

CONVENTION

Don't miss updates on current events in education and a chance to meet with legislators at the Capitol during TCTA's 2019 Convention on Jan. 31-Feb. 1 at the Sheraton Austin Hotel at the Capitol. The Texas Classroom Teachers Association, an SBEC-approved continuing professional education credit provider, will give members the opportunity to earn up to 6 hours of CPE credit by choosing from the sessions outlined on this handout. Members will receive a certificate of completion that includes each session attended.

▶ STRATEGIES FOR DEALING WITH TRAUMATIZED STUDENTS

Presenter: Kris Downing, LCSW, Clinical and Professional Development Coordinator for Communities in Schools of Central Texas

This two-part session is designed to give anyone who works with children important information about how student learning and behavior are impacted by trauma. Learn how educators and support staff can help students develop a greater sense of safety at school and begin to build new emotional regulation skills.

▶ EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES FOR ELL STUDENTS

Presenter: Melissa Hernandez, TCTA member from Lubbock ISD
TEKS, ELPS, PLDs, TELPAS, BICS, CALPS, ELL ... What do they all mean? How do they support the learning of English learners? In this session, teachers will learn how to provide meaningful access to all curriculum through research-based strategies and activities. An understanding of the stages of language development will enable teachers to differentiate for all linguistic abilities.

▶ THE REALITY OF EVERYDAY SCHOOL VIOLENCE

Presenter: Curtis Clay, Texas School Safety Center

This workshop will take an in-depth look at what schools are facing on a daily basis pertaining to school violence. Participants will be provided with strategies and resources to create safer schools upon recognizing some of the issues that contribute to the overall safety of a campus.

▶ THE TEACHER'S ROLE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Presenter: Holly Wardell, Schwartz & Eichelbaum, Austin

Learn about what Texas/federal laws and rules say about the role of regular education teachers in serving special education students, including serving on the Admission, Dismissal and Review committee and implementing an Individualized Education Plan.

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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Presenter: TCTA lobby team

Learn about the issues dominating this legislative session: Will lawmakers approve more money for public schools? Will teachers get some relief from skyrocketing health insurance costs? Can we expect changes in the accountability system? Will you get a salary increase — but only if your students' test scores rise? Your advocates at the Capitol will update you on these issues and more.

LEGAL Q&A SESSION

Presenter: TCTA staff attorneys

TCTA's legal team will cover current topics affecting Texas teachers and answer general legal questions from the audience during this informative session. If you have questions that aren't addressed during this session, stop by the Ask-a-Lawyer booth in the exhibit area.

TRANSFORMING YOUR CLASSROOM WITH ACTIVE LEARNING

Presenter: Michael Olaya,
Dexter Learning, Wichita Falls

As the technological world marches forward, mega-change in education is becoming a necessity. What is the role of the educator? How will students spend their time? This hands-on workshop offers a sneak peek at this exciting future — a future where students retake center stage and become active participants in their education.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

SECRETS TO DE-STRESSING YOURSELF AND YOUR STUDENTS

Presenter: G. Dennette Gardner,
professional school counselor,
MS, LPC-S, CCH

Schools are stressful places, for educators and students. Gardner will lead participants through a series of steps to quickly de-stress themselves and their students. From mind/body exercises to "life coach" tips for personal well-being, this session will leave participants feeling empowered and on a positive path to growth.

CAPITOL VISIT

Spend the morning at the Capitol on Jan. 31 and talk with your legislators about what's going on in your school. Buses will take participants to the Capitol after a legislative briefing (all are welcome at the briefing, even if you're not participating in the Capitol visit).

MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST

Facilitator: Julia Swope

Join Membership Director Julia Swope in a conversation about all things TCTA. We'll discuss where we've been, what we've done, what worked, what didn't, where we're headed and how we get to the next level.