



# GEORGIA EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY<sup>TM</sup> CONFERENCE

## 2025 Session Descriptions

Note: This is a sample of the sessions that will be offered at GaETC 2025!  
A complete list with dates/times/locations will be available on our GaETC app for conference attendees on Friday, October 17!

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### **1:1 Device Management: Deployment to Retirement**

This comprehensive presentation provides a deep dive into the essential practices and strategies for effectively managing a 1:1 device program throughout its entire lifecycle. From initial needs assessment and deployment planning to ongoing maintenance, security, and responsible retirement, this course equips participants with the knowledge and skills to optimize their device programs for efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and enhanced user experience. We will explore key stages, best practices, and practical tools to ensure seamless device management and maximize the return on investment. Target Audience: This course is designed for IT professionals, technology directors, system administrators, educational technology specialists, help desk staff, and anyone responsible for planning, implementing, and managing a 1:1 device program primarily using ChromeOS devices in an academic setting. However, the principles learned here can be applied to programs with other device types.

### **A Fresh Start: Cultivating a Dynamic Media Center from Day One**

What happens when a Media Specialist walks into an outdated space-and sees possibility? This session follows the journey of transforming a traditional school library into a vibrant, student-centered Media Center during the first year on the job. Learn how fresh perspective, intentional planning, and strategic relationship-building led to a reimagined space aligned with literacy, collaboration, and innovation. Attendees will walk away with practical steps, sample grant language, stakeholder strategies, and inspiration for breathing new life into any learning commons-no matter where you're starting.

### **A Treasure Trove of Translation Tools**

Do you feel like you're in uncharted territory when looking for solutions to support the multiple languages in your classroom? Join me for a tour through a variety of free, easy-to-use, translation tools that will help make learning more accessible for all students.

### **A+ or AI? Rethinking Student Work, Originality, and Assessment**

Can we trust the work students complete outside the classroom? That question isn't new-but with generative AI, it's more urgent than ever. In this session, we'll explore how AI is reshaping what it means to assess student thinking. We'll look at both sides of the equation: how teachers can leverage AI to design more authentic assessments, and how AI-powered tools like EdPuzzle and plagiarism detectors are changing how we evaluate student learning. Leave with strategies, sample tools, and critical questions to help you rethink what meaningful, trustworthy assessment looks like today.

### **Abacadata 101: Putting Google Sheets and Forms to Work for You!**

Are you being asked to analyze data in your classroom, school, or district? Come learn a few magic tricks in Google Sheets and Forms that can save you time and energy.

### **Abacadata 201: Advanced Tools for Google Sheets and Forms**

Attendees of this session are looking to add some new magic to their bag of tricks. Let's extend your knowledge in the use of Google Sheets, Forms, and Add-ons at work!

### **Access for All: Reach Every Learner with AI-Powered Video**

Discover how to make your video lessons more accessible, inclusive, and impactful using ScreenPal's built-in AI tools. In this session, we'll explore how educators can use AI-generated captions, translations, and text-to-speech narration to reach a wider range of learners-including multilingual students, those with disabilities, and diverse learning preferences. You'll learn how to quickly enhance your existing video content with accessibility best practices, aligned with accessibility best practices, all without needing advanced tech skills. Whether you're creating lessons for K-12 or higher education, this session will provide practical, time-saving strategies to ensure every learner can access and engage with your content.

### **Adobe vs. Canva**

Ding! Ding! Ding! Step into the ring for an electrifying match-up between two of education's most powerful creative tools-Adobe and Canva! In this high-energy, action-packed session, we'll take a deep dive into both contenders, showcasing their latest features. Whether you're in Adobe's corner or cheering for Team Canva, this session will help you level up your design game with tools that can transform your classroom. Round by round, we'll break down each platform's new capabilities, comparing how they help teachers quickly and easily create engaging resources for instruction. From knockout templates and drag-and-drop elements to time-saving integrations and student collaboration features, we'll reveal how Adobe and Canva are punching above their weight in education. This isn't just about flashy graphics- these tools empower teachers to build purposeful content while giving students a chance to step into the designer's seat.

