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Included: Educators in attendance

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Teaching students another level of writing

Students often confuse the ideas of revising and re-writing with the simple acts of proofreading and re-copying. True revision is a difficult concept to teach. Revision-Focused Assessment (RFA) can help.

A recent workshop addressing this topic was held in Emporia for educators. The workshop, called "Revision-Focused Assessment: Using Student-Generated Rubrics to Fuel Writing and Revision," was held at the Jones Institute for Educational Excellence at Emporia State University Thursday, January 29. Twenty-five educators attended the workshop.

The workshop walked teachers through the process of revision-focused assessment and gave them the opportunity to try their hand at implementing the strategy themselves.

Matt Copeland and Suzy Oertel were the workshop's presenters. Copeland is a language arts and literacy consultant for the Kansas State Department of Education. A former English teacher and department head at his alma mater, Washburn Rural High School, in Topeka, KS, he is a frequent presenter at local, regional, and national conferences and has published several books, essays, and poems on the teaching of English. Oertel is in her fourth year of teaching high school language arts in Topeka, KS. She currently serves on the KATE executive board and has presented at state, regional, and national conferences. She is an active Teacher Consultant with the Flint Hills Writing Project.

Educators in attendance at the workshop included:

USD 231, Gardner Edgerton Schools –
Andrew Easton
Julie Gillette
Keri Zimmerman

USD 253, Emporia –
Amy Coffman
Valerie Ringler
Tina Salmans

USD 257 Iola –
Loretta Arnold
Ona Chapman
Anette Rexwinkle

USD 261, Haysville –
Georgana Brown
Lisa J. Wehkamp

USD 345, Seaman –
Amy Broome
Kelly Muxlow
Natalie Wolfe

USD 446, Independence –
Amy Baxter

USD 449, Easton –
Martin Pope

USD 465, Winfield –
Suzanne Gentry
JJ Marafioti

USD 475, Geary County Schools –
Cherly Elligan-Brown
Louise Jahnke
Penny Macumber
Lisa Torres-Wigton

USD 498, Valley Heights –
Janelle Afrasiab
Pam Lauer
Lora Whetzal

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