

2016 SUMMER CONFERENCE EVALUATIONS

- Best Conference in years! Content was excellent!!
- Excellent location. Tim and WA-ACTE did an excellent job developing this conference. WHOVA is fun and great way to get information.
- Make Awards Ceremony more of a celebration. Give synopsis of what award winners have done/why earned awards. Overall amazing great location.
- Great location. Nice to be under one roof. Meals and facilities were great. Start Tuesdays breakfast an hour later.
- Very well organized, excellent content, great facilities.
- Best location, facility, the hotel should improve technology but the coordination, sessions, quality of presenters and especially the location were exceptional, well done WA-ACTE.
- Thank you so much. Outstanding conference his year. Bravo. This is my 9th year of attending this conference and it is by far the best.
- Provide a local list of restaurants, coffee shops. Provide airport transportation.
- Facility was awesome. Technical difficulties...you knew that already. Food was NOT good. Please stack OSPI sessions so we can attend all. Thank you for all your work setting up this conference and the new venue.
- It is great having all sessions in one location. Continued support to have in Spokane.
- Some of the meeting rooms were too small for the number of participants in many FACSE general sessions.
- Coffee pots in the hotel rooms.
- It would be good to have breakout sessions with individual CTSO's rather than a large panel discussion.
- Have presenters be more on point, get to meat of information sooner and have more participation from attendees.
- More STEM sessions for FACSE.
- Excellent conference facilities.
- The CPR Audit and ASB sessions were canceled which were the two sessions I planned to attend. The location is excellent.
- Great conference. Thank you to everyone who worked to put it on. It was loaded with fabulous take-aways. I am generally happy if I just get one take-away. After this conference my tool box is full. Thank you.
- Nice location.
- Work on tech. Please send us off on our last session with a motivational speaker that will send us off all excited to go to our schools and teach.
- Cheaper location.
- More repetition of some classes so attendees do not have to choose one class over another. Sign in sheets for classes so you know which ones were really popular especially when taking into account the topic, class size, and room size.
- Interesting conference. Wish there were more for FACSE.
- Loved the AG offerings.
- Good job.
- Nice venue. Serve same meals to all participants.
- More HSCTE classes. Offer classes more than one time, classes that are over full. Description of class did not really match what class was.
- First day sessions should be more relevant and effective in a broad sense. Overall, I was disappointed by the conference which underwhelmed me with information. As a new teacher, I should be leaving feeling inspired. I am not. The food for this venue, very expensive, yet not appealing. I did enjoy that down town offered food and activities within walking distance. I do not agree with the cost to park and the lack of refrigerator and coffee maker in room.
- Could use more toward engineering, wood shop. Don't get me wrong, just had a little trouble finding classes I could use more. All in all, great.
- Love Spokane. Don't really like Yakima. We should switch off between Seattle and Spokane. Thanks.
- Really enjoyed the sessions this year. Great variety.
- I think we should change language from "researched based" to "best practice" "evidence based". It is what we hear in industry. Hotel is beautiful. I do miss coffee in room and will not purchase meals next year. I never thought I would ever buy a \$19 taco or spend \$16 for cold potatoes and egg beaters. Conference is too long.
- FACSE awards lunch needs to be served, not buffet. Too much wasted time waiting in line.
- Boot Camp was a very big hit. Add to Fall Conference at Great Wolf. Eggs are bad, encourage the brand to use Wilcox eggs from Costco, liquid variety.
- It was an excellent conference. It would be nice if we were fed more.
- Good presenters and topics. One suggestion is to have them practice a little more. A few sessions I was in, the speakers kept back tracking. Practice with technology.

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- Wonderful facility to host conference. Always good to network with peers across the state. Enjoyed keynote speaker despite technical problems.
- Let us know Sunday sessions earlier than end of June.
- Good conference.
- Box lunches terrible, leftovers, sandwiches strange, salads for allergens, limited. Delegate assembly next to a bar. It was loud outside and hard to hear speakers. People kept coming and going. Great speakers.
- Great locations.
- First day was awful.
- Food was horrible. Price of horrible food was too high. Very warm and welcoming staff, board and conference. Closing, way too many people outside waiting for clock hours, too loud for those of us inside.
- Loved the Davenport. Would like more info on carry over \$?
- The opening session was painful. When we pay this much for a conference, first impressions of organization and preparation are vital. As one educator said to me "if we taught kids like this, we would be fired". Just saying.
- More time and encouragement for professionals to share what and how they currently do in the classroom.