### **AI · Math = Engagement<sup>2</sup>: Implementing Eduaide with Fidelity to Supercharge Student Success**

What happens when artificial intelligence meets mathematics? Magic-when implemented with fidelity. This session explores how 6-12 math teachers can use Eduaide, along with other educational AI tools, to personalize instruction, increase student engagement, and ultimately raise achievement. Participants will leave with a toolkit of ready-to-use AI-powered strategies that enhance lesson planning, formative assessments, and differentiated learning experiences-all while maintaining academic rigor and integrity. Let's make math class the most engaging room in the building!

### **AI and the Law: What Do Educators Need to Know**

This session, led by an educator and attorney, will explore the legal implications and complexities related to AI in schools. We will discuss privacy concerns, data protection, and compliance with COPPA, FERPA, and relevant laws. We will discuss how to provide guidance on navigating these challenges and look at various tools to analyze their compliance.

### **AI Command Central: Launching Teaching & Leadership to the Next Level**

Strap in, your AI mission begins now. In this high-energy, hands-on session, you'll step into Mission Control and explore how AI can serve as your behind-the-scenes co-pilot, streamlining tasks, surfacing insights, and supercharging your impact. Whether you're a teacher designing dynamic lessons or a principal juggling strategic plans, parent communications, and mountains of data, AI is ready to take some weight off your shoulders. Imagine having an assistant that drafts memos, analyzes academic trends in seconds, and helps build school master schedules that don't take weeks to piece together,

because now you do. You'll dive into the 3 R's of effective prompt crafting, test out AI tools that save serious time, and brainstorm ways to empower students to use AI responsibly as collaborators, not crutches. From role-playing as NASA scientists to refining real-world leadership prompts, this session is packed with practical strategies to integrate AI meaningfully, ethically, and creatively

### **AI Engage: What You Need to Know to Write an AI Policy**

Artificial Intelligence is here, but now what? How do we ensure our students and staff use this emerging technology safely and ethically? Through transparent, ethical, and forward-thinking policies, you will leave this session with the ability to lead your staff and students into this exciting new frontier.

### **AI for All: Enhancing Accessibility and Inclusion in the Classroom**

Discover how artificial intelligence is transforming accessibility and inclusion in today's classrooms. From real-time captioning and speech-to-text tools to AI-powered translation and image recognition, this session introduces practical and inclusive technologies that empower students with disabilities and English Language Learners (ELLs). You'll explore hands-on demos, hear real classroom success stories, and walk away with a ready-to-use toolkit to make learning more equitable through AI. Whether you're tech-savvy or just getting started, this session will expand your vision of what inclusive education can look like.

### **AI FUNdamentals**

Learn about the uses of AI and fun tools & platforms that will foster student engagement and teacher efficiency in your language acquisition classroom.

### **AI in Action: Transforming Classrooms with Generative Simulations**

Take a dive into how generative AI simulations can transform high school classrooms into dynamic, immersive learning environments. This session explores strategies for integrating AI-powered role-play and scenario-based simulations into your curriculum to deepen student engagement, critical thinking, and content mastery. Participants will explore classroom-ready examples and gain hands-on insight into constructing effective simulation prompts and instructions. Participants will also learn how the design process itself can be accelerated with the help of AI, thus lowering the barrier to entry that some teachers may feel when it comes to incorporating the use of AI into their classrooms. The true magic of this style of instruction is that it allows for the marriage of content delivery and aspects of digital citizenship that relate to the use of AI in education.

