



**WA-ACTE SUMMER CONFERENCE, AUGUST 9-12, 2015 – YAKIMA  
INSERVICE EVALUATION SUMMARY**

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

1. The extent to which the written objectives have been met.	4.13
2. Participant perception of relevance and quality of the conference.	4.13
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.	3.84
b. Professional certificate standards.	3.76
c. School and district improvement efforts.	3.64
d. K-12 frameworks and curriculum alignment.	3.74
e. Research-based instructional strategies and assessment practices.	3.86
f. Content of current or anticipated assignment.	3.93
g. Advocacy for students and leadership, supervision, mentoring/coaching.	4.07
h. Building a collaborative learning community.	4.20

**General Comments or suggestions for improving the conference:**

- I would like to see the “how” answered - telling us what we need to do is fine, but also tell us how we can document it especially with T-PEP requirements. Section lunches were disappointing - expensive for what we got - not enough food. Closing was way too long. People are done. It needs to be short and sweet - have another session and a much shorter closing.
- Would love a WA-ACTE Summer Conference on the Westside of the state! Thank you!
- YVCC Grandview was a great session - learned a lot and will be contacting to speak to my students - very knowledgeable.
- Thank you for giving us the opportunity to share ideas for instructors for today’s youth.
- It was great!
- Great - really enjoyed the speakers.
- Thank you!
- Great time to collect info and get motivated for new year.
- Great job!
- Great opening session. Classes were great. Enjoyed WAVA sessions especially.
- Same classes as last year. I’d like more ideas and less of “I did this, I did that” without depth.
- The food was poor and the rooms were too cold - much too cold.
- Social media addition on email - great. Food - reasonable. Need jelly for the biscuits. Sandwiches for lunch not so good. Wraps - very good. Opening Speaker - great. Closing speaker - great.
- Thank you for all the coordinators do. I really get a lot out of this convention/conference.
- Health for our members would improve by offering a group walk. We sit way too much and it would behoove us to improve our health practices.
- There needs to be more breakout sessions geared towards everyone instead of one specific slot for each timeframe.
- In future more diverse workshop opportunities would be appreciated. Many workshops were narrow in their focus and didn’t apply to my current assignment.
- Guidance and networking for small schools with other small schools.
- There were a couple of descriptions that I wish would have said it was a curriculum/product. If there could be more that repeated the next day - skyward, google, etc.

- I would like to see more sessions that help create a lesson we could return to school and use.
- Glad next year is in Spokane - facilities not great!
- WA-CCER breakfast was a disappointment. Super Monday! Lunch box was terrible. Excited to leave Yakima. OSPI presentations awesome. More opportunity to learn, Jeff C's presentation one of the best closings!
- More lesson plan sharing, roundtable sessions per curriculum group! Fabulous time to get new ideas for classroom.
- Please have session descriptions match actual sessions. Awkward to walk out in the middle when it's not what you thought. Bring back the whole conference dinner at a winery or other nice venue.
- Can we have an officer page in the program? Can we add a summary page for each day. I really liked the Monday grid! Thank you all!
- There are long days - help us recognize what our kids go through! I appreciated your learning goals, take-aways, but sections in your session breakouts some didn't match well.
- Thank you for organizing such a great conference! I can't wait to implement several ideas I got from these past three days!
- Need more business education sessions offered on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- So glad I came!
- Thanks for a great conference!
- FACSE roundtables was great!
- Titles for sessions need to match the content being taught. Learned a great deal!
- Hands-on activities.
- The Summer Conference always comes at a great time - just in time to rejuvenate teachers just before the new year starts.
- It was very informative, especially Scott LeDuc.
- The Tuesday with other photographers was very useful. Shared good info. Saw a good presentation with tour of magazine by local professional. The rest was pretty useless.
- Great!
- It workshops could be repeated, that would be helpful. Also, publishing the WA-ACTE community site in the program to be able to find the presentations (instead of assuming everyone knows how to access it) would be really helpful. All the work and planning you put into the conference is appreciated. Thank you.
- Had a great time meeting new colleagues and for a first year teacher it was very important for me to gain new ideas and relationships. Every session I attended was very beneficial.
- You saved the best for last! Jeff C was awesome! Please stop preaching to the choir! I totally understand and believe in the power of CTE - hearing the importance of it is a waste of my time! I need the nuts and bolts of what I need to do my job better!
- Second time in four years no improvement, not impressed.
- Great balance of CTE at the macro, OSPI, legislative level and the classroom level with very useful resources.
- Great job! My first time here. Thank you.
- Some sessions really needed a laptop other than just handheld devices - be more specific. Also Google classrooms require a district account. Be sure to mention that. Otherwise everything was really helpful! Thanks!
- Very informational. Networking needs to keep accelerating with more social time between sessions.
- Very informative for first time participant!
- Few instructors were not very prepared.
- Great Conference! :-)
- Food for WAME lunch was not worth \$14. In the past very good, but no vegetables, ran out of fruit, no dessert. Just a sub sandwich with a lot of bread and little meat. In addition, the box lunch salad was very minimal. Very little chicken and little else.
- There were too many classes on the same thing; e.g., IT Academy and resume writing.
- Closing - awesome speaker. SDC media - best breakout. Top parts of conference: social media, closing speaker, time outside of conference with peers, Autodesk/adobe, data collect.
- Please no more 7 a.m. breakfast. Keep the off-site training.
- All the hard work very appreciated.
- Water bottles. Seminar posters/labels outside rooms.
- Training in ACES for CTE educators. Enjoyed sessions where teaching resources and skills were presented.
- Tech Prep Updates - didn't hear about the rumors of registration and SERS from the state? Is it true or not? Talked about Tech Prep, but no updates that is going on.
- Good conference.
- Include more art centered sessions!

