sharing actual curriculum, Grace & Kari's were great.
- Great conference.
- Great conference. I liked the new schedule broken up
- Great conference. Enjoy attending every year.
- Great job. see you next year
- Great networking process.
- Great opening session. Randy Dorn's update was informative however he was offensive at times. Would like more IT Academy-MTA workshops.
- Great opening speaker, a good variety of topics.
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- Great sessions, need better WiFi. More vendors, nutritional with samples
- Have a chance for wine tasting and orchard visit. Chamber of Commerce? They drive us.
- Have JAG presenters again.
- Have one all-encompassing social/dance
- Have organized tours of wineries, this is wine country. The WASTS BBQ was a great way to get people together.
- Have presenters give website contact information at the beginning & end of presentation. Some did not do that & how do we follow-up with questions Example: Common Core Info.
- Have training at WITEA early on the first day so teachers can get approved to travel in the morning and get there for say 1 o'clock training. Have alternative energy vendor do a hands on presentation.
- Having a general conference like this is tough. Participants needs vary greatly. There was a good mix of sessions and the speakers were all relevant.
- Having a session for all marketing teachers to meet and share project ideas would be fabulous. Twice I ran into a time where there was nothing relevant for me to choose to attend, then twice I had three great sessions I had to choose between, suggest mixing it up or offering some course to choose between. Suggest mixing it up or offering same course a couple times during the day. Thank you. What I attended was very helpful.
- Having place available to purchase Dr. Saenz's book. I must have missed it after opening if it was around.
- How about a CTSO advisory training? Just a thought.
- Huge improvement over previous years.
- I always hope to get a few nuggets to take with me and I did.
- I enjoyed it
- I enjoyed the conference but there were not enough handouts most presenters ran out.
- I enjoyed the opening session Adam was great had positive comments
- I feel visual arts needs to be in some way represented.
- I felt most of the sessions were for administrators, for examples, Kelli Bennett, Certification & CTE Information , repeatedly spoke as though we were all administrators.
- I felt that with some of the sessions, I didn't really gain anything as most of the session was about stuff I already knew and then we'd run out of time before we could get to the real learning points.
- I like open sessions a bit more than group specific. I enjoy getting ideas from teachers with classes different from mine. I like general take aways to use in the classroom.
- I like the breakfast awards better than evening.
- I liked having all the conference sessions in one building. Yakima is the center of the state which is good.
- I liked the breakfast awards
- I really enjoyed the food choices for our meals at the center. Tuesday's breakfast was excellent. Short on the yogurt though when I came through the line. The oatmeal was terrific with fresh blueberries. I liked the way the entire conference was laid out and timed this year.

- I thought it was a good conference. I did feel like people were trying to sell things or products rather than educating on things related to health science.
- I think that every single session I attended either did not have enough handouts, had presenters say things like “just go to blah blah web site and you can find this information or had computer/technology problems in their presentation, sometimes font displaced on screen was too small to read at a distance. I need a piece of paper in my hands to follow along, or to have the web site already written down. When I have to search around or ask to look on someone else’s paper or write down a web site, I stop listening and lose whatever the presenter is saying (for goodness sake, we’re supposed to be professional educators. We would never do this to our students.
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- I was terrified to find out that the conference center throws the leftover food in the garbage. That should not happen (sorry FC’s teacher issues.)
- I wish that Jim Flatmo, Education Isn’t Game, had been given more than 1 hour to present. He had so much info to give us and I think he was rushed.
- I really had to search and stretch to find a session relevant to me. It helps to approach conference with positive attitude, or else it would have been extremely frustrating.
- I wish there were more session/ideas I could take back to my classroom.
- I would be happy to present “BrainBreaks”. Missy Widmann, mwidmann@bethelsd.org (253-686-0001. Please let me know. Our team has presented at AAHPERD, Orting SD, Bethel SD, Puyallup SD and Tacoma Health Department. It is a 60 minute presentation.
- I would like more time for specific training and collaboration in the construction field
- I would like to see more applied offerings. Real, tangible ideas I can take back to my classroom.
- I’m retiring.
- Include a spot in the program for planning schedule.
- Is it necessary to have OSPI table or a board members table, shouldn’t they spread throughout?
- IT Academy workshops could have been longer, maybe 2 hour blocks, also have workshops by level of use/STEM
- It was fantastic this year. I walked away with much to use, ideas to build on and networking resources. BUT TPEP: So important. Presenter didn’t have enough CDs which were promised. Kept saying it was on the WAVA web site so? I do not belong to WAVA - cannot pay more to get CD
- It would be nice to have breakout sessions that were less formal, round tables to just talk, share w/like subject areas.
- It would have been nice to have full catered lunches and breakfasts to keep on going throughout the day. Also more info about sections prior to conference.
- Keep aerospace on for future sessions. Advanced sessions. Where are all the of Technology teachers? Any documentation of # of classes taught?
- Keep conference in Yakima.
- Keep doing the great job that you are doing. Thank you.
- Keynote speakers should not go longer that sessions, 45 - 60 minutes is plenty!
- Leave it in Spokane
- Let sections have more control over session offerings.
- Let’s continue the STEM workshops
- Let’s have this somewhere else besides Yakima. Leavenworth, Chelan. Yakima is not safe.
- Light the podium for better visibility during opening, general and closing.
- Liked Mondays schedule much better this year. It was great not to have to sit so long.
- Liked the Awards breakfast.
- Lots of info and stuff.
- Loved the opening speaker. How wonderful it was to have positive comments about educators. Closing speaker was excellent too. I love the message.
- Make people aware of sessions that are trying to sell something.
- Maybe start earlier (day 1) on offering 2 or more options for each content area
- Monday schedule was an improvement, but additionally changes to rigid grid would create more opportunities for teacher- to-teacher learning.
- Monday session, Literacy – excellent; eCertificate was great; Photo Teacher round table was good. More “creative” sessions would be wonderful. 30 years education, available to speak. 30 years teaching.
- More breakfast selections
- More collaboration time. Sessions where you can share best practices. There was one this year. Need more. Can we go someplace other than Yakima? It really is not the Palm Springs of Washington.
- More content for new/existing CTE Directors.
- More culinary and professional from different fields
- More diverse topics, less STEM focused. Find a re-setter who’s engaging to speak. Megan Moreno, sex, drugs, face book author/researcher.

- More focus on 21st Century Skills. Keep looking for new energizing topics.
- More fruit and water.
- More hands on projects. More small breaks between sessions.
- More health related workshops
- More info on programs at the conference earlier.
- More involvement with universities.
- More new CTE Director Workshops. Coaching UNSAT teachers.
- More on best practices.
- More on programs of study.
- More pre-conference options specifically for administrators. New admin workshop is great but more for not new administrators would be helpful.
- More sessions for career specialists.
- More sessions in shorter times
- More sessions specifically related to projects being offered in WITEA area.
- More take aways, less theory/brainstorm sessions
- More technical classes on Tuesday. OSPI updates are a waste of time.
- More variety of sessions.
- More WITEA sessions
- More workshops on classroom engagement and basic childcare curriculum
- More workshops should be included (perhaps STEM so we can be better prepared for the future.
- Move roundtable w/like-minded content areas to share resources and collaborate.
- Need better Wednesday sessions, don't end at 2 or 3 PM.
- Need better workshops. Too many workshops repeat themselves year to year and not very informational.
- Need more CTE programs/content.
- Need to get more people out of their regular groups.
- Have events for new and first time attendees.
- Need to have a group social again.
- New CTE track would be helpful. A session with those who have built successful programs. Opportunity to meet in smaller groups with OSPI Pathway folks.
- New member, great experience and informative. I love the networking among members. Another session on FCCLA Power of Ones.
- Nice climate in Yakima. Facilities nice.
- Nice job overall. Sessions are appropriate and on target.
- Nice job, good mix of workshop options.
- Not so many breakfasts so early and more sit down lunches.
- On Monday during the no-host social we had a no-host bar, but there were still students from our CTSO's not good.
- On the purchased meal tickets, please list date and time of meal. Thanks.
- I left one workshop because there were not enough chairs.
- Opening session was awesome.
- Opening speaker (Adam) awesome! Rep Chris best I've heard. Tables in all rooms not just chairs.
- Opening speaker one of the best ever!
- Outstanding way to start the conference. Closing session, not your usual legislator. WAVA lunch was marginal, soggy chicken, very little sauce.
- Overall an excellent conference with many high quality presentations to choose from. Only comment, please try the west side again. I prefer the cooler climates and shorter commute.
- Overall conference was well developed.
- In the future, it would be nice to have an all CTE dinner event for members & families. Keep presenting leg - target teachers - advanced workshops. Thank you for an enjoyable conference with great speakers. I appreciate your dedication and hard work.
- Please bring more graphic design, yearbook, have group meetings all at the same time so not miss other training.
- Please continue to provide seminars that provide "resources" tools, and information that we can use in the classroom.
- Keynote was awesome and inspiring
- Please do not invite Chris Reykdal back. He is a career politician who only makes decisions based on personal values.
- Please offer more classroom/student "attention getters" and suggestions to help keep students focused and interested.
- Please turn down the AC. And for food have healthier options.
- For those of us not doing CTSOS have at least one other options
- Precision Exam - Knowledgeable. Knew what they were talking about. Helpful-made me feel confident
- Presenters were good overall. Some problems with computers and projectors.
- Not enough handouts or promised CD of presentations.
- Promote tweeting and sharing online with participants.