**AI Policy vs. Guidelines: What is it and how do we get there** Lost in the overwhelming info about AI? Not sure where to turn for reliable guidance on developing guidelines and policy on AI in your district? Join us for a spirited panel discussion from district experts on understanding, designing, and integrating AI policy. Take away actionable processes on how to customize verbiage, involve stakeholders, and develop a working document for your individual district. In this session we will: \_ Share the differences between policy vs. guidelines \_ Identify resources where participants can become AI literate - Ideate starting points - Explore legal aspects of using AI - Involve stakeholders - Provide actionable resources for participants Moderator: Brian Derose Panel Participants: Pam Amendola - Dawson County Schools Shona Foster - Northeast Georgia RESA Daniel Rivera - Effingham County School District

### **AI: Your Ally for Empowering Teaching and Learning**

AI is a major perceived threat in education right now, but when used effectively and ethically it can be a valuable ally! In this session we will address the common concern that AI is only a tool that facilitates academic dishonesty and explore the main ways AI can serve students in their learning. As educators, we have a responsibility to know how AI works, to teach students appropriate use of it, and to model it

ourselves. Through demonstration and suggested strategies, attendees will leave with the confidence to reframe the AI conversation in their own context and to transform the narrative around the use of AI in education. Let's imagine together how AI is our ally, an ally that strengthens, rather than weakens, the classroom experience.

### **AI's Impact of AR, VR, XR: The New World of Virtual Experiences and Free Apps**

The great hidden impact of AI is on other technologies. Nowhere truer than AR/VR/XR, new hardware from (Apple, Meta, et al). See how powerful they've become. Which is best for schools? Future impact on student lives? Mind-bending free apps to get students started and interviews with career exposure. See the extended reality future. Already using? Come share with other teachers what you're doing now. Leave with a Google Doc of resources.

### **All Aboard! Unlock the Power of Storytelling with Book Creator**

Embark on a journey of creativity and discovery with Book Creator, the ultimate tool for teachers and students to craft and share stories across various subjects and themes. This session will be your passport to innovative ideas that will engage your students. Discover how to inspire your students with engaging activities that make learning fun and interactive across all subjects. Whether you're new to Book Creator or a seasoned traveler, you'll find fresh ideas to elevate your teaching and ignite your students' creativity. Join me for a non-stop, fun-filled trip that promises to be both educational and entertaining. Don't miss this opportunity to elevate your teaching and inspire your students. Let's embark on this journey together and explore the endless possibilities of Book Creator!

### **Amplifying Student Voices through Integrating Podcasting into Your Curriculum**

This session will highlight the collaborative efforts between METIs and classroom teachers to implement podcasting projects that enhance student engagement, creativity, and communication skills. Participants will discover how podcasting can be seamlessly woven into various subjects, providing students with an interactive platform to explore topics, express their ideas, and collaborate with peers. By leveraging the expertise of METIs and teachers, we can create a dynamic learning environment that supports literacy, digital fluency, and critical thinking. This session aims to equip educators with practical strategies, resources, and examples to foster a collaborative approach, ultimately enriching the educational experience for young learners.

### **Arts Integration in the Science Classroom - Let Your Creativity Shine! (RISING STAR)**

While STEAM has been an initiative for a while, many teachers are hesitant to incorporate art into their classrooms. Join me for a presentation about a unit I created to bring visual art techniques into my 6th grade science classroom. As a culminating activity for our landforms mini-unit, students choose to represent their learning through dramatization, extended tableau, or stop motion videos. I will walk you through the process of planning for and teaching students about these artforms, while giving you additional art ideas. I will also show student examples and explain the process of hosting a living museum at your school. At the end of our session, I would be happy to brainstorm ideas for other grade levels and content areas as well!

### **Backstage Pass: A Journey Through Innovation in Technical Theatre**

Take a quick trip behind the curtain as we explore how the Barrow Arts and Sciences Academy's technical theatre department engineered this season's productions using innovative tools and design processes. From scale modeling to 3D printing, discover how technology and creativity came together to bring stories to life-one show at a time.

### **Bee Bots in the Classroom**

Bring technology into small group lessons with the use of Bee Bots. Bee Bots allow students to program a path created by the teacher or other students to show understanding of standards. Participants will learn to use Bee Bots, create mats, and develop a plan to use in their classroom.

### **Behind the Shelves: Organizing and Empowering Your Student Library Aides**

Discover practical training, supervision, and productivity techniques for student library aides in your media center. In this session, you will discover how to create routine procedures, assign tasks with purpose, and foster leadership skills in your student assistants. Whether you're starting a new program or want to revitalize an existing one, you'll leave with templates, schedules, and successful strategies for building a reliable team that enhances your library's day-to-day effectiveness and student engagement.