- Do not have it here again. Need a fridge in room.
- Opening session was poor and a bad reflection on the quality of a CTE based organization and associated programs.
- Common Core Monday in MR#2, Jeff talked very fast and his ppt. was small font, mid to back room could not read. He was in a hurry when answered questions and my question never got answered. He focused on California standards not WA Common Core. Score #1 hard to follow.
- Loved the boot camp, very helpful, hope to see it in the future for other people newer to the CTE world.
- A more relevant opening speaker.
- Centrally locate conference for both sides of the state.
- Awesome conference. WASTS updates were on point. Skyward auto grading session was excellent. JROTC sessions were focused and very informative. Thanks.
- Box lunch, more protein. No silverware, took 15 min. to arrive.
- Loved having conference in Spokane. Facility was excellent. 5 days, including pre-con Saturday, was a long time. Liked having so much included in registration fee.
- Rather frustrating how many technical difficulties at a CTE conference.
- Blurbs about session in program didn't accurately reflect what the session were on. Sessions lead by CTSO leaders were good, kids did a great job presenting. Food was not good. Very crowded in all meeting rooms, especially if food was involved and being served (FACSE).
- Great job.
- The boot camp was very helpful. More practical info such as lesson units would be very helpful. I wish the candidates would not have been so long.
- Would like to see more photo, digital design media sessions. I like hands-on and work-thought. Everyone just talked to me.
- Loved the conference! BBQ??? For the last session those who are allowed to stand outside the ballroom talking and interrupting those who are following the requirement to stay for the complete session to get clock hours...Its embarrassing rude and appalling that is not stopped nor was any effort made to close the doors for us who trying to listen.
- The Davenport was a super choice.
- Please make sure technology is ready to go. This years' conference exceeded my expectations. Especially after attending the 2015 Yakima Conference. Presentations and presenters were much higher quality, for the most part, this year. Looking forward to next year.
- Great facilities, good job WA-ACTE staff.
- More/have inspirational speaker at one of general sessions, the kind that gets you ready for the year and excited to start teaching again in the fall. If not at a general session, perhaps at a breakout or two.
- Great location. Program good job. Idea: Build goal or group goal idea for the evaluation on student growth goals.
- Great facility. Little cool in some rooms. WACTA lunch was great.
- Over all, great conference. Some speakers did not have the technology they requested. I especially benefitted from my section sponsored sessions.
- Beautiful facility and downtown core. Per diem rate does not cover meals. (coffee in room, reheat meals etc. Workshop sessions space over crowded, too much info assumption all know how to access materials on WA-ACTE Web site.
- Sunday session, STEM Certification (by Accelerate learning) speaker failed to show. Scott LeDuc was excellent. Middle school barely addressed. Told at multiple workshops that there was a web site where all workshop resources could be found. Where?

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- Offering same classes at different session times, for those that might have missed one due to class being full or 2 classes at once but could only attend one. I would like to see more HSCTE related.
- Need 6 to 10 workshops for each subgroup. Example, have Labor & Industry do workshops for carpentry, electrical, cabinet making, long shoring etc. I would have brought 3 more teachers.
- Multiple sessions of the same classes at different times. I would have liked to go to more sessions but couldn't because of scheduling conflicts.
- It seems that people come to conference but stay mostly with their own group except for small sessions. Maybe a few "meet your neighbor" activities would help. Get technology working before the conference.
- Great job over all. Nice venue. Better balance of offerings according to content? Make the conference agenda known earlier for potential participants to share with supervisors to secure funding.
- More Health Science.
- It would be nice to have an option for CPR First Aid certification.
- Thanks.
- Technical issues at opening. Great hotel facilities, restaurants, and city. Over all one of, if not the best conference the WA-ACTE has had.
- Loved having everything under one roof. Good variety of speakers. Need FBLA session. Great breakfast for everyone.
- More Health Science opportunities. Speakers this year were great, but I would love more.
- The facilities were fantastic. I was disappointed in the session offerings.
- This facility needs improvement. Yes, it is elegant, no it is not affordable. No coffee, refrigerator in rooms, not clean.
- More Family and Consumer Science sessions.
- Beautiful location and rooms. Room at issues, cable problems, no coffee maker.
- Better descriptions of sessions. Some were not even related to what it sounded like. WHOVA was awesome.
- After all the difficulty with visuals for Valarie Andrews in the opening session, at her breakout session, she was not introduced and had no microphone or ability to connect her computer. No one seem to hosting her at all. Venue nice, but no in room coffee, microwave or refrigerator. Restaurant very expensive.