- Some of the “popular” sessions had no room to sit. Some presenters didn’t leave enough handouts. Mainly sessions on the last day that presenter were told only 30 would attend. It would be best to have more handouts ready.
- Loved the closing session speaker - thank you!
- Need more workshops for business and marketing. I want an actual Microsoft and adobe suite training - maybe a whole pre-con day then test.
- Best ever.
- There are not enough sessions that directly relate to “shop classes”! This has to change. Auto, workshop, electronics/robotics, engineering, etc. My colleague and I struggled to find sessions that apply to the classes we teach.
- Wasn’t as good as in the past. Nothing really new.
- Overall great conference. Really appreciated the sessions with examples I could physically take back (i.e., handouts for first day of school activities).
- The Sunday FBLA session was not as put together as it could have been. The morning section did nothing for me in terms of useful information. The afternoon was great.
- Loved the app! Continue with it. Loved choices of fruit (fresh) at meals.
- Loved the app! Could move Delegate Assembly earlier so can get to dinner.
- Have the WA-ACTE breakfast later - 8:00 more people might show.
- Overall great presenters/conference. I’m looking forward to Spokane!
- Mark’s opening speech really set the tone. Great presentation!
- WSBEA meeting speaker, Wednesday, needed a mic...we could not hear.
- The frameworks session was the only one I attended that wasn’t beneficial. As a new teacher, working on a framework, I was disappointed.
- Great.
- Thanks for an informative conference.
- We need those speakers who spoke to us about the importance of our work to have a heart-to-heart with our legislators and other policy makers who control our programs.
- Enough about Precision Exams. Everything is going to technology and it seems there isn’t much about other subjects; i.e., economics, accounting, entrepreneurial spirit, etc. The BBQ needs to be sponsored by the head organization - WA-ACTE. Turnout was disappointing.
- I think a framework writing session for those of us in a framework re-evaluation year would be a good idea. Something that told teachers to come to the conference with the current framework and a laptop. The instructor could load the framework and discuss new additions as well as answer questions in order to get teachers started on their framework for the year.
- Too much group association meetings - not enough training to use in classrooms. Thank goodness I came Sunday it was the best training. For new members you don’t know which groups to go to. Maybe put cosmetology you would be in this group? Do by class names.
- Please have something for jewelry metals teachers. I would love to share a best practices with other CTE teachers who are doing the same classes. Thanks for another good and interesting conference.
- Great diversity of offerings.
- Great breakout sessions!
- Good job!
- Thank you for a good conference.
- Thank you for your hard work in planning this conference.
- Some more interactive sessions. Need art sessions and session on how art can be integrated into other areas.
- More options in all areas.
- Matthew with catering did an amazing job. Liked all the FACSE sessions I attended.
- Have opening session piped out for people covering tables to be able to hear. Facility and food is going downhill. Breakfast was good on Tuesday. Box lunch and WSBEA lunch was not good.
- Bring in other speakers that will help new teachers setup. Robotics 101 state frameworks great please work on getting FIRST Robotics as an actual class. Turn heat up in buildings. Too cold to think.
- Longer session, 90 minutes? A lot ran over / felt rushed.
- I enjoy the conference in Yakima. I filled out the online surveys to write more. I felt there were a lot of great sessions it seems like the attendance was down this year?
- I would love to see more about digital media and graphic design. Also speakers keeping to the topic in the description of the session.
- Great job!