### **Beyond Newsletters: Using Podcasts to Reach, Teach, and Inspire**

Want to engage parents, students, and staff in a fresh, dynamic way? Move beyond traditional newsletters and harness the power of podcasting to inform, connect, and inspire your school community. This session will walk you through the process of launching and sustaining a successful school or district podcast—from planning and recording to publishing and promotion. Discover the tools and techniques that make podcasting accessible, explore real-world examples of impactful education podcasts, and learn strategies to grow and engage your audience. Whether you're a beginner or looking to refine your approach, this session will provide practical insights to help you amplify your school or district's voice like never before.

### **'Beyond the Basics: Canva Hacks for Educators'**

Take your Canva skills to the next level! This session goes beyond the basics to reveal hidden tools, time-saving shortcuts, and expert-level features that can enhance your classroom materials. Discover little-known Canva apps, advanced editing tricks, and workflow hacks to create engaging lesson resources, presentations, and more—faster and more efficiently. Whether you're designing for instruction, communication, or student engagement, this session will help you unlock Canva's full potential and leave you saying, 'Wait... Canva can do that?!'

### **Beyond the Book: Cultivating a Collaborative Media Hub for Lifelong Literacy**

Dive Into 'Beyond the Book: Cultivating a Collaborative Media Hub for Lifelong Literacy' Join us for an inspiring session that redefines literacy in the digital age! Explore how to transform your media center into a vibrant hub of learning that fosters community, collaboration, and creativity. Discover innovative strategies for integrating AR/VR experiences and interactive STEM learning that go beyond traditional textbooks, igniting a passion for reading and lifelong learning. With insights grounded in research on collaboration and student choice, this session empowers educators to engage students in meaningful ways, encouraging them to take ownership of their literacy journey. Create a culture of excitement and buy-in among teachers and students alike, ensuring that literacy initiatives resonate throughout your school community. Don't miss this opportunity to elevate your approach to literacy and inspire a new generation of readers!

### **Beyond the Bot: Cultivating AI Wisdom in Teachers and Students**

How can we help students use AI ethically and help teachers use it effectively? In this hands-on session, we'll explore a tiered framework for guiding student AI use in high school classrooms, alongside practical ways teachers can use AI tools to plan lessons, differentiate instruction, and save time. You'll get adaptable classroom guidelines, real examples of student-friendly AI policies, and ready-to-use prompts for both teacher productivity and student learning. Walk away with resources to bring structure, clarity, and purpose to AI in your school.

### **Beyond the Screen: Educators' Perspectives on Technology Integration Post-COVID-19**

The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated the adoption of educational technology, reshaping teaching and learning in unprecedented ways. But what happens when the crisis ends and the digital dust settles? This session explores the evolving perspectives of educators on technology integration in the post-COVID landscape. Drawing from recent research and firsthand accounts, we will examine how teachers have adapted their practices, what digital tools have endured, and the shifting attitudes toward tech-enhanced instruction. Participants will engage in discussions about the challenges and successes of hybrid and digital learning models, equity in access, and the long-term implications for pedagogy and professional development. Whether you're a classroom teacher, administrator, or EdTech specialist, join us for a reflective and forward-thinking dialogue on the future of technology in education.

### **Beyond the Wand: Advanced ChatGPT Strategies to Transform Teaching & Learning**

Take your ChatGPT skills to the next level in this hands-on sequel to Magic at Your Fingertips. This session dives deeper into advanced strategies for using AI to transform your teaching practice. Explore time-saving workflows, collaborative classroom applications, and creative ways to enhance learning experiences. Whether you're building on last year's experience or joining for the first time, you'll leave with powerful new tools, smarter prompts, and fresh inspiration to elevate both instruction and efficiency. Let's go beyond the wand and unlock the next level of AI-powered teaching!

### **Blending Tradition and Tech: How Georgia DOT Modernized Road Safety Education for Today's Classrooms**

Discover how Georgia DOT and We Are Teachers blended classic formats like books and printables with interactive tech and real-world data to create engaging, standards-aligned lessons that make road safety education more relevant, accessible, and impactful.

