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**Included:** Educators in attendance

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## School Districts Analyze Data to Improve Scores

Over 30 Kansas educators recently attended a workshop to learn how to improve their student achievement as measured by state assessments.

The workshop, called Red White & Blue Data Analysis, was organized by the Jones Institute for Educational Excellence at Emporia State University and held Monday, December 10, 2007. The one-day workshop drew 31 administrators and teachers from across the state.

“We use color coding to help (educators) analyze their state assessment scores,” said Bob Winkler, the workshop’s presenter. “Our main focus is on how to improve student achievement.”

Winkler explained that, through this analysis, schools not making Adequate Yearly Progress mandated by No Child Left Behind legislation can focus on one or two things. “We’ve found if they choose two things to do differently (rather than overhaul an entire curriculum), they can improve their scores,” Winkler said.

Winkler is the coordinator of assessment and testing for the Shawnee Mission School District, and has used this analysis process in his own district to assist teachers with a practical method of using data analysis in making instructional decisions. He has done several presentations at state, regional and national levels on data analysis and strategies for impacting student achievement.

For more information about this workshop, contact Terri Weast at 620-341-5372 or 1-877-378-5433, tweast@emporia.edu.

Educators in attendance at the workshop included:

USD 284, Cottonwood Falls –  
TJ Babb, Stan Elliott, Dusty Hazelton,  
Cammy Onek, Carrie Riggs

USD 305, Salina –  
Jerry Baxa, Nancy Kiltz, Gabriele Leite,  
Mike Lowers, Shanna Rector,  
Lonny Schropp, Curtis Stevens,  
Katie Struebing

USD 321, St. Mary’s –  
Eric Steele

USD 339, Winchester –  
Brandan Giltner, Denise Jennings,  
Tim Marshall

USD 368, Paola –  
Lisa Collier, Pam Fette

USD 372, Silver Lake –  
Mary Pridey

USD 453, Leavenworth –

Eric Punswick

USD 458, Basehor –  
Mike Boyd, Jan Hancock, Cindy Heibert,  
Teri Holmes

USD 464, Tonganoxie –  
Shelley Scates, Stacy Willis

USD 490, El Dorado –  
Lora Gillis, Les Limon, Mary Probst,  
Kirstie Towner

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