- Provided adequate materials, i.e. TPEP disk
- Put all presenters' info on a flash drive that we can take home like the FACSE conference. Would like to see a session on "Fundraiser for your CTSO" with ideas that adhere to new nutrition standards.
- Put the exit form (Evaluation Form) attached to catalog. Inside next stable.
- Really great presenters. Dr. Saenz, Microsoft IT Academy, Photography/visual arts breakouts were awesome.
- Recruit, include more training sessions on visual media, video, graphics, animation.
- Repeat of sessions at different times, torn between two to three sessions to attend
- Convention Center seems to have a lot of technological problems.
- Sessions in Red Lion suffered for lack of quality internet. Last sessions lacked for Principal and directors.
- Several workshops were focused on how they did something without the level on how I could do it besides "network"
- Very few take home materials/ lesson plans compared to 2 years ago.
- Shep Siegel was boring, no energy.
- Where are the black educators? Should never use black males as an example. I feel that more blacks need to be involved. I realize the world is still the same. The man, you know, white I mean, still in charge.
- Some presenters ran out of materials i.e. TPEP, Resume Writing.
- Some sessions did not have enough materials for participants. Would have liked to learn how MOS functions in the classroom...Demo?
- Speakers seemed unprepared. Please find a way to get them coordinated with Convention Center and each other regarding room needs and presentation equipment.
- Speakers working for entire ballroom instead of just in front of podium. I can't figure out how you selected Christine Rolfes as Legislator of the year? Passing her bill, raising credit requirements to 24 is killing our CTE programs and in her description you praise her for giving students the opportunity for more math and lab science. I'm getting tired of hearing Randy Dorn.
- SPED Career Choice Dynamics presentation
- Technical issues in almost every class. Longer sessions.
- Technology-lack of performance
- Thank you for providing more meals at the conference. The opening speaker Adam was excellent.
- Thank you for the opportunity for me to see ideas for my program.
- Thank you.
- Thank you. I learned a lot of new information that I will use.
- Thanks for all your hard work.
- The apple tour of Manson Fruit was amazing; Jay Leviton's session on the legislators was the best.
- The box lunch distribution was unorganized. Next time have all lunches set out in different locations prior to releasing conference participants.
- I've been attending these for 20 years. This conference was one of the best. "Nice Job" planning committee. I like the evaluation form. Nice change!
- The conference Cross-the-Board sessions were invaluable and well received. Actual directed work time for frameworks, etc. More emphasis on CTSOs would be appreciative. More pre-conference items on Saturday, including workshops on skill development.
- The content of the workshops wasn't all that appealing and I know it is difficult to find speakers. Thank you for all that each and every one of you do. Thank you for ending at 12 noon. It would be nice to have a little longer break time to check out of hotel, use the restrooms one last time before getting on the road etc.
- The opening speaker was fantastic.
- There is no excuse for someone speaking/addressing our conference that does not have practice using a microphone comfortably, or we need better mics to pick up people's voices when they turn away.
- This was outstanding, an excellent networking, sharing, professional conference. Thank you Tim, Franciene, Tess, officers and sections, speakers, peers, colleagues, OSPI, Workforce, vendors and Postsecondary. You make this a very special worthwhile conference.
- This was successful and very organized
- To get people to sign up when they don't know what is being presented. We have to sign up before schools out – need detailed agenda grid.
- Too many sandwich type meals
- Too much time in between breakouts, we don't need 30 minutes breaks. Too long to sit and talk but not long enough to do anything.
- Use Convention Center rooms for WAVA
- Food at WAVA lunch too many carbs
- Very enjoyable event. Was pleasantly surprised in what was available.
- Reading about what was offered did not match what really happened.
- Very good overall. Would like to see more offered on film/video programs.
- Very helpful to have OSPI officers at conference, they should be at all WAVA and WA ACTE conferences to support teachers/directors/supervisors for all program areas.
- WA-ACTE BBQ?

- We were a little confused on what meals were included for everyone or paid for in advance. Our CTE Director did all the set up for us so we were a bit unsure from reading the agenda. Writing “paid for meal” next to it that would help.
- We would really like to hear from professionals from industry and not just from other teachers.
- Well worth the time
- What is Dorn talking about? sounded like political rhetoric! What were the awards given for? \$1000 connected to tech classes? How did they get it? Why?
- When multiple districts present it would be nice to offset all 5/6.
- I really didn’t think there would be much for me this year applicable to my job, but was pleasantly surprised.
- When will it not be in Yakima anymore? I am tired of it being here. Password required to access stuff on web site is frustrating.
- While everything I attended was very useful, I do not think #4 was addressed.
- With the Microsoft cert lab @ the Holiday Inn it was “out of sight and out of mind”
- Wonderful choices, Meaningful
- Wonderful inspirational speakers
- Please have Workshops on integrating special education students.
- Would be helpful for new directors to know highly suggested workshops to attend.
- Would have liked to see more Common Core and TPEP, 21st Century Skills, No leadership for the classroom.
- Would have liked to see MOS class room set-up.
- Would have liked to see Tuesdays schedule similar to Mondays, Tuesday almost exclusively organization (WAVA, WAAE, etc.) based.
- Would like to see more middle school sessions and assessments and K- 12 alignment
- Would love to move it to Spokane for a year.
- Yakima always has terrible wifi & still seems “sketchy.” I would prefer we just flip/flop rotate between Seattle, Spokane, and Wenatchee.
- Yakima is not a good location. I will not attend any events in Yakima. It is great to have the central location but the neighborhood is a bit uncomfortable.

CONTENT COMMENTS

- 2 sessions did not have enough handouts for everyone.
- Adam Saenz, outstanding. He was so encouraging. I loved him. I went to his workshop, too, fantastic.
- Aerospace. Denny Wallace, great guy.
- Again, great blend of 20 thousand foot “why We Do This?” to specific plans.
- Allow longer sessions for hands-on demonstrations
- Always good to share information
- Best WA ACTE conference in years. Quality content and programs.
- Bring in more industry partners to give general session
- Career Choice frameworks presentation more in depth
- Closing was great, good job.
- Some content is repeated.
- Content of the General Opening Session and workshops was useable and user friendly
- Content specific classes needed, cross content materials
- Decent
- Each session I attended had good content.
- Everything was ok.
- Excellent presenters overall
- Excellent sessions this year except for the TPEP session.
- Excellent, every session I attended was valuable
- Favorite session was “Power of the Teacher” with Adam Saenz and Bicycle Engineering with Cody Peone
- Found out new legislation/Initiatives (good)
- Frameworks by OSPI and TPEP were very relevant but way too short. These should be 2 hours minimum. Bring these back please.
- Good
- Good content, just need a broader set of choices.
- Good content.
- Good opening and closing sessions.
- Good presenters but a few more choices each session would have been better.
- Good variety
- Good workshops. It would be nice if some were offered more than once. Often had to miss my 2nd choice then not have such good choices in another session.
- Good, more tech for classroom
- Good, need more STEM workshops.
- Good. Add some HR personnel to get feedback as to what employees really pay attention to (certificates etc.) A Training the Trainer session for various CTSSO’s not why belong but how to start a chapter, sub groups, shared advisors, who else has a chapter in WA.
- Good. Hands-on training in tech. etc. would be great. Microsoft had issues networking, not sure how to improve.
- Great
- Great content, loved Justin’s presentation on legislative. Excellent keynote speaker.
- Great job!
- Healthy Habit speakers were unsure of materials, did not know audience.
- I felt there was a wide range of topics that covered almost everyone’s interests.
- I really benefitted from the workshops.
- I really liked having my meals provided during the day in the conference. Great snacks between meals, very good. Lots of coffee is great.
- I think there was too much emphasis on Precision Exams and Common Core crap.
- I walked away wondering why OSPI is willing to spend so much money for online testing. The magnitude of how corporations have begun to drain education’s funds is disheartening. Plus there are more online tests to come. Sad for everyone and hard on kids. Read Teachers’ Letters to BillGates.com
- I would like to see a session on nutrition and wellness or fitness.
- I would like to see more visual, graphics, media, photography, video, production, animation seminars.
- I would like to work on a workshop/interactive session on incorporating special ed students in our CTE students. More special ed students are working in the marketplace. How do CTE teachers accommodate special ed students, proving high quality skills and training.
- Improved format from former conferences was really neat.
- Industry connections to class that want to help us would be a bonus.
- Information for WSBEA. We hear about great things happening in classes, let’s hear from them, how does Kathy Schmit conduct her class to get so many MOS certifications, what lessons are being used in Career Choices and for Personal Finance. Introduction to Office 8.
- It seems like a lot of the program were administration based, political issues.

- It would be nice to have access to presenter material prior to session - Power points, notes, etc.
- Just right for FACSE
- Larger rooms for Peggy Templeton
- Liked seeing all the employment workshops.
- Liked the office testing but I am curious why postsecondary instructors can't take the test here.
- Literacy for technical subjects was really good, the hands-on piece they included really helped make their strategies clear.
- Lots of choices, awesome.
- Love the IT Tech opportunity
- Make sure the session matches what our agenda book says.
- Maybe more hands-on classes. More vendors.
- Microsoft IT Academy was very confusing. I felt like I'd missed an IT Academy 101, but I hadn't, I still don't know what it is.
- More examples of shop skills
- More hands-on demonstrations, Pen Making was excellent.
- More hands-on useful material.
- More relevance needed. I felt like I came to the same conference I came to last year & the content felt very outdated or the people are not qualified or ready to speak on it.
- More relevant this year!
- More sessions on things relating to fabrics/apparel, advanced goods.
- More specific skills/ tailored to different programs
- More variety needed in subject specific areas.
- Need broader sections of workshops - graphic design, video, photo, were underrepresented
- Need more teacher to teacher presentations.
- Need to add more technology hands-on learning experiences
- Need to be more vast for specified content breakouts.
- Need to get teachers in same field together more.
- Needed more sessions on TPEP
- Needs more general content (non-subject specific)
- Networking, fantastic.
- No practical workshops for teachers of photo/video- no business representation by vendors.
- Not much depth. Need more "just in time" info session.
- OK
- One of the best for ASL!
- Opening speaker, awesome. Great to have Randy Dorn.
- OSPI was great.
- Overall good content. Many sessions to choose from
- Pleasant informative conference. Not too stressed about TPEP.
- Please expand on unified curriculum for Safety Within Tech Ed class.
- Poor
- Pre-Conference sessions were both great. 1st Aid and Internet Tools.
- Precision Exams was the most useful content. This is awesome.
- Put the Resume Workshop in larger room. Loved the opening and closing speakers.
- Reach out to teachers get presentations to be less PowerPoint and more fun
- Really enjoyed Randy Dorn and keynote Adam Saenz. Non-cognitive factors, nothing new
- Relative to the coming future. Must know information
- Session timings were good, except for the breakfasts which were too early.
- Sessions repeated would be helpful, had to miss some I was interested in because of average conflicts.
- Sessions were a little too early
- Sessions were informative
- Slightly disappointed in the content available in business.
- Social media & adolescent health research team, smahrtresearch.com has great speakers for current research. Have Dan Tedor present again, keynote, anything, so useful and fun. This made the entire conference worth it.
- Some excellent, other need improvement
- Some presenters talked too much in generalizations rather than specifics. At one workshop presenters gave wrong information or did not answer questions of participants.
- Some sessions, ATB were less than interesting
- Some workshops offered no answers.
- STEM related (More 21st Century Skills could have been included.)
- Strong