- Wasted time with tech not working. Early starts, but major empty spots delays during day, canceled presenters with no makeup or explanation.
- I liked having the WHOVA app. Love the venue, city. Keep it here.
- Flash drive with all conference docs for each session. Clearer description for session and specifically who would benefit.
- Please come back to Spokane, yay for next year, so more of us from Spokane can attend. FACS was well organized. Thank you for all your hard work.
- Better boxed lunch, better eggs at breakfast. The Caesar salad and build your own sandwich at FACSE luncheon was great.
- New to Washington State as teacher, but was impressed. Conference was much better than my former state.
- Nice bag.
- Great to be able to take the MOS test. I really liked that the classes were in the same building as we stayed in. Also, really enjoyed the social media class with FIDM.
- Great Conference.
- Excellent work shops. E3 employability / Common Core in CTE / Adding computer science to your classroom / Student Designed projects.
- Jason Wetzler was great. Good to hear the candidates.
- Good conference, great hotel.
- The venue was excellent with all sessions contained. The app worked well, unfortunately it was downloaded to my I pad which did not recharge after the first day.
- Some sessions need more offerings to allow us to attend. Some different sessions cover the same info. Try not to double dip.
- Wonderful hotel.
- I would like more classes that follow what they advertise. Went to a session I was super excited about them. Sat through the class trying not to sleep because it was nothing of what I thought it would be.
- Good job. Thank you.
- I am an incoming 1st-year teacher for NJROTC. The JROTC classes were particularly helpful to me. Also, the ones explaining framework and the basics to classroom management were useful as well. Specifically, Jud Kelley and his expertise was most helpful.

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- Greater accessibility to offsite industry tours and workshops. Not enough of them or spots available for people to attend them this year.
- Would have enjoyed more sessions on FACSE. Felt that the sessions offered were not all that helpful. Would like more curriculum sessions
- The audiovisual issues should have been resolved before presentation time, and then to have them the second morning? Our students would have had zero tolerance for that. I acknowledge some issues because of new location. Honestly, food rather mediocre. If small portions, they should at least use small plates. Rooms excellent. Very good service.
- I think schedule changes could have been communicated better. The pink schedule change sheet doesn't seem to work 100%. Otherwise, another great CTE Conference.
- Good speakers, liked having it all in one place. Had a variety of workshops to go to. Would like to know when workshops are canceled early so could attend another without walking in late.
- Keep it in Spokane, facilities first rate. OSPI opening session & OSPI Tuesday AM session seemed repetitive.
- Have a tour of industry every day. I don't want to get talked at all day.
- Last day of conference, google workshop, the FIDM needed more time to share the information, otherwise excellent location venue.
- Thanks for the opportunity to grow.
- Boot Camp great idea and so helpful.
- Just because there is an app doesn't mean you should have carte blanche to change things (session cancellation, etc.) Loved the hotel. Loved having everything under 1 roof.
- Thanks
- Great location.
- Lunch on Monday was horrible. Having a different company provide box lunches would be ideal. I would even be willing to pay extra to have a good lunch. The OSPI presentations with Lance went considerably fast, too fast. Some presenters overall need presentation skills.
- More hand-outs.
- Awesome. My brain is full.
- Loved the location.
- Sure I don't need to say it, but technical difficulties. Should have been avoided in this venue. Great place.
- It was great that all venues were under the same roof.
- Very good. Would like more focus, less choices.
- Scott LeDuc from Olympia excellent presentation, next year please.
- Loved the boot camp.
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- Shuttle or carpools for offsite. Hotel pillows were awful.
- Enjoyed starring conference on Sunday. The tours were an excellent way to "show" industry. Great keynote speakers. Please move exhibitors out of ballrooms, too hard to hear speakers. Bummer on the tech difficulty on Monday morning. Very disappointing.
- Not a restful location, don't come to the "Disco" hotel again. Good presentation/relevant to current trends and concerns.
- I really enjoyed the location and facilities.
- Thank you for the opportunity to share other program works, including how-to document requirements by CTE to certify their courses as well as find money to fund our programs. Special thanks to Denny and Rebecca Wallace.
- Great. See you next year.
- More business education sessions. Very limited on classes to go to.
- Good.
- Thank you for hosting this conference at the Davenport Grand. The facility was beautiful.
- Opening was not good. Need to separate vendors and figure out the tech part.