### **Boarding Pass to EdTech Leadership: Preparing for Your Coaching Adventure**

Are you a classroom teacher with a passion for technology and a desire to lead beyond your classroom? This session is your passport to becoming an instructional technology coach. Explore what the role entails, identify the skills you already have, and learn actionable strategies you can start using today to prepare for the transition. From leading tech PDs to building a professional portfolio and getting connected in the edtech community, we'll chart your journey step-by-step. Whether you're dreaming of coaching or just curious, come get inspired and equipped for your next destination.

### **Boarding Pass to First Class: Literature Lessons with a Technology Upgrade**

Tired of basic economy ELA? Upgrade your reading and writing engagement to elite status with AI and Minecraft Education. Use AI to chart a new course through literary texts by creating cold case files for students to unpack. Ignite creativity through Minecraft Education by charting a new course with narrative writing and grammar instruction.

### **Bolting Into Innovative Lessons (INNOVATION GRANT WINNER)**

Spearo Bolt Robots are a quick, effective way to implement STEAM technology and learning into the classroom even for those teachers who may not be familiar with coding and robotics. Students hone critical thinking, communication and teamwork by problem solving to complete the project objective.

### **Bridging the Language Gap: Empowering English Learners for Content Core Success with Seesaw**

Empower English Language Learners for content mastery. This session provides educators with strategies for data-driven, highly differentiated instruction and front-loading academic language to bridge the language gap. Discover practical approaches to boost ELL engagement and achievement using digital learning platforms like Seesaw.

### **Bringing Creative Confidence To Digital Natives in Middle School**

Students are digital natives, yet many aren't using technology to their advantage. I've developed an approach in my Social Studies and ELA classes designed to enhance student engagement, expression, and ownership. I will demonstrate how various modes of technology enrich the learning environment, fostering active participation and initiative among students. My students have taken charge of creating comprehensive digital study guides for the Milestones, utilizing tools like Book Creator, Canva, and Genial.ly. They have embedded AI characters to minimize public speaking anxiety allowing them to concentrate on content creation, collaborated with peers to embed original videos, and significantly elevated their expression by crafting visuals for essays and dynamic presentations. These digital capstone books also provide me with an efficient way to monitor progress and collect graded assignments, while students gain essential tech skills effortlessly. My student samples and Q&A will be fire.

### **Bringing GLMA SLEI Standards to Life: Interactive Program Design for ALL Librarians**

Discover how to bring the GLMA SLEI standards to life through engaging, real-world media programming. This interactive session groups the ten SLEI standards into four practical quadrants - Instruction & Literacy Development, Access & Equity, Leadership & Management, and Advocacy. You will see examples of successful programs and then you will be invited to contribute your ideas. Bring your best media programs to inspire others and be inspired! Together, we will build a collaborative bank of ready-to-use strategies and a clearer vision for aligning your work with the SLEI framework.

### **Bringing Knowledge to Life: Stop Motion Animation with Canva**

This workshop will guide teachers through the process of creating their own stop motion animation using Canva and equip them with the skills to help students create their own engaging animation projects.

### **Bringing Learning to Life: Enhancing Engagement and Accuracy with Visual DBAs**

Discover how Visual Discussion-Based Assessments (DBAs) can transform virtual learning by boosting student engagement, comprehension, and assessment accuracy. This session introduces the concept of visual DBAs, showcases tools and best practices for implementation, and features real-world examples across content areas. Participants will engage in a hands-on activity to create their own visual DBA and leave with practical strategies ready for immediate classroom use.

### **Building Resilience in the Classroom with Apple's Everyone Can Create Projects**

Explore how Apple's Everyone Can Create curriculum equips educators to meet the academic and emotional needs of students affected by Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) which can adversely impact cognitive development, attention, learning and emotional regulation. This engaging panel features middle and elementary school teachers, a school administrator, and a licensed clinical-community psychologist who will share practical, trauma-informed strategies for integrating creative expression-drawing, music, filmmaking, and photography-into everyday learning. Discover how these structured creative activities enable students to process complex emotions, build resilience, enhance emotional regulation, and boost confidence. Learn actionable approaches to create inclusive, supportive classrooms that foster healing, empower student voice, and promote academic success for all learners, especially those impacted by trauma.