- The room for the Resume Writing was way too small, the class was great but it was very crowded. More tours. More automotive, more classroom “attention getters” i.e. 101 ways to keep students focused. Could we go back to area specific training i.e. Y-V TECH on the Tuesday of the summer conference?
- The sessions I attended were both well attended and well presented.
- The sessions this year were excellent. I wish more were repeated, it was very tough to choose between sessions, they were all so strong. It would be great if materials could be provided on a flash drive at registration, every session ran out of materials, would have been nice to have them at least electronically during the sessions.
- Theme and general speakers good.
- There were a few times there were no relevant sessions to attend
- This is one of the best overall conferences.
- Timely
- TPEP and Precision Exams great!
- TPEP Evidence session was good also, but not enough handouts/take home for everyone.
- TPEP with Peggy Templeton was very well presented
- Unfortunately, my narrow specialties were not presented: Bus Law and Law & Public Safety.
- Up to date/current information, very informative.
- Useful info, always
- Very good content but felt like I was being convinced “sold” on CCSS
- Very useful
- WASTS/WITEA in one day is good for 1 day. Attendance (due to schedule/travel/lodging /funding.)
- WAVA - Last sessions lacked for Principal and directors.
- Well balanced
- Well done
- Well planned
- Workshops are very helpful and presenters were rad, they provided great information.
- Would like more variety of sessions.
- Would like to see more on job readiness. Activities to develop soft skills. Interview tips from franchise companies.
- Would like to see more content. Seemed like there was too much “empty” time.
- Would love to see a few content specific sessions in the web design area.
- Wow, great.

WORKSHOP COMMENTS

- Above Average
- All presenters were good and handout materials were appreciated
- All presenters were well prepared and provided valuable information to take back to our classrooms & schools.
- All speakers/presenters were well prepared, knowledgeable, etc.
- All workshops I attended were very informative.
- All workshops were good (except 1) a little scattered in presentation
- Appreciate repeat workshops
- Ask speakers to “teach” not lecture
- ASL, wonderful
- Be sure to have more than enough Handouts!! Section workshop great
- Beef was excellent
- Best - media literacy
- Best overall session was Dan Tedor “Effective use of Technology in the Classroom”
- Best workshops are: Literacy for Technical Subjects, Tools to Effectively Implement CC Standards and Media Literacy, Technology in Action.
- Boring
- Both speakers very knowledgeable. 1st Aid, fun for a very boring topic.
- Day 1-Across-the-Board sessions were geared for more veteran convention goers.
- 1st day would be good for new members.
- eCertification: Kelli displayed her e-mails with peoples personal information, those under investigation were highlighted. This is a violation of these people’s rights.
- TPEP presentation, this needs improvement. Comments made towards administrators was inappropriate. The purpose of the new evaluation process is to work together not to run to your union.
- Never enough handouts.
- Enjoyed the STEM workshops
- Enjoyed workshop on resume writing.
- Every presenter MUST have an interactive component and a solid idea or item to be taken back to the classroom.
- Excellent
- Excellent, especially the Common Core FACSE section contributions.
- Excellent assortment
- Excellent FBLA workshop
- Excellent info
- Excellent tech workshops on phone apps.
- Excellent WAVA session. The TPEP session was not well done. The instructor was less knowledgeable than the audience. There were many complaints.
- Excellent workshops, maybe more hands-on.
- Fair to good
- Gained some wonderful ideas
- Get ADOBE as a sponsor and give them a room to do tutorials
- Good
- GOOD
- Good
- Good choices, stay with what are current concerns.
- Good energy / Great info
- Good selections
- Good variety
- Good variety of choices
- Good variety, possibly more focus on safety and legal issues within Tech Ed classes.
- Good variety, wish more were repeated and wish more cross curriculum, open to more with some tweaking.
- Good workshops
- Great
- Great choices, STEM and hands-on stuff.
- Great ideas - just need presenters to add solutions not add questions
- Great info
- Great job!
- Great selection
- Great, good mix
- Great Monday-best in the 10 plus years of coming

- Great, Integrating Technology in to your classroom”.
- Great. Please emphasize handouts and take aways.
- Hands-on workshops on classroom projects.
- Hard to choose. Great info
- I am considering a session next year.
- I attended e-Certification, STEM PD/cert renewal, TPEP, OSPI update (finance, legislature) Precision Exams, ERDC, JAG. Most very good, helpful. Concern with TPEP presentation, some misinformation included.
- I didn't go to half of them because there were a lot of the same ones or the speaker was not good, so I walked out.
- I enjoyed session with Dan Tedor, Rebecca Wallace, Justin Montermini
- I found several choices for each timeframe and found each workshop very helpful
- I found them valuable for the most part. Need more tools, resources to upload, and take homes.
- I liked round tables.
- Need workshop/activity for new teachers. Website e-mails need to introduce what to expect from/at conference for new members would be good. Helps newbies be less anxious about.
- I really enjoyed Dan Tedor's "Effective use of Technology in the Classroom" presentation, it was the best session of the conference.
- I really liked some of the different stuff like "Anatomy in Clay".
- I received at least a wonderful nugget of info in each session.
- I so appreciate my colleagues teaching us their expertise.
- IT tech opportunities were good. Need more training like Microsoft and Google Apps.
- I think there needs to be more technology sessions. As teachers, we are way behind where our students are.
- I wanted to attend 3 FACSE sessions in one time slot
- Idea: Have a workshop/group for new teachers.
- IT Academy always struggle because they rely on internet. Each session was repeat.
- It might have been good to mention to presenters what appropriate attire should be for being a presenter, too short and too low are not great examples for the workplace.
- It would be nice if workshops weren't led by a company trying to sell something rather more best-practices type workshops.
- Jay Leviton's was fantastic, small sessions are good.
- Last day sessions could have been longer.
- Less OSPI boring stuff.
- Less vendors presenting trying to sell a product. Keep the vendors in the vendor area.
- Like the new format, but too much time for meals.
- Like to see more in visual media: video, broadcasting, photography
- Liked WAVA legislative info.
- Lots of great choices, would be great to have more. Unable to attend several of interest due to others I had to attend.
- Lots of information coming at us really fast. It was sometimes overwhelming and I got lost early on and eventually gave up trying to follow along. Most presenters threw out all the letters, JAG, STEM, CTSO, CIP Code, it takes a little time to switch that over to real words if you don't use this daily. I still don't know what a CIP code is, and no one I asked knew either. I really need to understand the relationship/hierarchy etc. of State Standards, Common Core, 21st Century, Frameworks, Nation Standards, ACK (I hoped this conference would help me get a grasp but in some ways I'm more confused than before.
- Loved the Classroom Business ideas.
- Loved the sessions I attended except Jay Leviton's Career Readiness!! I expected a how-to session on getting my kids out in the community (paperwork wise w/examples), what I heard and saw was all the highlights of Renton. w/no how-to, to back it up.
- Lower quality of presenters than in years past
- Make sure it is very clear to people that it is a vendor workshop. \$\$\$\$
- Make workshops workshops, not verbal presentations
- Many good workshops. Speakers need to want to work. Better balance between discipline specific and general needed each day.
- Many presenters did not have enough copies.
- More copies for everyone or maybe materials on zip drive.
- More design workshops, i.e. Publisher/Power Point/Prezi/Illustrator/Photoshop. (look @ some of the presentations. hummm..need help they do).
- More general lesson plan showing sessions.
- More hands-on STEM related would be good.
- More ideas
- More supplies (CD's handouts) available for attendees.
- More technical classes.
- More variety
- Most presenters did not have enough materials/ handouts for everyone.
- Most were A+
- Most were good

- MS One Note by Jeff Dowd, outstanding presenter. Financial Algebra by Scott Reardon, excellent; Career Bridge by Marina Pan, well done. WA Beef presentation, excellent.
- Much improved
- Need more handouts. Presenters didn't have enough.
- Need more science and math, need more hands-on.
- Need more.
- Need to have enough space for all sessions, common sessions like Resume were over crowded. Have all conference materials available on a central web site.
- Needed more speakers for the WAVA OSPI updates session
- New teacher session, session for Common Core and Tech College Instructors to share
- NGSS with Becky Wallace was awesome.
- Nice Job.
- Nice variety.
- None of workshops had enough handouts.
- Not as many options as in past.
- Not enough copies, speakers kept referencing to what was on the handouts that people did not have, information was not on the screen at times.
- Not enough handouts in several sessions.
- Not enough handouts. Two workshops TPEP and Resume Building, more people attended, so they both ran out of handouts/ CDs.
- Not enough take aways. No paper take away ideas. I don't need a copy of your power point on theory.
- Often not enough handouts
- Ok. Learned many new things to take back with me to my school and teaching partners.
- One Note good. Washington State Careers, good
- Only 1 class not what I needed. The rest were good choices.
- Over all, very good. Full of pertinent info that can be put to use this next school year. Attended mostly FACSE sessions.
- Please-more photography workshop options.
- Poor. Why wait for three hours for clock hours?
- Precision great! Very thorough.
- Really good workshops. Always a good option each session.
- Relevant
- Smart snacks. Worthwhile, meaningful information. Needed to understand the new guidelines for selling food.
- Solid, more WITEA hands-on
- Some good, some not so good
- Some needed more room.
- Some relevant. Didn't have tech budget to support some
- Some were better than others, but there were some good choices. I like that I can pick and choose. I like that the learning target, take aways were in each workshop section.
- Some workshops needed more space. Resume Writing had people sitting outside the room.
- Some, especially the Microsoft sections needed to be longer than 1 hour.
- Speakers need to be better prepared regarding equipment and computer hookups. Also, some presentations were little more than reading a PowerPoint. Lots of stumbling with content.
- Stop having CCI present. Everyone's already bought in.
- Strong.
- The best one was the last one with Don Tedor. I totally appreciated the information he shared and the interactivity of the session.
- The business/marketing Ed. choices need some duplication due to the sheer number. I was frustrated at the number of workshops I could not attend because they were limited to a single session, i.e., Microsoft office, IT Academy is a good example of what I would like to see. Business and Marketing Ed are a combined certificate now. Trying to get to both was impossible.
- The Morson Fruit tour was great.
- The ones I attended were pertinent and excellent
- The presenters need to be asked to bring more copies of anything they plan to hand out.
- The Resume Session at 10:45 on Tuesday was fantastic. Lots of good info.
- The Robotics session was a giant commercial. Not helpful at all
- The Science take out was the best.
- The sessions I attended were not the best.
- The Teaching Academy/Careers in Education was excellent.
- There was plenty to choose from
- They were so so. I think some didn't have anything to do with what was written in the agenda book, also, most presenters didn't come with enough photocopies for everyone. Annoying.