- Well done.
- Love the hotel.
- Pros and cons of teaching a CTE class paperless. My own fault for not clearly reading description. I thought it would be strategies rather than master's dissertation statistics.
- Love the Davenport and Spokane. Sessions were good, thank you to Lew and team for the new teacher boot camp. Tuesday afternoon session lacked relevance for me, but others felt theirs were good.
- More food. Napkins?
- I would like to see more sessions where I can leave with 1 or 2 resources and or lesson ideas vs a print out of links.

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- I suggest more “break-out” sessions for teachers in their specific teacher assignment (CTE, WASTS, WITEA, etc.)
- Great. Thanks.
- Not so many long gaps between sessions. Had breakfast at 7:00 then had to sit around until 11 before having a session to go to. App was great but get rid of the notifications and e-mails.
- Some of the OSPI presentations were the same, Also, some of the OSPI speakers could not communicate well.
- Great conference, as always.
- Really enjoyed the Sunday Pre-Conference session. On Sunday, Mental Health for young people. As a Christian, I would like to keep the Sabbath as anon-conference day. Just a thought.
- Great location, great thing. Sad I'm leaving early.
- Great facility.
- Well put together. It would be awesome if every presentation had TPEP elements it addresses posted ahead of time.
- Good conference, thank you.
- Good job.
- Differences in Spokane vs Yakima; parking is not free in Spokane. The hotels newer in Spokane, but I miss coffee in the room. Yakima has free continental breakfast. Spokane bed is too soft for my taste. Sessions with Joe Dockery (Adobe) Brain Buffet) and Ira Gardner (SFCC) were awesome. Although the sessions were far away for those on foot.
- Would like to see more hands-on work sessions.
- Excellent conference. I got a lot of material I can use. No changes I can think of.
- More culinary, nutrition workshops. More FACSE workshops outside of section breakfasts. I wrote n/a as I don't know about school and district improvement efforts.
- Always a great conference to network. Last day sessions would be productive as OSPI updates. Heavy content for 2nd day. Would like to see broad topics more repeated throughout conference, hard to be three places at once.
- Good information.
- Would like more description on some breakouts. Rooms need to be larger. Accommodations, great but need fridge in rooms. I loving getting to hear from candidates Jones and Reykdal.
- Excellent conference.
- Lunch on Monday was terrible, a waste of money. It would be nice to have more of a selection. It would be nice to offer popular sessions more than once so there are no conflicts. I know it is hard to tell what will be popular.
- The hotel was great. Would like more classes for STEM area. Missed having the great keynote speakers. It felt like a political convention.
- Closer to West Side.
- Great conference. There was not enough food in our sections.
- It would have been nice after the opening session during the coffee network time, if there were snacks. This is the 1st year there wasn't anything.
- There is not information for my program area within my section. Section needs to be more welcoming to new teachers.
- Food protection/safety.
- Manufacturing was under represented.
- Lovely setting, Loved Spokane and the Davenport.
- BBQ was pretty bad. No signs in park to find BBQ. Tables were dirty and ran out of food.
- Davenport was not very accommodating. Poor info for clients.
- BBQ food needed improvement. food served w/o gloves, no signs to get there, cookies were not good.
- Davenport was awesome, Spokane area is great.
- Excellent CTE Boot Camp.
- More strategy and hands-on practice to take back to classroom.
- Better venue with more reasonable meals and better food in general. Overpriced and poor quality. Thanks.
- Would like an FACSE break-out at the community college or local high school with a culinary training that is very specific and hands-on.
- Great conference.
- This was my first conference so not knowing what to expect, I thought it was run well. However, some of the speakers changed topics and I missed out on what I wanted to go to.
- More active lesson ideas I can take home. LED Flashlight and CASE lab were great. It was great to meet the candidates.
- Figure out the tech issues. You lost people. Have a back-up plan. Speakers should be closely related to CTE, opening speaker was not. Breakfast speaker was great.
- Deborah Reeder would be a great contact for helping secure workshop/guest speakers. She works for West Valley. If you got her on board I would be willing to assist. (Codi Titus, LaCrosse, WA)

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- Love the venue. More best practice roundtables.
- Facilities great. Loved the soft pillows, wanted one for home. Presenters were great even with technical difficulties. Go USA.
- Excellent conference and well planned.
- Can we consider moving the WA-ACTE Summer Conference to the Seattle side of the mountains? Would it be more equitable to all attendees to alternate the locations between Tacoma/Seattle and Yakima/Spokane?
