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Teaching Text Structures

Expert readers not only recognize text structure but use structure to impose meaning. But how to teach this skill to less-than-expert readers? Nearly 50 educators from across the state visited Emporia to find out at a one-day workshop.

“Text Structures: What Are They? And How Do I Teach Them?” was given September 10 at the Jones Institute for Educational Excellence at Emporia State University.

“The workshop focused on understanding text structures and learning strategies for teaching text structures to students,” said Carol Hailey, the workshop’s presenter.

“This information is in such high demand that it is offered two more times this semester,” said Toni Bowling, the workshop coordinator. “The second offering, on October 12, has already filled, but we have room for a few more at the third offering on October 26.”

Hailey said the reason for the workshop’s popularity is, “This tested indicator is the lowest across the entire state of Kansas.”

Hailey has taught middle and high school English for over 30 years. She conducts staff development for her school district, assists schools in developing school improvement and AYP plans, and serves on school improvement teams.

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Educators attending the conference included:

USD252, Southern Lyon Co –
Jennifer Anderson, Carol Taylor,
Heidi Davis

USD253, Emporia –
Blair Falldine, Christy Over

USD257, Iola –
Annette Rexwinkle, Beth Wille,
Ona Chapman, Susan Walters

USD259, Wichita –
Darcie Rudd, Vernetta Chance,
Libby Tison, Edie Youts, Carol Calvert,
Celeste Hutton, Emily Carrillo,
Alice M. Graddy, Brianne Williams,
Vicki Graf

USD266, Maize -
Suzanne McKaig, Mary Grimes

USD305, Salina -
Karla Nothorn, Jennifer Marshall,
Damon Boyer, Connie Reedy,
Matt Rorabaugh, Danny Munsell,
Adrienne Mammen, Jennifer Kay-Higgins,
Megan Hinrikus

USD323, Rock Creek-
Jeremy Lehning, Tracy McGuyer

USD341, Oskaloosa –
Nancy Landis, Pat Foster

USD368, Paola –
Stuart Ross

USD373, Newton –
Mary Beck

USD383, Manhattan-Ogden –
Leslie Pickler, Deanna Burton

USD384, Blue Valley – Valerie Golden,
Amy Farthing

USD386, Madison-Virgil –
Cathy Gowen, Carole K. Cookson

USD413, Chanute –
Ryan Painter, Stacy Henson,
Sam Reinecke

USD451, B & B –
Shirley Claas

USD490, El Dorado –
Carla Varner, Gina Johnson

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