- Too much Microsoft influence for me with little if anything new for me to hear. WSBEA needs to expand their repertoire to include other things including more on certification, more on software other than IT Microsoft.
- Too much of the same. Variety of good workshops were scheduled at the same time. Poor presentations, the only helpful part was when other attendees shared.
- TPEP session did not have enough CDs for all attendees, disappointed not enough chairs for this well attended breakout session.
- Two workshops I went to ran out of materials and I wasn't late or last but never got materials.
- Useful, in regards to stated objectives
- Very disappointed in the fact that most of session did not have enough handouts.
- Very good
- Very good this year! More relevant!
- Very good workshops.
- Very poor in terms of number of workshops to attend.
- WAME/WSBEA
- Was disappointed that in each session I attended the materials they handed out were not available, everyone. Next year would be nice if all handouts available as a QR code or accessible on line from WA-ACTE web site for each specific presenter.
- Wasn't the best sessions we have had at this conference.
- Well organized and presenters were great
- Well organized- great variety of workshops
- Well varied selections
- Wireless access not strong enough for Precision Exams, multiple people could not take the exam.
- Wish there was a track for beginning CTE teachers.
- Works had content relevant to my area.
- Workshops are great, they have a lot of information for classroom use.
- Workshops attended were full of great information.
- Would have liked more hands-on.
- Would have liked more variety of WSBEA workshops, i.e. Business Law, Accounting, etc.
- Would like help. The presentation about certification was not clearly advertised as for administration.
- Would love some more hands-on technical training for updated digital resources with actual lesson take aways we can use.
- Would like to have been able to attend some sessions. Would like to have seen a repeat of TPEP.
- WSBEA, overall good but timing of FBLA sessions on last day didn't leave many choices.

PROGRAM INFO COMMENTS

- A lot of information to cover for, us but well formatted. Thank you for the well written format for each breakout session.
- Add 15 minutes to the end of workshop for questions. Often 1 hour workshop is taken up with personal questions having nothing to do with 80% of the crowd
- Add a take away section swag (materials, paper, electronics)
- Adequate
- Always set up well.
- Always wish it was out for registration opening. It is difficult to get people to sign up when they don't know what is being presented. We have to sign up before school year ends.
- Awesome, especially the online version
- Best overall session was Dan Tedor "Effective use of Technology in the Classroom"
- Better online program, needs to be more interactive. Have content available afterwards electronically, drop box, Google, etc.
- Bring beef lady back, healthy children
- Change the layout. Don't need all the extra info or notes section.
- Descriptions are misleading. Some sessions were part 2 of an earlier session but that was not stated in the program.
- Descriptions of sessions did not always represent content
- Easy to read & follow.
- Easy to read and carry.
- Program would be more helpful if it included a conference at a glance for a quick reference
- Put the exit form (Evaluation Form) attached to catalog. Inside next stable.
- Effective
- Excellent
- Excellent, wish more were repeated as was unable to attend many that I would have liked to.
- Fine
- Fine, easy to find information.
- Fire Service- equipment standards for entry level firefighters. Civil service testing. Would be willing to assist with this part of the program
- Fire service, equipment standards for entry level fire fighters. Civil Service testing. Would be willing to assist with this part of the program. Wyronek@Newport.wednet.edu. We have other departments, Valley Fire, Spokane, Newport, Wenatchee, Yakima etc. all have cadet programs.
- For the program, let us Yakima people come up with a listing of our favorites: nearby restaurants, coffee shops, etc. There's so much close by I feel our out of town guests are missing, i.e., North Town Coffee on Front Street, where there are boutique shops nearby for example.
- Format good
- Get info out a little earlier?
- Give Randy Dorn a specific subject to speak about; other than \$. How is he supporting our kids?
- Good
- Good info but still felt like I was being sold on the concept and idea that I don't necessarily believe is good teaching or learning
- Good job
- Good overall program
- Good well informed through e-mails
- Good!
- Good, keep building stronger programs, CTE rocks.
- Great
- Great format and information.
- Great guide
- Great help
- Great job
- Great job Jill. (On-line app)
- Great program, very helpful
- Great!
- Helpful brochure.
- High rating
- How do we get sessions with hand-on during the sessions
- I enjoyed the e-mail program and reminders on my school e-mail.
- I got some useful information for doing frameworks.
- I liked the format of the first day better this year
- I liked the size of the program and spaces in it to jot notes. Well organized. Nice job!
- I'd rather have a folder and pen instead of a bag

- It is helpful to have legislators here. The open and closing speakers really hear the big picture. Some programs were over full, can we do an RSVP?
- Keynote speaker for opening session was great
- Liked online sneak peek so I could check that out ahead of time
- Limited
- Loose the printed program, a waste of \$\$.
- Loved opening session
- Loved the keynote speakers.
- Loved the printed program
- May be difficult, but get program out earlier so I can bring info and materials from school to better participate.
- More CTE content. Using laser cutter, 3D printer, CAD programs. Enjoyed Marilyn's session with pens.
- More note pages or a small notebook of paper would be greatly appreciated.
- More sessions on robotics, Lego, tetrix, more sessions on PLTW, best practices for IED, POE.
- Moving awards banquet prevented some from attending due to needing to set up (in offsite locations especially).
- Need draft agenda early. District won't let us book hotel or register without one.
- Need hard copy. Online did not work well.
- Need more.
- Need MOS Certification on site and all three days.
- Needed a city or local map to be included. Would help to get around
- Needs an update. It's looked the same for years.
- Nice if individual session times were available sooner.
- Nice program
- Not much depth to content area options, selections.
- Maybe include bullets in front of sessions so we can check or notice easily what we want to attend.
- OK
- Online program was nice
- Opening session speaker was excellent. My favorite part.
- Outline more of what each class will consist of would be appreciated
- Poor; Is it the kids or the money?
- Presenters need to realize their room is large, the screen is small and we the audience are unable to read the slides used. Closing session especially.
- Pretty Good-Couple were Difficult to decide between. Example-basic vs. advanced level of instruction
- Program booklet was great.
- Program was easy to read. (not like my writing)
- Program was well developed, enjoyed the breakfast and awards on Tuesday.
- Programs descriptions of what is being presented needs to be the same as what is actually presented!!!
- Rep. Reykdal is excellent, please bring him back.
- Sent out earlier, please.
- Session information/details need to be published a lot earlier to help with funding and scheduling.
- Solid, some repeats of same info.
- Some classes vague in description
- Start on Monday-lose the Sunday agenda.
- Thank you for the early notice, I could solicit input from my department as to what info they wanted
- Thanks for the practical sessions in FACSE
- The classes should be displayed on a calendar. The program was hard to read.
- The MS-IT session didn't work due to room layout with round tables. Half the time was spent with getting people logged in
- The program could/ should become an app.
- The TPEP workshop was overcrowded and no seating. Very disappointed.
- Too long and skinny, it's hard to turn the pages. I don't need the notes pages.
- Too much time between sessions
- Was there something in the program about clock hours? If so, I didn't see it.
- We should have an app for that. There was information missing from the weebly.
- We talked about this every year at school. He thinks we don't know this. My goodness closing should be A.L.I.V.E. not graphics and dry.
- Well designed, I like the format of pages.
- Well done
- Will be a great idea to have the presentation on DVD-R to replay later & not to have paper copy only
- Works for me!