- Great conference. Only comment is maybe offer an “**Experienced Teacher**” **Boot Camp**.
- The Davenport was great. Loved coffee and tea available at all times.
- Bringing in the candidates was a great addition. Need framework networking.
- Have more sessions for FACSE.
- Loved the Grand and all being under one roof.
- It is too bad that the technology didn’t work in most of the breakouts or was delayed on Monday. Food was fair. Overall conference was well done.
- Great topics at sessions but, sessions continually got out early so too much down time. FFA speaker at Awards Breakfast was fantastic and should have been opening speaker. BBQ was great. Facility nice but wish it was family friendly (no pool, fridge, etc.) since it is summer. Need program before registration. Other teachers would have come if we had known what session would be here. Also, wouldn’t have come Saturday if I would have known that most of Sunday sessions started at noon or 1pm. Technology issues happened constantly, unacceptable.
- Please market Sunday sessions better. I would have loved to attend, but didn’t know. I would also like to see the program before I register. I want to know what I am paying for. I loved staying at the Grand. Thank you.
- The downtime after the WA-ACTE morning awards breakfast was frustrating. I didn’t know when the speaker was actually going to speak and was required to drive here early w/all the downtime (excluding tech issues).
- Tech is very important and needs to work flawlessly.
- Need better sessions.
- Great conference. Thank you, organizers.
- The Boot Camp was excellent. As a new FACSE teacher, I greatly appreciate an environment to get basic info on CTE and to ask questions. Please build on the Boot Camp.
- All speakers should be prepared with the correct and working equipment. Some speakers did not show? Schedule was difficult to use. Over lapping times made for difficult planning. Speakers from other states did not reflect Washington needs.
- Thank you.
- Presenters were awesome. The technical difficulties were a bit inconvenient, but overall, every class I attended was valuable. I always enjoy the sharing of information and collaboration.
- Great conference.
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- Mental Health First Aid was FANTASTIC. We need more.
- Ken Emmil (School Cultural) was not about what was listed.
- Not as many workshops I was interested in.
- Leslie Deakins was great.
- Maybe have your guest speakers that you have scheduled for the end of the conference (closing session) speak at the opening sessions - The closing sessions should be a motivational “Let’s get excited about school starting”. Just saying. You had more people in the hallways than inside listening to closing speakers. It was disrespectful to the speakers. At least ask them to quiet down or shut the doors.
- It would be great to run some classes to cert STEM teachers in CTE. A lot of us see the value in moving from core certs, but the 4-year time to get the CTE cert is prohibitive.
- Lunch Tuesday, sandwiches only had on piece of meat and lots of bread.
- I attended 2 sessions that the speaker was not on the topic advertised and I didn’t get a lot out of those sessions. That was disappointing. Maybe add a survey for each speaker.
- Better sessions that teach strategies and tools and resources.
- New CTE Directors workshop should be all day and go more in depth.
- Too many years teaching, need basic classroom stuff. Thank you. Great Conference.
- Please have a way to pay for meals (especially for the meeting meals) separate from the conference registration. For those of us whose districts will not pay up from the money for the meals. The ASB Financial talk could have used a second session for those of us that were already enrolled in day long course when it was moved.
- Great venue. See you next year.

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- I am a brand-new ground-floor teacher. Boot Camp was awesome, but I felt many sessions were rushed and could have stood to go more in depth. Tuesday's sessions were good and necessary but being new the content was like a foreign language to me and way over my head. I would have liked the boot camp have longer sessions that are more in-depth and run a third day.
- The Adobe training was excellent. I appreciated the direct approach and hands-on learning for professional development. I would like to see hands-on for STEM in the future. Thank you.
- While I am understanding about technology issues, almost every session I went to had issues connecting/projecting etc. It would be nice if those bugs could get worked out, we are CTE.
- Would like to have seen greater variety in content specific info.
- Seems like the technology didn't work in sessions more than it worked, frustrating in a CTE and new building. Wonderful location and venue.
- Overhead projectors far enough from screens to give a full size image for participants to be able to see and read the power points.
- Loved the hotel. Let's come back next year. Glad to see Adobe training opportunities here. Excellent photo class at SFCC. Excellent conference, suggestion, break-out sessions earlier in the conference.
- I really enjoyed this conference and gained a lot of valuable information. Thank you.
- Appreciated the workshops, the venue was beautiful, but really missed my morning coffee.