### **Canva: Your Creative Co-Pilot for the Classroom Journey**

Discover how Canva's newest AI-powered features-like Magic Media, Magic Studio, and Canva Code-alongside its full suite of visual tools, can save time and boost creativity in your classroom. Walk away with ready-to-use templates, lesson ideas, and practical strategies to streamline planning, promote student ownership of learning, and enhance your teaching.

### **Cardboard Arcade (INNOVATION GRANT WINNER)**

Want to integrate hands-on STEM projects with any academic content? Join us to explore how students can show off their learning, creativity, and problem-solving skills as they design cardboard arcade games with integrated tech, specifically Hummingbird kits.

### **Cell-tastic Creations in 3D (RISING STAR)**

Learn tip and tricks to creating 3D models in the classroom. We will create 3D Plant/Animal cells while learning how easy it is to integrate 3D modeling in your classroom. Come Create with me and pick up some tricks you can use.

### **Certified to Innovate: Leveraging GaPSC and ISTE Certification to Transform Teaching and Learning**

Explore new 2025 pathways to build on your instructional technology skills through GaPSC endorsement and updated ISTE Certification process. Strengthen tech integration and grow as a leader in digital teaching and learning.

### **Chaos Control Solutions: Ways to manage mayhem and juggle flaming chainsaws**

Let's face it - school life is chaotic and fast paced; a lot like juggling flaming chainsaws! Between meetings and a million other to-dos, it's easy to feel like you're just trying to keep up. This session is all about working smarter, not harder. We'll show teachers and school leaders how to tap into the power of clever tools to help make your day run smoother through automation, optimization, and delegating by empowering others. You'll get hands-on with practical ways to use AI to handle things like communication, calendar chaos, and documentation headaches. Plus, we'll dig into simple strategies to delegate like a pro and make staff meetings way more productive and even enjoyable! Come ready to streamline, collaborate, and take back your time.

### **Charting New Territories: Virtual Manipulatives as Your Passport to Math Innovation**

Explore how virtual manipulatives can transform elementary math instruction by enhancing student engagement and conceptual understanding. This interactive session equips teachers with practical strategies and digital tools to seamlessly integrate virtual manipulatives, fostering hands-on, dynamic learning experiences that build strong mathematical foundations.

### **Coaching for Literacy: Leveraging Technology to Support Georgia's New PK-12 Literacy Standards**

The new Georgia PK-12 Literacy Standards emphasize disciplinary literacy, digital literacy, and a renewed focus on evidence-based instructional practices. But how do we support teachers in implementing them effectively? This session explores the vital role of the technology integration coach as a bridge between curriculum and classroom practice. Learn how to align instructional technology with the new standards, provide meaningful professional learning, and become an indispensable resource for teachers navigating this shift. Walk away with practical coaching strategies, ready-to-use digital tools, and planning templates designed to strengthen literacy instruction across all grade levels.

### **Collaborating the WRITE Way**

Help students build confidence in writing by learning how to create and customize student-friendly shared documents to facilitate five collaborative writing strategies. These strategies can be facilitated using Microsoft or Google products and can be used in any content area.

### **Collaborative Commons: Where Robotics Meet Interdisciplinary Learning**

Discover the power of collaboration using Sphero robots positioning the library as a dynamic hub for cross-curricular collaboration. In this session, explore how students engaged in hands-on learning by coding robots to model mathematical concepts like distance-time graphs and linear relationships. Beyond math, learn how students brought stories to life in ELA by coding robots to navigate through

narrative arcs, enhancing comprehension and engagement. Experience how integrating robotics into various subjects fosters critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration. Leave with practical strategies and resources to implement similar interdisciplinary projects in your own learning environment.