- The longer sessions held off site were very helpful and allowed teachers throughout the state be able to collaborate. Keep up the great work!
- Crash course for brand new teachers to Washington or the profession.
- Food provided for lunches was so small and unappetizing for the \$ spent on them. Yakima is not a place to host a conference! It's not safe! The sessions need to be more proactive of what's to come and what's current. We need to stop playing catch up!
- Very little tech training for a tech conference.
- More than just FFA.
- I think this conference could be condensed to two days instead of the three days.
- Contact speakers about presentations being interactive and engaging - don't talk at us, talk with us.
- CASE not represented. PLTW not represented. Both needed and not here.
- Great sessions - looking forward to Spokane.
- Workshops were great but too repetitive. Scott LeDuc, Data Data Everywhere, Working with Special Ed in CTE all excellent and meaningful! Disappointed in lunch and breakfast speakers (kind of glad breakfast didn't show). Won't pay for meals where someone is doing a sales pitch! Overall good conference!
- I enjoyed the conference. Lots of great resources and workshops.
- Thanks.
- As a first time attendee/teacher, I thought the conference was well put together. I really liked the vast amount of info and workshops that were offered. I think my one suggestion is to make sure that there are no site restrictions when trying to present a workshop. I went to the IT Academy training, and almost nothing was accomplished because of district restrictions for internet.
- More FCS courses/sessions.
- More FACS courses (in larger rooms). Great keynote speakers.
- Thank you! Red Lion did lose our reservation.
- As a new member, information for where to go and what would be good for me and my new situation was not available. Maybe could have someone directing this.
- Thank you for all your hard work.
- Hotel problems. Lost reservation.
- I always learn more and new things at this conference. Thank you for inviting the best of the best to add to our resources. Decoding Frameworks and Skyward online were very valuable to me - life changing! Reality fair and Lifeskills will be in my classroom this year! Please have a workshop that allows to work on our actual frameworks so that we can discover the questions we didn't know we have and while we have people who can help us. thank you so much! Amazing closing speaker - thank you Jeff!
- Second day was more relevant and directly useful to me. I like to be able to attend some sessions that I can have immediate takebacks for my classroom. I was really disappointed the ASB session was cancelled. Always appreciate OSPI updates!
- This conference was a great chance to see everyone! This helped me get my mind focusing back in the school year.
- I was disappointed.
- Day 1 not beneficial. Day 2 and 3 better tied to my job and what I need and my students need.
- Excellent presentations from everyone - not enough info on AP at front end of conference.
- Did not have second sessions to attend seminars that overlapped the same time with no alternative times to attend.
- Well done.
- Very good conference again!
- Good sessions.
- Better Wi-Fi.
- The awards breakfast was way too long and one of the presenters read an article to us instead which I did not appreciate at all. Awards breakfast should be awards. No more long-winded speakers. You can look around and see how many people are uninterested when they go too long!
- Stuff starts too early!
- Thank you!
- Thank you.
- Mark Perna was awesome/informative. FACSE section breakouts were excellent!
- Repeat some sessions to help with conflicts. Ex. Next Generation Science Standards - offer on different days/sessions.
- My first time here. Great job! Thank you.
- Need keynote speakers to be motivational/inspirational. Really sets the tone for the conference and the school year for teachers to start their year out right and be excited about it.