SOCIAL EVENT COMMENTS

- \$20 for a hot dog, chips, macaroni salad, and a drink is way too much money.
- \$20 for a hotdog, no thank you. Loved it when we had dinner at a winery.
- \$20 for dogs and burgers?
- Other commitments, going to try for next year.
- A dinner, BBQ for everyone, instead of different sections.
- Add in WA-ACTE sponsored entertainment @ Convention Center as mid-week conferences eliminates social time due to local business closing.
- Again, liked the Tuesday BBQ, also dropped in on Monday Social and liked that also.
- Association representation at T&I Bash.
- Awards Breakfast Great Idea, sorry not all seats filled.
- BBQ event didn't appeal to me; I missed the Mexican food offered at the Convention Center. I did like that the Awards were given out at the General Meeting and not at a noisy venue!
- BBQ social seemed expensive for the type of food offered.
- BBQ was awesome. Add it to registration for 14/15.
- Be nice to have it at the conference center.
- Bring back the Bash.
- Bring back the winery! Find a way to make it work. So sad there is no opportunity to get together with folks Monday or Tuesday nights.
- Could add a large general group social at the Convention Center.
- Did not attend
- Did not attend BBQ
- Did not attend this year.
- Did not go to the BBQ
- Did not participate
- Did not really participate in any.
- Didn't attend the BBQ, went to WAME social. It was very nice.
- Didn't miss the wine/dinner/dance, would have been too hot to enjoy.
- Didn't attend too hot! Maybe a winery like in the past?
- Either have a free BBQ or dump it. \$20.00 wow!! Get it sponsored.
- Enjoyed Awards Breakfast rather than evening activity.
- Enjoyed food time with others.
- Enjoyed the Awards Breakfast!!
- Evening social events after the dinner hours would be fun
- Excellent
- Exercise options
- Expand T & I Bash/Social. Karaoke, music, Wineries supply wine for tasting. Microbrew tasting.
- Fair
- Fine Good AWARDS Breakfast
- Fine, thanks Jill for T&I Bash.
- Fun to network. The Monday Networking Social treats were good & liked the no host bar.
- Fun, ok
- Good
- Good but healthier food would be appreciated. Breakfast was good / not lunch.
- Good start to number of options.
- Good to have time with vendors, more prizes, make sure vendors know to stay.
- Good to network
- Good. Nice evening social with vendors.
- Great
- Great Breakfast Event.
- Great opportunities
- Great plans
- Great WAME social.
- Great. Met a lot of new people
- Hardly any this year, only the ones by sections if they had one.
- Have a hospitality room.
- Horrible - because FACSE focused only on board members recruitment. As a new member I felt unwanted by FACSE!
- Host a karaoke event? Fundraiser? The BBQ was not worth it.
- Hot dogs and hamburgers? How about the Hyatt Winery again?

- I enjoyed opportunities to network with colleagues outside of workshops, good balance
- I heard they were good.
- I like the Breakfast Awards better than evening program
- I liked the Breakfast Awards model.
- I liked the winery dinner of several years ago. Would like to go back to that.
- I love the built in networking time. It's nice to be able to have time to mingle with people we only get to see once a year.
- I missed BBQ
- I often feel the outsider in those so I usually don't attend.
- I went to dinner with other WSBEA members last night and it was fantastic.
- I would have attended Tuesday nights social but \$20 for hot dogs and hamburgers? Not very healthy. The winery dinners were the best.
- Keep T&I Bash. It will get bigger.
- Lame-Open Bar
- Liked not having it completely structured, evenings to network and socialize is good.
- Liked the no host bar.
- Liked the vendor site social.
- Limited
- Limited-not a lot of communication on social media.
- Limited offerings
- Lots of time for socializing
- Loved the WASTS BBQ.
- Managed space during Monday lunch well, opened this up so we could sit at tables to eat and then go visit vendors. Not enough turkey sandwiches though.
- Meet and greet, Monday afternoon, not well attended.
- Miss the all BBQ and that camaraderie. Breakfast is way too early on Wednesday, very few people showed up and we need more people to attend.
- More free social events, BBQ for \$20 (pricey) Karaoke onsite?
- More participation.
- Need more of a big fund raiser, no BBQ, not worth it.
- Need to advertise more. New members were unsure of where to go.
- Need WA-ACTE social, not just individual sections socials.
- Need whole group event social that lasts till 10 or 11 PM.
- Networking opportunities were plentiful. More
- New member reception, new teacher.
- Nice
- Nice to have some down time
- Nice to see BBQ back, liked Awards Breakfast instead of a dinner, please continue that.
- Nicely done.
- Not attended
- Not enough
- Not into the social events. Seems to be a good old boys clique and no one is ever in.
- Not necessary
- Offsite social activities are a challenger for some people to attend.
- OK
- Ok for me
- Perfect, as usual.
- Poor, did not feel that I fit in.
- Relaxing!
- Need to add fun into conference. T&I Bash was great.
- Skipped as \$20.00 for a hot dog is too expensive.
- Some events could be hands-on projects with vendors
- T&I Bash being back was great. Need more social activities.
- Thank you to Jill for the BBQ. Even though I did not attend, feedback was positive, next year I'll attend.
- The more the better. Networking is helpful for teachers.
- There was a social event?
- They are ok
- Too expensive for a hot dog or hamburger a park. Didn't go. Still not like the old T&I Bash.
- Very well done, good format.
- Very well run event.

- WAME event was super!
- WAME events was awesome, well planned and executed.
- WAME rocks!
- Was nice to have a variety.
- Was nice to see the BBQ social come back. Even though attendance was sparse it was fun
- Was there one? BBQ was fun, but not many people.
- What social event? Didn't feel like anyone came or they don't sound interesting.
- What social event? Evening social?
- Where did it go?
- Wonderful meals
- Would like to see social events onsite. Large and small groups.
- WSBEA/WAME luncheon was disappointing. Food was fine and it was great hearing from students, but that was all. I am used to a guest speaker and raffle.
- Yes, we should add some.

REGISTRATION COMMENTS

- Good, easy, convenient
- A tentative program earlier on would be much appreciated, presenters are approved in June and workshop description are included in the speaker application. A simple cut and paste link to simple draft would be easy to do.
- Adequate
- Ask participants to verify their section early in June, July to verify they are registered properly..
- Clear
- Done by my school district.
- Early notice
- Easy and clear.
- Easy (31 times)
- Easy - thanks for the e-mail reminders!
- Easy and quick
- Easy and smooth, good job.
- Easy and well done
- Easy and well organized
- Easy CTE section did
- Easy to do.
- Easy to register.
- Easy, very friendly staff.
- Easy, very helpful
- Easy, well organized; everyone was very helpful.
- Easy. Great job.
- Easy/ doable
- Efficient
- Encourage friendliness at the desk.
- Excellent job, thanks.
- Excellent!
- Excellent, thanks Franciene.
- Fantastic! The staff is awesome.
- Fast & prepared
- Fast and easy
- Fast and easy!
- Fast and organized.
- Fine
- Fine, easy
- Flawless, everything went smooth.
- Good (18 times)
- Good when I retire I will volunteer
- Good and friendly
- Good job ladies
- Good, easy
- Great (10 times)
- Great and quick and efficient
- Great job
- Great job & very easy & welcoming. Thank you!
- Great job, went smooth.
- Great online
- Great process
- Great. Easy
- Great. More conference specific info close to conference would be helpful.
- I liked early registration online and at conference
- It was very easy to register.
- It went quickly
- It would be nice to be greeted in a friendly manner.
- Love the online base of registration.
- Make sure 1st time attenders understand the order of clock hours and flow of events.
- Nice and smooth. What nice students with great smiles. I think a highlighter would've been a nice free gift.
- Nice, easy to get through

- No Problems
- OK
- On the online, allow a section for PO coming.
- Outstanding
- Perfect, easy, friendly
- Quick
- Quick and easy.
- Quick and fast.
- Registration was convenient and easy. Staff was very welcoming.
- Registration was easy, but all of us in our group (3) were very confused about clock hours. Were we to sign in each day? We spent time searching for the sign-in forms on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Registration went fast.
- Registration went very smoothly.
- School district failed to register me, but people working at registration booth were extremely helpful in getting me registered.
- Seamless
- Simple
- Simple and easy
- Simple easy
- Smooth
- Smooth and easy, well organized
- Smooth process
- Smooth, great built in networking time
- Smooth, organized, efficient
- Super easy.
- Thank you for being open Sunday.
- Thank you for extending the process for early discount. Sometimes it is hard to get approvals end of the years so it helps
- Thanks for the reminders.
- Very confusing in regards to signing clock hour forms, just one day, multiple days, etc. very stressful.
- Very EASY
- Very easy, thank you.
- Very effective and friendly
- Very good
- Very nice and friendly
- Very organized - Could be a little more cheerful
- Very smooth
- Very smooth this year.
- Very smooth, Gordon and Franciene did a fantastic jobs, like always.
- Very smooth.
- Well done
- Well done. On the portion of the ticket, can you add the sections membership paid and ACTE HSCTE, WAVA , National.
- Well organized
- Went great
- Went smooth
- Worked very good
- Works

EXHIBITS COMMENTS**(2014–37 Vendors / 2013–35 Vendors)**

- 1 day is good
- Always find something interesting
- Average
- Book ones were good, not much else of interest for Arts and Communications.
- CTSOs may not be best served as a booth in the exhibit hall. How about letting them each present at general assembly.
- Didn't have enough time to see all. Would like to see more. There were a lot of CTSO groups.
- Didn't go
- Enjoyed
- Enjoyed interacting with exhibitors.
- Enjoyed the giveaways, but nothing useful for me as far as connections. Would appreciate a few marketing booths.
- Enjoyed them. Exhibitors were friendly and engaging.
- Excellent
- Exhibitors were flat not inspirational or engaging
- Exhibitors were very good.
- Felt crowded and overwhelmed in that tiny area, which led to not being able to see the different exhibit tables.
- Fewer this year
- Find vendors who want to help rather than just sell and bring WA-ACTE a paycheck.
- Fine- I enjoy seeing the students organizations represented
- Good
- Good cross section
- Good group
- Good handouts relevant info
- Good information
- Good job
- Good variety. Friendly exhibitors.
- Good variety. Vendors helpful and friendly
- Good. Always love this part, very valuable
- Great!
- Great exhibits but they could use more space
- Great exhibits, would like more choices of people including more technology oriented furniture.
- Great exhibits.
- Great group of exhibitors.
- Great job with getting a good variety of vendors.
- Great job!
- Great variety
- Great vendors are very much appreciated.
- Great!
- Great, but it would be nice to see more FACSE booths, Most were for shop teachers.
- Great, very easy to check out and enjoy.
- great, very helpful
- Great. keep them here
- I appreciated the exhibitors and love their give-a-ways (pens, pencils, paper, etc.) and lunch and snacks
- I did not get enough time. My fault I guess
- I liked the exhibits all 1 day, forced everyone to visit instead of just glancing at exhibits; and loved the open house thing @ end of sessions. Very convenient to view exhibitors without missing any sessions,
- I would have liked vendors representing photo/ media (adobe, apple, etc.)
- Kind of sparse, not a lot.
- Laid out well thank you for lunch so we could visit vendors
- Left too soon
- Less variety this year. Emphasis seems to be STEM and T & I
- Liked the set up
- Limited but quality
- Lots of STEM
- Lower number than in years past. Not very relevant to my position
- Missed textbook exhibitors
- More exhibitors for textbooks
- More exhibitors, loved WA Science Teachers Association
- More exhibits related to health care careers.