### **College Board's Career Kickstart (CK) Networking Fundamental Course**

This session introduces the pilot of the College Board's Career Kickstart (CK) Networking Fundamentals course, the first in the AP Cybersecurity pathway. Designed to mirror a college-level Introduction to Networking course, this full-year class blends core networking concepts with hands-on, problem-solving activities. Participants will explore how the course equips students with technical and professional skills aligned to industry needs and recognized certifications such as Network+ and CCNA. Learn how this innovative program prepares students for high-demand careers while supporting equitable access to college credit and career readiness. Attendees will gain insights into pilot implementation and curriculum development efforts.

### **Competitive Edge: Technology Competition for Your Students**

The Georgia Educ. Tech. Consortium sponsors the Georgia Student Technology Competition each March. Students who place first in one of 17 regional technology competitions advance to the GaSTC. Learn how your students can participate! There are 14 categories for students in 3rd-12th grade.

### **Composing Your Future: 20- Time, Google Sites, & the Art of Digital Branding**

Tired of traditional assessments? Looking for a way to improve student engagement and meet writing standards? This session showcases a year-long Advanced Composition project utilizing Google Sites to cultivate student autonomy, creativity, and digital literacy. Students choose a passion-driven 20-Time project that results in an impressive digital portfolio that demonstrates authentic learning and will assist in building essential social capital. Universities and the workplace are looking for more than just a GPA. Our students are capable of so much more than many traditional assessments showcase. This 20-Time project integrates practical experiences, self-reflection, and digital branding into an Advanced Composition course. Participants will leave feeling empowered to guide their own students through this unique learning experience and their students will be more prepared for future success.

### **Computer Love: How to Implement Standards that are inclusive of Technology Advancement**

The purpose of this presentation is to demonstrate how to use the ISTE and Georgia Technology standards to evaluate and support 21st-century learning. As a result, district leaders will understand how to use the GaDOE SuitCASE to set a vision for technology integration while identifying specific ways to enhance and transform the use of technology with the SAMR model framework.

### **Creating a Student Legacy in Your Elementary Library**

In this session, educators will learn how to use Adobe Express and Canva to help students add music and sound effects to library books, creating interactive, multimedia storytelling experiences. Participants will explore how this process supports fluency, audience awareness, and creative expression. Attendees will leave with lesson ideas and tech tips for implementation in the classroom or media center. This session transforms student readers into digital creators and library books into immersive sound stories.

### **Creative Collabs: Partnering with Teachers to Make Innovation Possible**

What happens when you stop trying to do it all and start co-creating with your colleagues? In this idea-sharing session, we'll explore real stories of tech coach and teacher collaboration-plus make space to swap strategies, spark creativity, and build a bank of doable, joyful projects together.

### **CTRL + Creativity: AI Magic Hacks in Canva You Didn't Know You Needed**

Get ready to supercharge your creativity! In this hands-on session, we'll explore the top AI-powered features in Canva that can transform how you design, teach, and present. Whether you're crafting dynamic lessons, stunning graphics, or engaging student content, Canva's AI tools will save you time and spark your imagination. Bring your device and be ready to click, create, and CTRL your way to creativity!

### **CTRL + THINK: Using AI Without Losing Our Minds (or Morals)**

Students are using AI-with or without us. This hands-on session dives into real ways to embrace AI tools like ChatGPT, Canva, and Adobe Express while helping students think deeply about ethics, authorship, and accountability. Explore lessons that balance creativity with critical thinking, create your own classroom-ready AI use guidelines, and walk away with a toolbox of engaging, standards-aligned activities for secondary learners. If you're ready to move beyond 'don't use AI' and toward 'use it wisely,' this session is for you.

### **Ctrl the Keys, Win the Day: Time-Saving Tools for Teachers**

Feeling buried under tabs, tasks, and ten open windows? It's time to Ctrl the Keys and Win the Day. This hands-on session will reveal powerful yet underused shortcuts and browser features to help unlock a smoother, smarter workflow and put you back in control. #winning (Attendees are encouraged to bring a Windows device with Microsoft Edge installed.)