- I felt the WSBEA offerings were either very good or very bad. Very good = social media, Daniel Sweeney (CCI), google docs, CTE update. Very bad = stock market, certification (Adobe, QuickBooks). Closing session was excellent.
- Come back to Yakima.
- Great conference. Need better food.
- Keep this conference in Yakima or Wenatchee. Keep it central to everyone!
- Thank you. I had fun and was able to get good information to use in my program.
- I loved the safety roundtable at YV Tech.
- Organization was great. Congrats! Awesome information.
- Need better workshops. Many repeat themselves from prior years.
- Great conference! Thank you!
- Great conference! Excited for Spokane!
- Relevant and up-to-date sessions - good preparation for the coming school year - excited to implement some new ideas!
- I enjoyed networking with others. Worthwhile sessions - gained lots of information and new ideas.
- I would like more sessions on middle school STEM courses.
- Perhaps a precision exam workshop, breakfast meeting, etc., where teachers go over the objectives/standards and perf standards and give feedback to OSPI and Adam and company.
- Excellent round tabling! But, we WASTS had a huge group...not all will speak. Topic need: How do we access them?
- Would love to see sessions related to CTE and 7th-8th grade beyond PLTW.
- Really appreciate collaborative opportunities within improving excellence in my field!
- Need to align Precision Exam standards more closely with frameworks. Maybe need a group of teachers, CTE directors, and OSPI pathway supervisors look at this and provide feedback to Precision.
- Been fun in Yakima, but glad we are moving. Good closing. Opening a little dry!
- Needed a "presentation" steps to certification - Q&A did not answer my needs as I am new to this.
- Thank you!
- Looking forward to conference moving to Spokane and encourage the board move back to a rotational conference to maximize travel abilities.
- Good networking opportunities. Opening session needs to be better scripted. Tough to tell if conference was actually opened. Program - list WA-ACTE and section leadership. Add some social events to the program; i.e., wine tasting, etc.
- Convention center rooms were generally too cold. Otherwise, this was a worthwhile conference.
- Enjoyed the conference. Continue with more sessions on teaching social media. Great closing speaker.
- Always appreciate this time with my colleagues and help from Mary Nagel.
- Food was horrible.
- Multiple presenters were very disorganized and lacked sufficient number of handouts for participants. PowerPoints were often too small to read.
- Have more beverages/snacks available in session breakout rooms.
- I know presenters are hard to get, but too many sessions are vendor sales pitches. As a small low income school almost all of them are useless to sit in as we cannot afford it.
- Most FACS sessions were repeats of what we usually have - need some new information sessions. Only came to this conference every couple of years, but most sessions do not change much - disappointing. Wednesday a.m. FACS sessions were awesome though! Need more sessions like health & fitness and google apps!
- Thank you for the conference program booklet. Big and so easy to use this year.
- Newbie orientation - welcome - spoke to a few who were very confused and overwhelmed.
- In career choices I would have loved more curriculum and instructional strategies.
- Lori Sanderson had great workshops for unique ideas in the classroom.
- Facility was average. Food wasn't up to par for the price.
- FCS needs some new material. Most of the sessions I have already attended. The overall climate of the session seemed more negative this year. Always looking forward to next year. Thank you for everything.
- Great information that I can start using this year.
- I think it can be reduced to two days.
- Talking about STEM does not make something a STEM activity.
- Learned so-oo-oo much!
- Great keynote speakers!
- Jeff would be a better preconference speaker to set the expectations.

- WAAE presenters were well informed and presented relevant information. The Tuesday evening BBQ was the very best.
- Great job, lots of opportunities.
- This was a good conference. I enjoyed almost all sessions I attended.
- More professional workshops - a lot of money to attend conference and was hoping for more from workshops. Also include more workshops for IT and business communications. Social media workshop was the best!
- I wish the final session and education all day workshops had been out in June (or May) so I could have encouraged other staff to attend because of specific opportunities specific to their program areas; i.e., automotive, video production, etc., at YV Tech. If we can't capture them before May we have lost their attendance to summer WA- ACTE.
- I think teachers would benefit from more selections in their program areas; classes such as family health, digital design, etc.
- Great!
- Overall a very eye opening conference. Full of great information and networking opportunities.
- Most meetings were excellent, organized, and can take back to class immediately. Enjoyed the variety of subjects to build into my classes.
- Keep it in Yakima!
- Great conference. Maybe include more informational sessions with FACSE.
- Loved the grid with Monday's schedule was great. Monday had too many breaks - it was a long stretched out day!
- Should have recommendations to bring electronic devices that will work with workshop activities.
- Excited for Spokane next year! The WSBEA/WAME luncheon on Tuesday was horrible...\$14 for chips, fruit, and a half sandwich?? Thumbs down!
- Helpful conference! Gonna miss you Betty!
- Would like to see more on natural resources. Great group of people helping each other in their professions.
- Instructions on using the app.
- Thank you.
- I enjoy the networking with fellow professionals. Needed larger breakout rooms for FACSE sessions on Wednesday.
- The app - color code section-specific offerings. Ask clearly for members to find presenters. Make sure (in several emails, etc.) that we are responsible for the sessions.
- Very good conference -- liked the workshops on assessments/exams, career bridge, review strategies. Enjoyed opening and closing speaker messages.
- Google resources was well-covered!
- Great conference. Do all three days with section-specific sessions and across-the-boards sprinkled in. Break up second day with lunch speaker.
- Need to continue to push for CJ conference and provide more speakers. Had one this year in forensics/government/law. Excellent job done by Gretchen Williams.
- Good conference - excited to move locations to Spokane.
- Please on Monday ATB sessions...more than 75 copies will be needed! Section's CTSO not represented!
- Please don't use the Red Lion hotel.
- Thanks!
- As a new teacher I found everything useful. It would be helpful to send a survey of interest so classes can be arranged so we can go to all the classes we went to attend. High interest classes set in three frames and rooms to accommodate all interested.
- Sessions are improving each year. Kudos to Denny Wallace and company!
- Larger rooms for workshops (social media too small). More/better food (or none). Loved seminar topics and love coffee available at all hours.
- Great conference.
- With the ASB and CTSO session wasn't cancelled. More Skyward trainings.
- Thank you for hosting!
- Enjoyed, very educational.
- It was great to be able to pick any sessions I wanted to. Networking was awesome.
- Well organized! Great course offerings!
- WAAE had some great workshops!
- Best session: Science and the Food Supply. The modern American dinner plate was an infomercial - would have liked more application and handouts for classroom.
- The ASL section was amazing. A lot of work got done and our programs will be better for it.