- More exhibits. Good exhibits will sell themselves.
- More industry reps.
- More raffles
- More room to move around. Was crowded as a couple exhibitors clogging walk ways.
- More vendors on improving instruction
- More, maybe evening sessions
- Mostly in CAD/construction program. More variety for other program areas. Textbook section good!
- N/A
- Need exhibitors that provide healthy snacks for schools.
- Need more
- Need more, resources, Learning zone, Dairy Council, Local merchants, Glencoe
- Nice goodies
- Nice variety. Would like to see in future conferences any fundraising companies advertising their product for groups @ school to sell.
- Nice. I really liked seeing, touching and observing products for using.
- Nicely done. Could use 1 - 2 vendors for Smart Snack, but others were great.
- None that really applied to my area which is visual communications
- Not as interesting as in past
- Not as many
- Not as many as in previous years. If it is not cost effective it is understandable though.
- Not much in books this year
- Ok
- Ok, need more new faces.
- Okay-more relevance to courses that are up and coming
- One day was great!
- Only one book rep.
- Organized
- Outstanding
- Perhaps do a scavenger hunt...Vendors donate prizes (books, tools, etc.) Drawing for those that complete the hunt.
- Please include more text book companies.
- Quality has gone down. I liked the old stamped passport format to encourage people to talk to vendors.
- Same as always
- Same, liked the mini presentations by exhibitors.
- Seemed like there weren't as many this year. 1 textbook company?
- Seemed more limited than past years
- Seems a little bare but OK
- Several were very helpful, Cengage/Nat. GED, Edson Prints, Precision
- Some teachers were in different locations (STEM) and did not have opportunity to visit vendors
- Terrific
- Thank you for a broad group.
- Thank you for the additional exhibitors.
- The usual
- Too close together.
- Too crowded, close together.
- Too many banks
- Too much time or need more vendors. I did not attend the afternoon session because I had visited the vendors that I needed to.
- TSA, Rhino, First Lego League...Some of those that really helped me with information.
- Vendor attendance is down. Need more FACSE resources. Learning Zone, Dairy Council, Glencoe.
- Very beneficial
- Very good
- Very important.
- Very targeted to T&I area.
- Want more for FCCLA, curriculum rep was rude and did not attempt/want to talk to me or answer.
- Was not impressed this year. Really liked the no-host networking social & exhibits - do it again.
- Where were the book vendors?
- Wish they were here Monday and Tuesday.
- Wonderful
- Would be nice if exhibitors were around for more than one day.
- Would be nice to have some exhibits that are not specific to CTE, general interest.

- Would have been nice for 2 days instead of 1.
- Would have been nice to have some text books/publishers available to us.
- Would like more exhibits
- Would like to have an Adobe rep
- Would like to have exhibitions here for 2 days vs one
- Would like to have had more text book vendors
- Would like to see more
- Would like to see more community based groups looking to partner with CTE teachers for advisory committee. There seemed to be a lot of people selling stuff. Not enough FACSE vendors.
- Would like to see more vendors. Timeline is fine.

COSTS COMMENTS

- \$380 seems expensive.
- \$380 seems quite high
- \$400 to \$500 plus hotel and food - seems really expensive to attend with only 1-2 quality sessions
- 1 day only cost is too high in proportion to overall cost.
- A bit cheaper would be nice due to travel hotel, food costs. It's either this conference or other conferences.
- A little high but I get it.
- A little less expensive would be nice.
- Adequate
- Affordable
- Affordable and it was nice to have hotel discount already set up if you call.
- Appropriate
- As reasonable as can be expected in today's prices.
- Cost for individual, meals a little high for what you get.
- Cost is in line with other conferences of this length.
- Cost is reasonable
- Cost prohibitive, not a great value.
- Cost seems high.
- Costs are fine.
- Cut the food, locate where there is more restaurant choices in walking distance
- District paid for it so no comment.
- District picked up the tab.
- Doable
- Don't go up anymore.
- Don't raise the price.
- Drop \$50.00
- Fair
- Fine
- Fine- good value with meals.
- Fortunately our CTE covers the cost, otherwise I wouldn't be able to come
- Glad the school district covered the costs.
- Good
- Good value
- Good, appreciated the coffee/tea/water during sessions
- Great cost
- Great, district helps out
- High
- How do you get cost down more? Funding resources for teachers.
- I did not want to pay for the "meeting meals" because they are too costly.
- I don't care for meetings during meals.
- I was frustrated that in a last minute rush to registration, a last minute decision instructor to attend that we used a credit card to register him and then the deadline was extended the next day, otherwise would have used a PO like we did for our other participants. The 4.9% of the charge was exorbitant.
- I would pay more for better food.
- I'm fortunate to have the full costs covered by my CTE District Department. I couldn't cover it all on my own.
- If possible, keep down, more will attend.
- It is fine for my district but I know many people can't attend because their district won't pay for it. Are there scholarships available?
- Just fine
- Keep down so school will send.
- Keep it as low as possible so as many people as possible can attend
- Little Spendy
- Moderately expensive; especially when fall conference payment is just 8 weeks away.
- More than I wanted to spend for three days. Not every ESD pays
- N/A
- No comment. District paid but room rate seemed very reasonable and convenient.
- No issues
- No problem
- Not bad
- OK

- OK but need more benefits for members.
- Okay- getting expensive as my budget is cut
- Paid by district
- Reasonable
- Reasonable but still expensive
- Reasonable-excellent value
- Seemed good.
- Seemed reasonable
- Seems a little high.
- Seems expensive, but currently my school district pays. Hotel costs are reasonable.
- Seems reasonable
- Seems registration has really gone up.
- Socials costs high
- Spendy, but quality.
- Still a very expensive conference. Six attended from our district. Maybe a group discount would help.
- Supported by my school district.
- Thank goodness our districts help us with these costs.
- The cost seemed reasonable for the length of the event
- The registration fee is kind of high.
- Too high
- Too high for few meals served
- Too high. No need for breakfast it is at most hotels
- Too much for what you're offering. I should be able to take away 5 things @ least, not just one!
- Too pricey.
- Try to keep the same top membership
- WAVA, thank you for including meal costs
- Well worth it.
- Within the acceptable range
- Your conference registration fee is very high compared to most state and national conferences I've attended. Are you assuming that registration costs will come out of your CTE pot? I think this limits the number of people a district is willing to send and most individuals would not pay this much out of pocket. I have chaired several conferences out of Yakima Convention Center. Our maximum registration fee was \$180.00 and that included breakfast and lunch daily (3 days). Just something to think about.

Time of Year Comments:

- 2nd week in August is better
- A week earlier would be great due to school office opening after summer break
- About as good as you can get. The 1st week of August works best for the most members.
- adequate
- After IcDc and before school ends.
- Always conflicts with admin retreat in home district
- Around the same time as Watershed.
- August works well
- best time for me
- Bit later in the month would be good/better.
- Consider one week later in August.
- Could the conference be in the Seattle area every 3rd year? Summer time is good.
- Could we have it during July or closer to the beginning of school.
- Current time
- Don't like to give up my summer
- Earlier in the summer
- Earliest in August best.
- Early August is fine.
- Early August is a good time
- Early August is fine. Never going to work for everyone.
- End of July would be nice and different place besides Yakima
- End of school year would be better timing
- Excellent
- Fall season
- Fine
- Fine- prefer one week later though.
- Fine- prefer this time of year.
- Fine- too hot for Yakima
- Fine, August is good, this is before most return to school required events.
- Fine, Yakima is hot.
- Further into August is better.
- Glad it will be a week later next year
- Good
- Good as is.
- Good but conflicts with "National Night Out to Fight Crime"-important community event
- Good Do not move to June (last week) too many conferences coincide
- Good- gets you back in teacher mode
- Good no sub needed
- Good time (after July vacations, prior to district Admin retreats.
- Good time of summer.
- Good time of the year.
- Good time of year to get you ready for starting of school.
- Good time of year, gets you excited for the school year.
- Good time, few conflicts.
- Good timing.
- Good, convenient
- Good, hot
- Good, I like having it a little earlier.
- Good, in between fairs
- Good, would like mid-August a bit better.
- Good. I like that is close to school.
- Good. Always in conflict with our County Fair, but it's just the time of year.
- Great
- Great time of year
- Great time of year if districts would offer teachers wages for attendance
- Great time of year, however it's hard to be inside with it being so nice outside.
- Great timing.
- Great, early enough in August

- Great, works for me.
- Great. Love that it is in August. I'm far too busy in July and late August. Gets busy fast so this is a great time.
- Have you ever considered moving the conference to the end of the school year. It would allow folks an opportunity to implement in the classroom.
- Hot!
- Hot! works good
- Hot, but good timing before school. Not too early not too late.
- I prefer a bit later in August
- I am glad next year's conference is a bit later
- I like early August
- I like having it 1 week earlier.
- I like having it the first week of August.
- I like it later in August
- I like it the first week of August, makes me feel like I still have some summer left.
- I like that it is close to start of year but we still have time to digest conference info.
- I like the time of year. I have to work through June wrapping up. July I vacation. By August 1st I am ready to get back to work.
- I like this time. It does not cut into any district events.
- I love this time of year. It gets me excited about teaching early enough.
- I prefer mid-August.
- I prefer the last week of August
- I prefer this week rather than the 2nd week of August.
- I really liked having this one week earlier, I still feel like I have a summer left.
- I would rather mid/late June. This conflicts with WEA and is too close to fall conference.
- It is hot, but it's also in Yakima.
- It works.
- It's hot
- It's too hot in Yakima.
- Keep
- Keep early August. 1st week so to avoid admin retreats, school start up etc.
- Later in August would be better, 3rd week.
- Like having it early in August
- Like it earlier in August.
- Like that will be a week later next year. More time before going back & thinking school.
- Like the 1st week of August
- Like this week better.
- Little earlier
- little early this year
- Love beginning of August. Time to go home for more vacation.
- Love it
- Maybe a little later in August.
- Maybe end of June would work better when struggles and needs are fresh in our heads
- Maybe second week of August in the future?!
- Mid-August would work better
- Move a week earlier. Too close to start of the year.
- Move to mid-August
- Moving up the dates is better
- Next year's dates are much better
- Nice & hot
- No issues, not in June or July
- No other time that is any better.
- OK
- OK but I choose this one year - fall next, cannot do both in one year
- OK would be able to attend better in August
- Okay
- One of the better times of the year.
- One week later would be better Closer to the beginning of the school year
- One week too early.
- Perfect
- Perfect not too early not too late

