

Curriculum Department Report to the Board of Education
Curriculum Department Highlights
August 28, 2024

To: Mr. Watts, Superintendent
Ms. Malone, Chairperson of the Board
Members of the Board of Education

Newport Curriculum Department Vision:

We envision a day when **all leaders** of Newport Independent Schools exhibit high expectations and guarantee excellence of instruction, ensure equitable opportunities and leverage all high quality resources so that students, staff and leaders will **maximize** their fullest potential.

Chief Academic Officer & Director District Wide-Services

Professional Development - Wildcat Academy Summit - Reimagining Academic Success

Two-days of dynamic professional development conference tailored specifically for educators passionate about enhancing their instructional practices and making a profound impact on their students' academic success. This conference is designed to equip teachers with innovative strategies, practical tools, and insights to elevate their teaching effectiveness and create engaging learning environments.

Day One: Inspire and Innovate

On the first day of the conference we will inspire educators to innovate and refine their instructional practice. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in deep dive sessions, panel discussions, and peer-to-peer learning experiences. Keynote speakers will share inspirational stories and insights, while breakout sessions will cover advanced topics such as the science of reading, data-driven instruction, assessment strategies, and building strong teacher-student relationships. Throughout the day, educators will be encouraged to reflect on their own teaching practices and develop personalized action plans to implement new ideas and techniques in their classrooms.

Day Two: Engage and Empower

On the second day, participants will delve into interactive workshops and seminars led by renowned educators and experts in the field. Through hands-on activities and collaborative discussions, teachers will explore cutting-edge teaching methodologies, effective classroom management techniques, and strategies for fostering a positive learning culture. Workshops will focus on topics such as differentiated instruction, technology integration, culturally responsive teaching, and social-emotional learning, providing educators with a diverse toolkit to meet the needs of every learner.

Impact on Learner's Academic Success:

At the heart of our conference is a commitment to empowering teachers to make a meaningful difference in their student's lives. By equipping educators with the knowledge, skills, and support they need to excel, we believe we can directly impact learner outcomes and contribute to improved academic success. Through effective instructional practices, tailored interventions,

and a focus on meeting the diverse needs of every student, teachers will be empowered to create inclusive and equitable learning environments where all learners can thrive.

National Speakers/Workshops:

Karyn Parsons (author, actress) – Sweet Blackberry

Dr. David Childs (Professor) – NKU

Dr. Christopher Emdin (Professor) – Maxine Greene Chair for Distinguished Contributors to Education

Dr. Donyall Dickey (Founder & Chief Executive Officer) – Educational Epiphany

Various Presenters – NKCES

Susan Dugle (Leadership Development) – University of Kentucky Center for Next Generation Leadership

Dr. Lucretia Prince - Principal of 2 model schools (schools that were previously under-performing)

The Wildcat Academy Summit held on August 12th and 13th was a huge success! The incredible amount of work and coordination proved to be an abundance of professional learning opportunities for all involved. We have built great partnerships that will continue throughout the year. With commitments from some presenters to continue the work with our educators. Below is the information included in our post event report.

Post-Event Report:

Publication: [Wildcat Academy Publication 24-25 \(2\).pdf](#)

Date: August 12th and 13th; 8:00am to 3:15 daily **Venue:** Newport High School Campus

Purpose

The primary focus for the Wildcat Academy Summit is to develop Collective Teacher Efficacy through professional development opportunities.

Improving teacher efficacy is paramount to increasing student success quickly. John Hattie's research states the following concerning collective teacher efficacy: "Collective Teacher Efficacy is the collective belief of teachers in their ability to positively affect students. With an effect size of $d=1.57$ Collective Teacher Efficacy is strongly correlated with student achievement." In Hattie's research, Collective Teacher Efficacy has the highest effect size concerning impact on student achievement. When reached it has an impact of 1.57 years of growth for the learner.

Measures of Success - Key Achievements

- 100% teacher participation (100% Instructional Assistant participation, who were not required to attend)
- Building Partnerships that will promote continued professional learning for staff.
- 2nd year of BELT (Building Equity Leadership Team) with training with Dr. Mahmood
- All teachers at NPS were trained in UFLI (University of Florida Literacy Institute) on the Science of Reading.
- Teachers and Administrators trained by Dr. Dickey with a focus on Literacy strategies.
- Staff from Covington Schools attended sessions on both days

- Courses focused on the achieving the goals of the Superintendent through the 4 pillars (RTI, PBIS, CRTL, and PLC)
- All teachers were given an overview of the Portrait of a Graduate

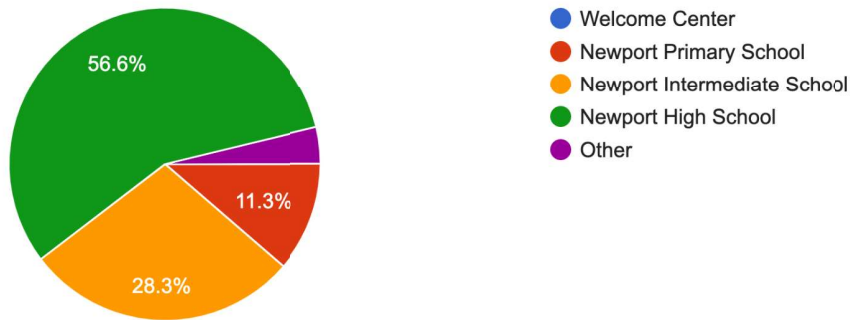
Feedback

Teachers were invited to complete a google form evaluation of the event of the 167 participants 53 responded. The link below will take you to the spreadsheet containing the results of the evaluation form.

