



K-12 Teachers Alliance Featured Presenter:

Dea Conrad-Curry

Presentation Topics

- DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION
- COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS
- GENDER BASED INSTRUCTION
- PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES
- CURRICULUM ALIGNMENT: BACKWARDS BY DESIGN
- LITERACY
- 21ST CENTURY SKILLS

Biography

Over the last twenty years, Dea Conrad-Curry has worked as a classroom teacher and a professional development leader, providing staff development to more than 100 Illinois schools and affecting learning opportunities for thousands of Illinois students. Dedicated to school improvement, She makes herself available to teachers and administrators far beyond a workshop date. Dea believes continued staff development will enrich student achievement.

A proponent of rigor and boldness, Conrad-Curry has developed curricula and delivered instruction that step beyond academic convention to grasp learners' attention and create engaging teaching environments. Among her goals are teacher-developed lessons that challenge students of all levels, scaffold student thinking, and optimize student achievement. Through her own academic preparation and professional practice, she has developed an intellectual and intuitive advantage in professional development.

Enthusiastic yet focused, Dea's presentations balance audience engagement through discussion and activity. Each presentation is based on educational research.

Academic & Professional Qualifications

- M.A. in Linguistics and Literature – Western Illinois University
- M.A. in Educational Administration – Western Illinois University
- B.A. in English – Augustana College, IL
- Listed in four annual publications of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*
- Annual presenter at the Illinois Coalition for Educating At-Risk Youth
- Speaker at the National Council for Teachers of English
- Presented at the Illinois Reading Council
- Named "Most Influential Teacher" by Western Illinois University Teacher Ed Program
- Newspaper Publications:
 - *Q. C. Times*
 - *Moline Dispatch*
 - *Rock Island Argus*

"I have worked with several presenters during my years in administration. Dea Conrad-Curry is by far one of the best presenters we have had in our school. From pre-workshop planning through post workshop implementation, Dea made herself available to staff and administration. She truly has a passion for differentiation and improving the quality of education in schools."

— Jeff Fairweather, Principal
Glenview Middle School, East Moline District #37

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