- Perfect time scheduled in August (second week works well)
- Perfect time, Got me motivated to get ready for school year.
- Perfect, We can go back to vacation a tad.
- Prefer later in August
- Prefer later in August Third or second week.
- Probably best time
- Reasonable and centrally located
- Should be second weekend in August
- So hot! Go to Westside.
- Summertime in Yakima? Isn't there a better option?
- The UIAA holds a 2 day coaches clinic that includes breakfast and lunch both days for \$100 in the same facility and their Red Lion Hotel rate was cheaper.
- There is never a good time, we are all busy
- This is a difficult time for administrations because districts have increased their leadership retreats.
- This is a good time
- This time is great.
- This time, or next week, works best, prefer the next week.
- Time is good
- Too early. Next year's date looks better.
- Too hot for me but I love having it in Yakima.
- Usually will conflict with Admin meeting in local district.
- Very good
- Way too hot!
- Worked well to get us ready and have info fresh to begin school year.
- Works for me the first part of August.
- Works good
- Works well.
- Would like a later time in August.
- Would prefer early June or later in August.
- Would prefer one week later
- Yakima is too bloody hot this time of year.

FACILITIES & CONVENTION CENTER COMMENTS

- A little cold
- A/C too cold
- Add more crosswalks!!
- Adequate- wifi is frustrating
- Adequate. Like to see a map agenda posted each day.
- Also had some classes @ YV-Tech and loved seeing that facility and good use of their resources, but could do more.
- Bathrooms were clean, set-up was on time and in order.
- Beautiful
- Break down/set-up faster
- Break out rooms for sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday, round table bad, classroom setting, much better, especially if all are accessing computers.
- Chairs are not very comfortable to sit in all day. Change in location-Rotate East to West
- Clean and comfortable
- Clean, convenient
- Clean, well maintained
- Computer issues for nearly every presenter.
- Convention Center is nice, its location is not!
- Convention Center. Not well marked equipment wasn't reliable, especially microphones.
- Cool at times
- Cool relief from outside temps.
- Could improve
- Easy to get to rooms for classes
- Easy access
- Easy, great
- Espresso Cart next year
- Excellent
- Excellent, always good
- Excellent, great location.
- Excellent, like
- Facilities very nice, cold at times.
- Facilities were good, great location
- Facility was very nice. I would like to see the event in Spokane again
- Fair
- Fine
- Fine, Love to go to Spokane again.
- Good AC
- Good except cold on Monday
- Good job. Worked well for me
- Good missed the apples this year.
- Good temp control
- Good, very comfortable
- Great and easy. Water in the conference rooms would be nice.
- Great facilities
- Great facilities. Excellent center employees, great attitudes, helpful.
- Great job
- Great not too cold, not too hot.
- Great place
- Great place as usual.
- Great to have food...thanks.
- Great, except Red Lion too darn hot in small meeting.
- Have you thought about changing the venue?
- Heat, sound, wifi issues. They were generally resolved but slow response.
- Hot/cold
- I love this facility, nice and clean, great and centrally located.
- In past wouldn't go to Yakima when conference was there (vs. Spokane). Now it has improved. Glad it's here next year so will try to come.
- It was easy to find everything...I preferred the Convention Center to the Red Lion meeting rooms.

- It's a good fit for us. I do miss Spokane.
- Large, spacious.
- Let's go to Ellensburg.
- Love them
- Lovely site, loved the coffee.
- Microphone settings low
- More seating to meet and talk during down time.
- Name of session listed outside of door
- Need better accommodations to stay at.
- Need espresso
- Need to make sure air conditioning in all rooms when it is so hot outside. Red Lion food is terrible.
- Nice
- Nice facility.
- Nice that all sessions were located in a general area! This worked well!
- Nice, clean, organized
- Nice, roomy, catering was actually good, too.
- No A/C in Red Lion, no attempt to compensate even when requested
- No painted crosswalks and drivers not wanting to yield to pedestrians.
- Not spectacular, but ok.
- Not so much AC gets too cold in building. Street sound in main room needs improvement. Better directions to events out of Convention Center, Red Lion conference room hard to find.
- Often needed to go outside to warm up.
- OK!
- Ok, too cold, food could be better
- Plenty of room, easy to get around.
- Really nice
- Red Lion breakfast buffet was good. Restaurant for dinner Sunday evening was nice.
- Red Lion breakfast room extremely warm
- Red Lion is getting very tight for WAVA
- Room 400 (Convention Center) and a few others had loud air vents. Great food/ service. Spotty WiFi
- Room too small for CTE Directors meeting Tuesday morning. Red Lion Ballroom
- Rooms a little cool but a light sweater took care of that so no problem.
- Some rooms freezing, some rooms hot.
- Staff did great job!
- Thank goodness for air conditioning
- Thanks for coffee and fruit.
- The conference hotel is a really poor facility, bad service, poor accommodations.
- The food was delicious, chef was supper, accommodating for food allergies.
- The hotel is terrible. The conference needs to be held someplace other than Yakima.
- The safety of participants should outweigh the cost of facilities in selection of location. The conference will get higher enrollment if it is on a rotation as in years past. 2 year contract maximum at same location. Negotiate with Red Lion bar to stay open for social activities - 9 PM close?
- They were very responsive when we needed anything.
- Too chilly, needed sweater to be in rooms
- Tuesday breakfast poorly managed, no silverware. Technology problems are always frustrating.
- Very cold at times
- Very friendly staff
- Very good
- Very good easy to find rooms
- Very nice
- Very nice, clean, organized facility but we wished every session had been in the same building. Boxed lunch event was frustrating, you didn't know which line to get in, and couldn't tell what was in your box until you got close enough to read the tiny label. With so many people dawdling around the tables, who could tell where to go. I didn't even find anything to drink until I saw others at my table. Just frustrating (not good when you are hungry).
- Very Versatile!
- Was not happy with provided meals.
- WAVA lunch was not very good. Slow WiFi. Box lunch was not very good, box salad was pretty bad.
- We have lunch options. Clean and cool. Liked having water available.
- Why do presenters have to supply a projector?

- WiFi and AC poor.
- WIFI needs to work.
- WiFi sucks, food sucks
- WiFi was a challenge, staff did a great job.
- Wonderfully cool.
- Works
- Works well
- Yakima is boring
- Yakima is Gross!
- Below average
- Breakfast good but they ran out of blueberries and raspberries. I was disappointed.
- Central to most hotels, some rooms couldn't handle crowds.
- Chef's special meal requirements were delicious
- Clean, friendly staff, allergen friendly food. Bravo.
- Coffee on table for lunch, no cups brought out.
- Cold but fits us well
- Conference area flows well and is quite accommodating.
- Convenient
- Convention Center is fine.
- Convention Center is great, location and access.
- Convention Center seems to have a lot of technological problems.
- Could improve
- Couldn't another central location (Ellensburg or Wenatchee) be considered?
- Easy to find rooms
- Easy to get around. Maps were laid out well and it was nicely air conditioned.
- Excellent
- FACSE breakfast not ready at 7:00 AM, juice came out after everyone was eating. Weird.
- Fair
- Fast set-ups/tear-downs.
- Fine
- Food lousy choices, not prepared.
- Food sucks, WIFI sucks
- Food was good. (there may be too much)
- Food was hit and miss.
- Food was less than stellar. I walked away still hungry after both included meals (more vegetarian options please)
- Food!
- Freezing but could have brought a jacket. And again, the food waste is so unacceptable.
- Good
- Good and convenient location
- Good central location
- Good facilities, but need more power outlets.
- Good facility
- Good facility, I did miss the basket of apples this year.
- Good location
- Good location, clean
- Good location, nice to have coffee and tea available.
- Good place to have conference.
- Good temp, not too cold.
- Great facilities
- Great group of people you have working here.
- Great Location east of mountains
- Great location, parking was good
- Great over all
- Great place
- Great place, clean and enough room for comfortable seating for all.
- Great - The CGCA luncheon had the best menu/food
- Great venue. Centrally located for members on both side of the state.
- Great, clean organized. Where is Starbucks?
- Great, keep it in Yakima.

- Great, staff was awesome
- I always enjoy coming here.
- I appreciate having the summer conference in Spokane or at SeaTac. Yakima lacks great shopping and restaurant. I'd rather pay more in registration to get somewhere other than Yakima!!
- I did not like the food. It should be aligned with school requirements; less fat, chips, cookies, pastries, more fruit & vegetables. More tongs to get food so line goes faster.
- I enjoy this convention center, no worries on parking.
- I like Yakima.
- I love this area, everything is so convenient.
- I loved it.
- Improve the food service
- It was hard to find coffee. We are teachers make it available in all rooms.
- I would pay more for better food.
- Left over good from meals provided should be donated to the mission not thrown away.
- Liked having meetings all there.
- Love the access to WiFi, turn the AC down, it's hot in here.
- Lovely
- Makes sense to me for the Yakima location statewide.
- Need better coffee and breakfast was not good seemed stale, bacon tasted funny or off.
- Need clocks
- Nice
- Nice & clean.
- Nice clean facility
- Nice facility.
- Nice job
- Nice Location
- Nice, well kept.
- No crosswalks from any of the hotels (Holiday Inn Express, Howard Johnson) or to cross street on that side. Food service was slow & ill prepared to keep all food/silverware available.
- Often needed to go outside to warm up.
- Organized and easy
- Perfect location. I really enjoy it being centrally located.
- Rooms were a bit too warm
- Spoons for yogurt
- Staff did great job!
- Staff was very nice!!! and Helpful!
- Staff were excellent
- Super! Enough parking!
- The center has a dangerous condition, tiny slots in the floor must be left open for electrical cords, pit falls, my chair leg fell down one.
- Having coffee, tea, and water all day is much appreciated. Lunch boxes on Monday were slow being replenished. Food over all very good.
- The employees were so pleasant and helpful.
- Too cold. Very accommodating for people with gluten and other food allergies. Amazing!!!!
- Very comfortable, great air conditioning
- Very good. Loved that we didn't have to run all over Yakima for meetings.
- Very nice setup
- Very nice, only a few tech problems, was good.
- Very nicely kept and run.
- Water in rooms.
- Well laid out, easy to get around, breakfast great. Especially the fresh berries. Love having water in each room.
- Well organized, meals were good.
- WiFi access was great
- WiFi if hosting large events - the WiFi should be up to par.
- Wifi needs improvement
- WiFi?
- Wonderful
- Wonderful, clean, expansive. I missed the apples, this is Yakima.
- Works well.