[Copy of WILDCAT ACADEMY SUMMIT EVALUATION 24-25 \(Responses\)](#)

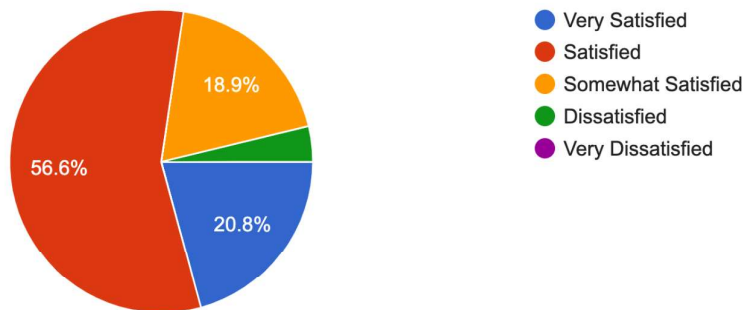
Job Assignment Location

53 responses



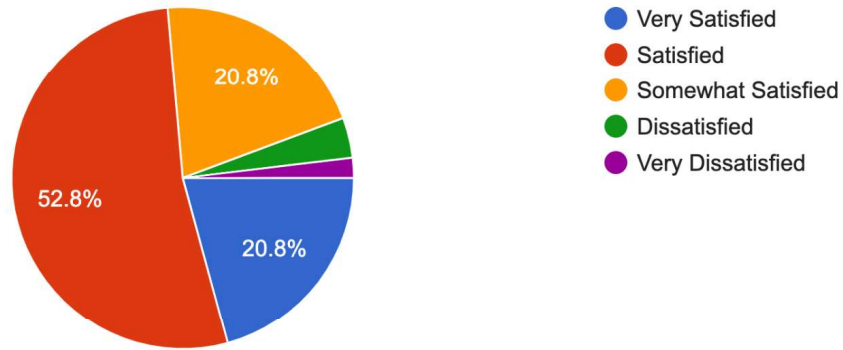
Please indicate your overall satisfaction with the 2024-25 Wildcat Academy Summit held August 12th and 13th.

53 responses



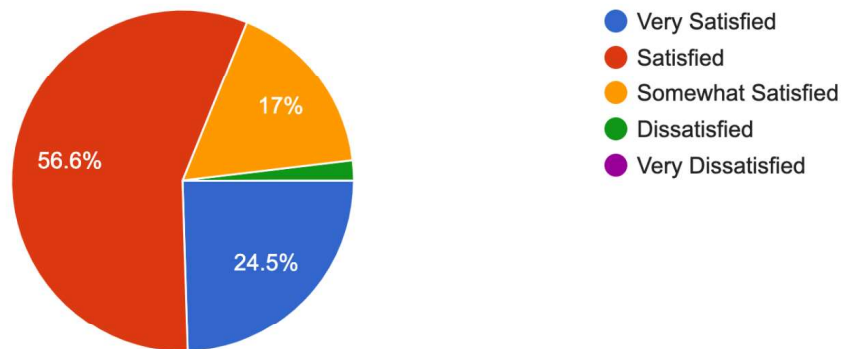
How would you rate the relevance of the sessions content?

53 responses



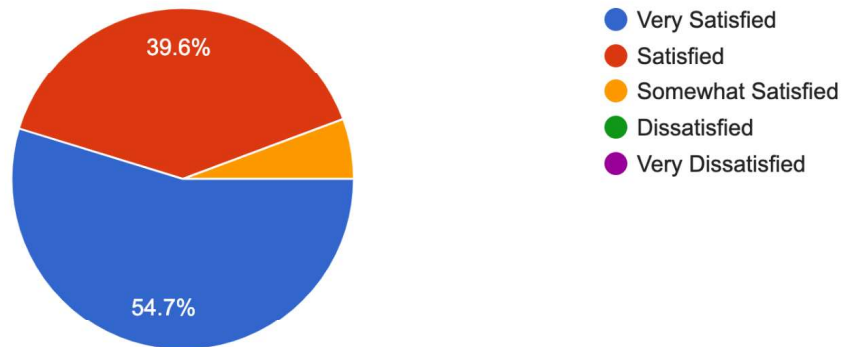
How would you rate the quality of the sessions content?

53 responses



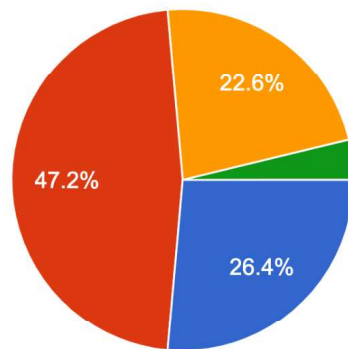
How would you rate the quality of the venue/location (NHS)?

53 responses



How would you rate the number of sessions offered each day?

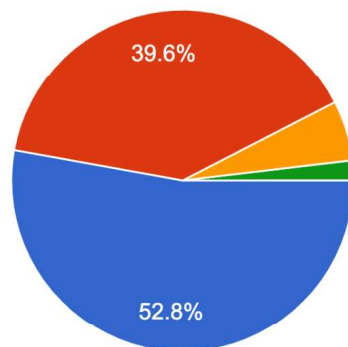
53 responses



- Very Satisfied
- Satisfied
- Somewhat Satisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very Dissatisfied

How would you rate the length of time for each session?

53 responses



- Length of time was perfect
- Neutral
- Not long enough
- Too long should be shorter

Presenter Survey Link below:

[WILDCAT ACADEMY SUMMIT PRESENTER EVALUATION 24-25 \(Responses\)](#)

Respectfully Submitted,

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