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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? Over 40 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 26 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 257, Iola –
Loretta Arnold

USD 259, Wichita –
Lori Harvey, Susie Jantz, Amber Kirt,
Trina Kolarik, Christian Ramstack, Jean
Richardson, Gary Schoonover, Stephanie
Uffendell, Sabrina Watkins

USD 265, Goddard –
Amy Nollette, Deborah Palmer

USD 288, Central Heights –
Elizabeth Giffin, Linda Thurston

USD 305, Salina –
Pam Evans, Tanya Ewing, Jacy Murphy

USD 340, Jefferson West –
Jennifer Greene, Rhonda Sayles, Jan
Wells

USD 343, Perry –
Brandi Turner

USD 366, Woodson –
Diane Ibbetson, Royce Mueller, Becky
Spencer, Sharen Stockebrand

USD 383, Manhattan-Ogden –
Cindy Pitts

USD 402, Augusta –
Julie Barker, Ann Bradford, Kathey
Gibbs, Cindy Nickel, Kaye Ward

USD 408, Marion –
LeAnn Hansford, Charlene Metcalf

USD 416, Louisburg –
Greg Darrington, Susan Tinich

USD 421, Lyndon –
Marsha Jackson

USD 437, Auburn Washburn –
Chelsea Clark, Amber Hundley

USD 442, Nemaha Valley –
Jennifer Rusche

USD 446, Independence –
Amy Baxter

Emporia State University –
Melissa Reed

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