HOLIDAY INN COMMENTS

- A plus
- Awesome
- Awesome stay.
- Awesome!
- Best Hotel I've stayed at for these conferences
- Earlier check in time, 4 PM is late and 11 AM checkout is too early.
- Excellent
- Excellent
- Excellent
- Excellent
- Excellent, clean.
- Fabulous room
- Good
- Good
- Good
- Good
- Good and friendly
- Good!
- Good, missed my breakfast
- Good, nice staff
- Great
- Great
- Great and friendly service.
- Great hotel
- Great job!
- Great staff, helpful and friendly
- Great!
- Holiday Inn was great.
- Irregular customer service quality
- Ok, but no breakfast included.
- Love the Holiday Inn.
- Nice
- Nice
- Nice, clean
- OK
- Outstanding
- Super clean, love that it's close.
- The only hotel worth staying at in Yakima
- Treated very well.
- Very Good
- Very accommodating.
- Very clean and spacious, but the mini fridge and AC are a bit loud.
- Very comfortable
- Very good
- Very nice and convenient
- Very nice!
- What a great place.
- Wonderful hotel experience, extremely accommodating.
- HIX, excellent
- Holiday Inn Express, Nice facility, easy traveling distance.
- HIX
- HIX
- HIX , nice hotel, friendly staff.
- HIX great customer service and breakfast.
- HIX, excelled accommodations.
- HIX, Great staff.
- HIX, nice rooms.
- HIX, rooms weren't that great. Mildew smell.

- HIX, very nice.
- Holiday Inn Express
- Holiday Inn Express
- Holiday Inn Express
- Holiday Inn Express- clean, organized, free breakfast, good service
- Holiday Inn Express Excellent
- Holiday Inn Express had ants.
- Holiday Inn Express, great
- Holiday Inn Express, GREAT.
- Holiday Inn Express, very nice appreciate the amenities, breakfast, snacks.
- Holiday Inn Express. Great. Good complimentary breakfast. Friendly staff, clean rooms
- Need to block more rooms for room rate. New rate unreasonable if you did not reserve in block of rooms. Fortunately Holiday Inn was very accommodating and slipped my room into block price.

RED LION COMMENTS

- AC didn't work well. The pool (small one) was totally clouded and gross. Friendly staff and good housekeeping.
- AC was a challenge in guest rooms
- Adequate, going downhill.
- Air conditioning did not work and room had smoke smell. I don't smoke and sure slept poorly in the sauna. Poor conditions.
- Awful. Air conditioning was not working, staff was rude.
- Check in very late, room needed updating, no restaurant or room service
- Clean and orderly.
- Comfortable accommodating
- Comfortable and basics met.
- Could the hotel with the longest pool, Red Lion, allow lap swimming 4 AM to 8 AM for all WA-ACTE? Would not open its pools until 10:00 am.
- Enjoyed the stay. Liked having accommodations near the convention center.
- Fabulous, close
- First hotel room had bugs in bed. Yuck.
- Floors creaked, no gift shop
- Food is terrible - restaurant & catering.
- Getting older, feels not clean, rooms.
- Good
- Good
- Good
- Good
- Good value and right next door. Clean.
- Great
- Great location, comfy bed, but rundown, breakfast not very good.
- Great proximity. Wish their restaurant served more food. Very nice personnel.
- Had reservation wrong (again) & I will not stay there again
- Hassle checking in and room not clean
- Hotel is ok. It's old and it shows.
- Hotel sucks. Nothing good to say.
- Hotel was barely adequate. Old and cut corners.
- Hotel was fine, room nice in corporate building, which seems better than the other bldgs.
- I enjoyed my stay. When I made my reservations, I asked for a specific type of room and that is what was booked for me.
- Internet sporadic. Air conditioning in old building doesn't work.
- Loved the pool, wonder staff, great room.
- Main building rooms difficult to contrail temp.
- Microwave would have been nice.
- Need comp breakfast, what they office is great quality and they charge for it.
- need major improvements
- needs improvement service good but rooms are run down
- Need to make sure air conditioning in all rooms when it is so hot outside. Red Lion food is terrible.
- No A/C in Red Lion, no attempt to compensate even when requested.
- No air conditioning, room dirty on arrival
- No free breakfast.
- No pool
- Not too bad, parking is horrible
- WAVA lunch was marginal, soggy chicken, very little sauce.
- Red Lion. The wifi was awful. I tried to log in at a different time of day and was kicked off as well as the connection was very slow.
- Red Lion - Sessions suffered for lack of quality internet.
- OK
- Okay, good local to conference. AC didn't work. Well, Johnny's closed @ 9 every night, hindered socializing on site.
- Only had SD TV.
- Our service was not very good and people were not friendly.
- Parking lot needs to be redone and make more efficient
- Our hotel room was not good. AC broken, bugs, window wouldn't lock
- Poor customer service, no working WiFi or cable. Housekeeping didn't fully stock room daily.
- Poor room smelled of smoke. Will never stay here again.
- Receptionists were too busy to help sometimes.
- Red Lion Annex seems to be getting old like an old hotel

- Red Lion ballroom really hot. 83
- Red Lion getting run down.
- Red Lion has really gone downhill. Really bad, never sent an engineer to check on AC even after requesting. No AC entire time.
- Red Lion internet was off more that it was on. Very poor hotel service. Very, very unhappy, Will not stay at Red Lion again.
- Red Lion is getting old. Probably would not stay here again.
- Red Lion is in poor shape. Terrible accommodations.
- Red Lion too darn hot in small meeting room – NO AC.
- Room smelled stale, carpet sticky all over, maid service made bed that's all. Left stale coffee, wet towels. TV station list unavailable. Search was long and tedious. No list of station numbers.
- Room was hot and air conditioners was very loud
- Room was not good. No Air, broken fridge, bugs
- Room was not good. AC did not work and all they did was bring a fan. Did not help.
- Room was too hot with no way to control temperature.
- Rooms too warm
- Rooms were dirty, found 3 empty beer bottles on my bedroom window sill.
- Session rooms too hot and crowded for WAVA group.
- Stayed @ Red Lion, much improved from past experience.
- Terrible
- Terrible food, poor customer service, lack of air conditioning.
- Terrible. AC didn't work, dirty room, etc.
- The rooms were warm and hard to get cooled down.
- Time of the year is great, but Red Lion's rooms were terribly miserable, inability to contrail air in room
- Unimpressive at best.
- Very easy to attend & stay at Red Lion
- Very good
- Very nice people
- No A/C = very little and poor sleep
- Was not happy with room and location in building, in back in older section of building.
- While the rates are great the front desk staff seems overwhelmed and understaffed. Communication between Front desk and housekeeping is horrible. Staff complained about out dated computer system and having to write down info to work on later
- Wifi was awful
- Wonderful.
- Worked well for me
- Poor- dated- bad looking

HILTON COMMENTS

- Did not like having to walk past the homeless area. I will not stay here again for that reason.
- Excellent
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- Excellent room. Breakfast buffet price was a little high compared to other hotel buffet costs in Yakima.
- Fabulous
- Great!
- Moved to the Hilton Garden Inn. Excellent accommodations and service. Fantastic hotel.
- Really liked it.
- Very nice

HOWARD JOHNSON COMMENTS

- Good location initially, but after one night amenities not as advertised, no wifi, had to check out and move to the Hilton Garden Inn.
- Great
- Horrible bed room, rude staff (last resort)
- Need to clean better.
- Needs new elevator.
- Not very clean.
- Ok
- Ok
- Run down a bit
- Very friendly staff.
- Very low water pressure, dirty grounds, but friendly staff
- Very nice
- Very Poor housekeeping and management. Look at web site for very poor scary evaluations!
- We'd originally booked at the Howard Johnson. Their customer service was poor so we switched to Hilton Garden Inn and it's been much better.
- Wouldn't stay at this hotel again
- Yuck, they need to upgrade.

OXFORD COMMENTS

- Awesome!!!
- Basic, clean and good
- Breakfast was basically all carbs. Nice room, issues with AC and bathroom.
- Convenient no hassle
- Excellent
- Excellent facilities
- Fabulous, clean, nice, on river
- Good Place.
- Great
- Great
- Great place
- Great staff, wonderful to have food a.m. and p.m. included
- Great!!!
- Love the Oxford Inn.
- Nice hotel.
- Really enjoyed this hotel. Great price for everything you get as a guest. I'll stay there again.
- Room was not clean at all. View was great. Staff was great. Too far comparing to the hotel to convention center.
- Very clean, accommodating, quiet
- Very good clean view of the river and breakfast
- Very happy
- Very nice
- Very nice. Shuttle available, great staff.
- Was great
- Were great

OTHER HOTEL COMMENTS

- Fairfield, every nice.
- Fairfield
- Fairfield
- Fairfield Inn.
- Fairfield very nice
- Fairfield, great.
- Fairfield. Good hotel, rooms nice.
- Ledgestone was awesome for me. Great rooms, check in was very easy
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