- So many sessions from the sections were booked by OSPI after the sections already booked them. There needs to be more hands-on thing. Stop telling me what's great show me why it's great and how to improved student learning.
- Excellent location. Very good opportunities to network. Great speakers and information provided.
- For the sessions there should be a short understandable write up so the attendees have an idea of what it is going to be about.
- Thank you. Another great conference.
- Seemed to be an increase in technology issues this year.
- There was more "down time" during the conference that wasn't scheduled in. Seemed that there were many technical difficulties with presenters. The content was good during presentation with lots of info. Would just like to have more excited presenters and less technical difficulties that could have been avoided.
- Thanks.
- Beautiful hotel and very kind/helpful staff. Loved that we were able to stay the night and attend all sessions in one location. Monday's box lunch was very disappointing...needed more protein.
- Survey for each session/speakers - some were not very effective and some were great and I would love to see back, there is no place to share this info. Have some time built in between sessions, too close, I was often late. Have a scheduled time for like content teachers to meet and just discuss content and share ideas/curriculum would be helpful for new teachers/members.
- Great conference. Only suggestion, more options for section choices on Tuesday instead of only two each time block. Thanks for all your hard work.
- Meals need to be the same across sections. Shorten conference with adding Sunday was great. Plan II Boot Camp. Great job.
- Having more workshops on Mental Health resources as well as workshops for educators outside of the classroom such as work force development social statistics.
- The exhibit area needs to be closed off during the opening sessions, there was too much noise.
- More section workshops.
- Great conference. I had the opportunity to learn from other sections.
- Thank you. Looking forward to Fall.
- Overall, I saw some helpful presentations and did a lot of good networking.
- Box lunch was horrible. Facility, fridge/microwaves in rooms.
- As a brand-new teacher, I would like an easier way to connect with teachers who are teaching similar type classes as me. (maybe on a name tag or assigned seating in specific workshops). CTSO panels broken up by the different CTSO's, 8 different ones at one time made it difficult and I feel they have so much to share and it could be more specific if broken up more. The digital and social media workshop was great but needed more time. The WHOVA app made it so easy to track where to go and when.
- Love the location and hotel choice
- Need more CTE Arts sessions. Jewelry, Applied Arts, Visual Com, etc.
- Be more clear in class descriptions.
- Coffee pots in the rooms.
- I loved the classes Common Core on CTE Student designed projects. Enhanced learning with digital tools.

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- Food negative
- Quality of food was poor; bread was dry with lunches.
- Sessions not included in program.
- Awards-should have an awards program that shows all candidates as well as the winners.
- Hotel facilities were great.
- Opening session better preplanning to ensure equipment works
- I would have liked to see more hands-on activities
- Grand hotel is a beautiful venue. Food was very good. Meeting Rooms were great...Plenty of room.
- Outstanding Conference. Thank you, WA-ACTE staff !!!
- Encourage presenters in areas you know they excel. There were some not so good presenters...Sunday presenters didn't show up. SkillsUSA sessions were amazing
- Know how to hashtag-you can't put dashes or punctuation in them. Too many app notifications. Rooms were cold.
- We did very well
- Thanks
- Let's hold it on the other side of the mountain for a change please.
- I like Spokane. We need water.
- More Water.
- Loved the ASL meetings. So, specific and relevant!
- State officials should not preach to the choir. The hotel is not the best for the rooms but okay for the conference. No fridge, no microwaves, no coffee pots!!!
- Coffee, micro, and fridge in rooms please.
- No need for improvement of facilities: it was excellent. Although a pool would be nice. Barbecue social needs improvement. What happened to the winery settings?
- The venue was nice except for parking. Paid parking doesn't work for a conference this size. There were many downtimes or times that no relevant meetings occurred
- Our jewelry metals teacher meeting was so great! We all shared projects, rubrics and different ways to teach the same goals. It was also wonderful to meet at Lewis and Clark high school Jewelry lab. This was the most beneficial conference I've had.
- Description of session was not always accurate. The opening speakers on Monday were not very captive. Very much enjoyed the candidates closing speaker.
- Not all session descriptions described what the session was actually about. More sessions are needed for each program/classes to share ideas, ask questions and share strategies. At the end of the speakers on the last day tables should be dismissed by numbers at the tables for those that have listened to the speakers.
- Overall great conference. and facilities
- Conference was very nice. Networking was great. Thank you I met old and new friends
- The lunch on Monday was bad.