- WSBEA sessions seemed a little weaker than the past, but I am still able to take some information back with me. Thank you.
- Probably will not be back. Resume writing presentation not of value and wrong.
- Nice conference. Breakfast meeting was scheduled from 7-9 and no presentations started for 30-45 minutes. Please be more conscious of the time schedule when possible. Nice keynotes.
- Workshops were too short and stated high standards which were the basic standards at our school. Resume workshop would get all resources rejected at our school.
- It was relevant, interesting, and thought provoking! Have only awards at the breakfast.
- Please ensure session speaker has genuine take-aways (info or otherwise) relative to pitch in a timely manner. Too much redundancy from too many speakers. I would like to see the results or the product/program (student and artifacts, engaged with other participants, standard to content alignment (specifically).
- Whova didn't work for everyone. Too bad it wasn't communicated earlier to build awareness. How much did it cost? There are free apps that might be most cost conscious.
- Loved the Whova app! Nice job WA-ACTE inservice committee.
- I came to learn how to be a CTE leader and am inspired, informed, and integrated. Thank you for your efforts.
- No business CTSO leadership. Overall, got more out of this year's conference than last year's. Resume workshop one of the best ever I have attended.
- I see the conference next summer is in Spokane? Keep the conference centrally located!
- Excellent training opportunities.
- WADOT lunch bad!
- Loving the idea of a conference in Spokane and the Davenport is an added bonus!
- More hands-on.
- Thank you for listening last year and adding more STEM related workshops and focus. Keynote speaker was great.
- I enjoy and benefit from the sessions and collaboration. Dislike the politics.
- Great job! I learned so much! Will be adding IT testing and QB testing - involving parents - working with school board.
- Great location.
- Tuesday morning breakfast session – Shep's presentation was excellent, but it was not a good place for it to occur. Too many speeches during that time. Check in was organized and smooth. Meals served weren't comparable for what was paid - \$14 for half a sandwich, chips, and fruit?? \$11 for small muffins and coffee? Jeff Charbonneau was relevant, refreshing, and enjoyable.
- Presenters could have better presentation skills.
- You folks always do such a great job - thank you for your efforts. The addition of social media in all our class - some of the sessions were really eye opening.
- Teacher session on frameworks was interesting, but so random.
- Good!
- Excellent.
- More WITEA content different from the Spring Conference!
- More "skyward" workshops. Simplify presentation of Microsoft IT Academy (computer science) or give handouts that can be followed during presentation.
- Quality of Centerplate food service has gone way downhill!
- Monday was a good day. I was not impressed Tuesday, I left my second session when the presenter did not show. My third session was cancelled.
- Great conference.
- Great job, thank you.
- I felt there was a lot of opportunities to meet teachers in my area of study. I felt like there was a lack of variety in using technology in FCS. There was a heavy focus on google docs.
- Outstanding conference. Thank you!
- The sessions should be what the title says. Example: LeDuc's frameworks session had nothing about frameworks, but did repeat from previous day.
- Skyward 101 should have a note if you already use this please attend the advanced session. I thought it would fill in gaps, but too basic.
- Please have dual sessions if possible.