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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.

The workshop “Text Structures: What Are They? And How Do I Teach Them?” was presented October 12 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 we offered it three times this semester,” said Toni Bowling, the workshop coordinator.

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:

USD 202 Turner-Kansas City -
Jane Davidson, Denise Robison,
Michelle Payne

USD243 Lebo-Waverly - Katie
Akins, Candice Pedersen, Patt
Bray, Kathy Nelson

USD252 Southern Lyon County -
Dana Cole, Marilyn Stueve ,
Angela Swihart, Shannon Aguirre,
Marc Haney

USD257 Iola - Lori Stone

USD259 Wichita - Peggy Toledo

USD290 Ottawa - Temie Lehman,
Bari Deardorff, Richard Mendell,
Theresa Wiggins, Renee Steward,

Jim Bauck, Jolene Alexander,
Debbie Buchman, Kim Fisher

USD330 Mission Valley - Arlene
Clark, Connie S. Blades

USD337 Royal Valley - Karla
Tanking, Sandee Morris

USD360 Caldwell - Jan
Fitzsimmons

USD373 Newton - Charlotte
Sauerwein, Debra Helberg

USD377 Atchison Co. Comm
Schools - Alison Ostertag

USD385 Andover - Maruine
Holtzinger, Cheryl Poage

USD417 Morris County - Rita
Buchanan, Susan A. Graham

USD420 Osage City - Sandra
Clear

USD446 Independence - Joyce
Aiello

USD465 Winfield - Lisa Zuerlein,
Marcia McIntire, Suzanne Gentry,
Angela Carter

USD471 Dexter - Trena Kuntz,
Stephanie Mackey

USD498 Valley Heights - Jenny
Yungeberg, Pam Lauer, Lora
Whetzal

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