- During the general sessions the vendors should have been closed. The noise was a little distracting and felt a bit disrespectful to the speakers. Appreciate the wide variety of offerings for breakout sessions.
- Good conference.
- Really liked hearing the candidates to make a more informed choice. All sessions I attended were classroom relevant. Perfect for future school years to come. Liked the FFA speaker Jason Wetzler. Very well run conference. Didn't care for Valerie Andrews. Very dry speaker.
- Tech issues plagued the conference. There was not one session that discussed objective #6 specifically...creating Objective 1A didn't find one session out of 4 days that specifically addressed components of 21st century skills for CTE programs 3. I would recommend addressing the objectives during the opening sessions then list the sessions that are applicable to the objectives. Didn't see one session where the focus was on framework and curriculum I went to SREB conference in Louisville Kentucky outstanding conference. Perhaps collaborate with them on improving areas and successes.
- I appreciated the open sessions to be able to collaborate with others from different CTE areas
- Facilities were beautiful but difficult without fridges, microwaves and coffee makers. Brought cooler but could not get the bar to heat up sometimes for feeding my kids.
- Liked that the candidates were here to talk to us the last day. The first day my class was canceled because they didn't show up for class.
- Great conference. Thank you!
- As a CTE delegate my biggest focus is gaining a better understanding of OSPI's work for the next year, as a result I don't get to visit many other topics.
- Beautiful. Keep up the good work.

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- Loved the Skyward info. Keep requiring the presenters to download their info on the WHOVA site it is very helpful.
- Would like to have seen the map for Monday. Also have one for Sunday and Tuesday and Wednesday. Except put BBQ, lunch on map. Many sessions need to be longer than 1 hour. Need microwaves, and coffee makers in rooms. Need books and resources.
- Overall great networking with new professionals
- Loved the Adobe CC training it made the whole conference well worth it for me. I got so much out of it. Thank you
- Great facility.
- Enjoyed conference but not the Grand Hotel. Found services lacking. Not as good as previous Spokane venues.
- Section meals were not as good as they have been.
- Too many great options on Monday tough to choose. How do I know if all or some of these sessions qualify for STEM?
- Have OSPI update session early and then the individual OSPI sessions after that offer OSPI sessions at least twice and not at the same time as other OSPI sessions.
- Tech issues were distracting and annoying. Once again overwhelm]ng feedback from my staff was this is a substandard conference. With not so relevant content. Please beef up this conference instead of conferences during the year when it's hard for teachers to leave classrooms.
- Start later than 7 am and take shorter breaks. Adults will take breaks as needed. Great speakers.
- Good range of sessions. Keep large sessions separate from the vendor booths.
- Advanced organization needed. Venue was nice but cold.
- Having hotel and meetings rooms in one place great for participants...more repeats would be nice.
- Excellent overall.
- Good job thanks.
- Love the location.
- Really liked hearing the candidates to make a more informed choice. All sessions I attended were classroom relevant. Perfect for future school years to come. Liked the FFA speaker Jason Wetzler. Very well run conference. Didn't care for Valerie Andrews. Very dry speaker.
- Paper cups for coffee to be carried to breakout rooms. Opening session Monday was a fiasco. Appreciated the speakers regarding elections- very informative. Monday morning seemed like a lot of down time. If conference will start on Sunday it would be nice to have a better description of sessions earlier for planning. Why can't more sessions be repeated?
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- I enjoyed having student leaders in the CTSO.
- Another great WACTE summer conference
- Nice change of venue and lots of good learning. Makes contents from lessons available to all on the web.
- Tech issues were frustrating. Trouble with opening session and Valerie Andrews workshop had no mic or AV equipment. Jason Wetzler enjoyable and refreshing. Do away with evening group meals. Leave it open to on your own. BBQ was a disaster...Don't blame the rain! Parks Dept. should have cleaned/washed tables!
- Venue was excellent loved having everything in one spot. Good variety or speaker sessions. I enjoyed hearing the governor and superintendent candidates speak.
- Loved having everything in one place
- Transportation to classes away from the site of the conference.
- Great venue and facilities. Very pleasant.
- The lack of coffee in rooms and refrigerators and a pool. Not worth all the bling...
- I would have liked to see more teachers at the conference.
- It would be nice to have more middle school based sessions during general sessions...Tech trainings in things like Google apps...STEM training was great!!
- In the Monday morning opening and general sessions, the speakers, (other than Valerie Andrews), were terrible, especially those from OSPI – they seemed unprepared and made few important points in a very inefficient manner. They were an incredible waste of our time. In the future...Please demand more or remove or shorten this part of the schedule. The opening and closing s sessions need to be shorter, the value of this conference is in the sessions.
