

Pennsylvania Department of Education Annual Conference 2012
Making a Difference: Educational Practices That Work!
February 29-March 2, 2012

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, Pennsylvania

Description

This annual, statewide conference highlights effective instructional strategies and interventions designed to make an educational difference for all students.

Audience

General education, special education, and gifted education administrators and teachers, career and technical education administrators and teachers, preschool administrators and teachers, parents, paraprofessionals, school psychologists, speech and language therapists, higher education faculty, and professional development staff are encouraged to attend.

Keynote Presenters

James Hiebert, Ph.D., is the Robert J. Barkley Professor of Education at the University of Delaware, where he teaches in programs of teacher preparation, professional development, and doctoral studies. His professional interests focus on mathematics teaching and learning in classrooms. Dr. Hiebert has co-authored *Making Sense: Teaching and Learning Mathematics with Understanding* and *The Teaching Gap: Best Ideas from the World's Teachers for Improving Education in the Classroom*.

Debra Pickering, Ph.D., is a private consultant working with schools and districts nationally and internationally. During more than 30 years in education, she has gained practical experience as a classroom teacher, building leader, and district administrator. Dr. Pickering has used this experience to provide training and support to K-12 teachers and administrators as they seek to continually improve student learning. In addition to her work with schools, Dr. Pickering has co-authored, with Robert Marzano, educational books and manuals, including *Dimensions of Learning*, and, more recently, *Classroom Instruction That Works*, *Classroom Management That Works*, and *Building Academic Vocabulary*, all published through ASCD.

Grant Wiggins, Ed.D., is the President of *Authentic Education* in Hopewell, New Jersey. He and his *Authentic Education* colleagues consult with schools, districts, and state and national education departments on a variety of reform matters. Dr. Wiggins has co-authored, with Jay McTighe, *Understanding By Design* and *Schooling by Design*. He is the author of *Educative Assessment* and *Assessing Student Performance*, both published by Jossey-Bass.

Agenda

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

- 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration
- 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
- 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Ask the Bureau
- 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Poster Sessions
- 3:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open
- 3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
- 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Opening Keynote and Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Welcome Reception

Thursday, March 1, 2012

- 7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. Poster Sessions
- 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open
- 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Registration
- 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions
- 8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. Ask the Bureau
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
- 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. Lunch in the Exhibit Hall
- 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Keynote Presentation
- 2:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

Friday, March 2, 2012

- 7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Registration
- 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions
- 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Closing Keynote

Conference Sessions

This year's sessions will address the following topics:

- Adapted Physical Education
- Alternatives to Suspension and Expulsion
- Charter Schools
- Literacy, Reading, and Writing
- Mathematics
- Response to Instruction and Intervention (RtII)
- School-Based Leadership
- School Law
- Secondary Transition
- Special Education Expenses
- Standards-Based Assessment and Grading
- Students with Complex Support Needs
- Teacher Evaluation and Effectiveness
- The Teaching Gap
- Technology Resources
- Universal Design for Learning

For registration information, see the reverse side.



Registration Information

Registration Fee: Early-bird registration (by February 20, 2012) is \$75. Beginning February 21, 2012, registration will be accepted at the conference site only and the registration fee will be \$125. Out-of-state registration is \$500 at any time. Payment may be made with check, cash, or purchase order; no credit cards will be accepted. Make checks payable to MCIU 23/PaTTAN and send them to Debra Jordan, PaTTAN, 200 Anderson Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406.

Cancellations: If you are unable to attend the conference you must cancel your registration by February 20, 2012, by contacting Debra Jordan at 800-441-3215 ext. 7224 or djordan@pattan.net, or your registration fee will not be refunded.

Hotel Registration Deadline: January 29, 2012

Participants may register for rooms at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center at 717-533-3131 or 800-437-7439. The cost per room is \$119.00 per night.

For more information, including the session descriptions and presenter biographies, go to the PaTTAN website at www.pattan.net. Click on **Training**, then scroll down to **PDE Annual Conference**.

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Learn from presentations by renowned researchers in education.

Participate in the PDE Conference's learning and networking opportunities.

Share with colleagues exemplary practices used by school districts throughout the state.