- Spokane venue was outstanding...Great facilities, please continue at this location!
- Not a good mix of classes for Business communications.
- My district sent me to learn more about CTSO's. There needs to be more individual breakouts for specific CTSO's. The only one to deal directly with HOSA cost extra (\$19 lunch – nachos!?) and my district refused to pay.
- The hotel was lovely, but the lack of coffee pots in the rooms was challenging.

2016 SUMMER CONFERENCE EVALUATIONS

- The OSPI speakers were terrible and didn't add anything to the conference. Sheesh. Did they even think about what they'd say ahead of time? Embarrassing! What a waste of an hour!
- Valarie Andrews was great.
- The Mental Health First Aid was well done.
- Coffee and water should have been made available during Sunday sessions.
- Registration forms were difficult for a first-timer to fill out. I didn't know that HOSA was only available at lunch and breakfast that cost an additional \$35. Sections shouldn't have to pay more to network.
- I don't feel like I'm leaving with more connections to people/resources...More time with sections for socializing would have been useful. I'm new and had a hard time breaking through the cliques. I didn't feel super welcome at the HSCTE meeting when the people were vilifying science teachers who are CTE endorsed. I'm on YOUR TEAM! We're all doing what's best for kids.
- Fabulous conference! I was sad to see the poor health of so many of my colleagues. It seems that many of them are overweight and in bad physical health. I think one of the best things this association can offer to its members is to help motivate teachers to take better care of themselves. I would like to suggest: walking meetings; sessions on "taking care of you as a teacher...so you can take better care of students"; A.M. yoga boot camp sessions for all levels; sessions on nutrition and how to eat better with a busy school schedule. There are lots of ways to model "healthy lifestyles" at this conference. Leadership should offer a culture of "people are important" so "take care of yourself!"
- The food throughout the conference was terrible! Especially, for the HSCTE pathway. The cost of the meals goes over our district's allotted amount and was outrageous for my one egg I ended up with at breakfast. The registration for the conference was rough, my meals were screwed up with what section I registered for. The Grand Hotel did not offer reasonable amenities. We didn't even have a coffee maker in our room. That is something most hotels offer. I also think it is crazy to have to pay for parking to stay at the hotel! The conference did not offer enough variety...The Mental Health could have been done in 3 hours, not 8 am – 4 pm.
- The sessions on the App and in the book should all have the sections they are affiliated with...especially for newbies to CTE.
- People shouldn't have to pay extra for the section meals. It should be part of our registration.
- Every section should offer a "New Advisor Training or Book Camp"
- This is a real frustration – Session Descriptions are not matching presentation content ☹...Please!!!
- Location excellent – Loved my room!
- Most valuable sessions: Student Designed Projects; Science in CTE; Financial Reality Fair; Skyward
- Need more sessions for Health.
- Continue to offer varied sessions and continue to bring in speakers from state government that can address the value of CTE.
- Some of the sessions were at the same time and I could not attend – maybe do an interest poll prior to determine need.
- MORE BOOT CAMP!!!! Also more physical movement/interaction during sessions.
- Conference very well organized! Thank you!
- Technology was not operational – Lunch WSBEA was not worth the money (Chili's is cheaper); OSPI Speakers very poor quality, not prepared for Monday opening session...Too many OSPI updates ***Lance should be paid more! Too many OSPI awards to each other...Wednesday morning was good – having candidates was very good. Adam "Computer Science" workshop was great! Thank you for all your work!
- Need a more dynamic opening session speaker. Food was below average @ Hotel...otherwise great place!
- Need repeats of WSBEA & WAME focused sessions was very limited options on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Conference needs more energy and more inclusion of every districts.
- WSBEA/WAME need to provide more than technology workshops – What about common core & other teaching areas
- This conference really needs to end on Tuesday afternoon. It is too long and getting more difficult to be here with so many district requirements. If we are adding Sunday, then we don't need Wednesday!
- Do Not want someone's Masters Oral presentation power point...Really!?!?
- Ag tour was the best!
- Facilities were Top Notch!
- OSPI sessions need handouts! At the very least power points need to be posted BEFORE sessions begin and easy to access!
- I wish there was more diversity in the speakers. The topics doesn't reflect the issues that I have to address in my classroom...would like to see how to handle more individualize 21st skills how do teachers do that in the classroom?