### **Ctrl+Alt+Create: Tech Tools, Tips & Tricks for Teachers and Techies!**

Reboot your classroom and your workflow with this session that will feature tech tools, websites, tips and tricks to help teachers reclaim their time and amplify their creativity. Tech coaches will also discover valuable strategies to implement and share. Get ready to unlock new possibilities and make tech your most powerful ally.

### **Custom AI For YOUR Needs**

Discover how MagicSchool partners with districts to create custom AI tools that align with local priorities. See real examples from Georgia and beyond, and learn how AI can safely support leaders, teachers, and students in meeting their goals.

### **Customize Publisher Courses with the SAFARI Montage C-LOR and Google Classroom**

Learn how to develop a winning strategy for publisher courses using Google Classroom & the SAFARI Montage Curriculum Learning Object Repository. Discover how districts are successfully leveraging these tools to develop & deliver customized courses that save teachers time & accelerate learning

### **Delightfully Digital: Ignite Student Creativity with Delightex (formerly known as Cospaces)**

Participants will experience the creative and immersive capabilities of Delightex. The hands-on session will equip educators to support students' creativity as they synthesize their knowledge through 3D environment creation with the free and pro models.

### **Demystifying AI: Peeking Inside the Black Box with Teachable Machine**

Move beyond chatbots! In this hands-on session, learn how to integrate computer vision projects into literacy, science, math, and digital citizenship lessons while addressing critical topics like AI bias and ethical design. Leave with ready-to-use strategies to foster critical thinking, creativity, and ethical AI literacy in both elementary and secondary classrooms.

### **Design Shakedown: BeeHive(Canva) vs. Swifty(Adobe) Edition**

Who's the best designer in the realm of Education? In this session, attendees will engage in an epic design battle between BeeHive (Canva) and Swifty (Adobe), comparing features through the creative lens of the 'BeeHive' and Swifty's hits.(If you know, YOU KNOW!!) Join us on this interactive session to discover which platform hits the high notes in educational creative design!

### **Designing for Engagement: Gamified Learning That Works**

Gamification is so much more than fun and games – it's about creating a purposeful, engaging experience that connects to your learners and drives learning forward. In this session, educators will explore how game elements like quests, levels, choice, and feedback can increase student motivation and deepen content understanding. You'll walk away with practical strategies and ready to use AI prompts that will help design meaningful gamified activities. No coding or tech expertise required! Whether you're new to gamification or ready to take your lessons to the next level, this session will equip you with flexible, time saving tools to build engaging learning experiences that work!

### **Differently Differentiated: Reimagined Onboarding Strategies**

Meeting in person? Not always! Kicking off New Educator Orientation in May instead of July? Yep! Requiring everyone to attend the same monthly meetings? Nope! At Forsyth Virtual, we're a little different. And so is our Induction Program. Whether through individualized meetings or delivering content in Canvas, we've developed flexible, creative solutions to onboard our newbies throughout the year, and you can too! Gain nuggets of inspiration for how to integrate technology to reach your staff in differentiated ways that are personal and build school culture. Come be different!

### **Digital Comic Strips: A Creative Comprehension Strategy for the Middle School Classroom**

Unlock the power of digital comic strips to deepen comprehension and engage middle school learners! This interactive workshop explores how digital storytelling tools, such as Storyboard That and Canva, can transform reading comprehension into a creative, student-centered experience. Attendees will learn how to leverage digital comic strips for summarizing, analyzing, and synthesizing texts while fostering critical thinking and creativity.

### **Digital Destination: Empowering Student Creativity with Adobe Express**

Discover how Adobe Express can transform student projects and boost creativity in the classroom. This session will guide teachers through using Adobe Express to empower students in showcasing their learning through various project types. Leave with practical tips, an outline and resources for getting students (and yourself) started with Adobe Express, along with a fun way to gamify student project selection. Key Highlights: Introduction: Learn the importance of integrating technology and focusing on student learning outcomes. Project Examples: Explore diverse project types like podcasts, digital books, infographics, animated characters, presentations, videos, and posters. Hands-On Tutorial: Navigate Adobe Express, create projects, and utilize its features effectively. Gamification: Enhance student engagement and creativity by gamifying product choices using dice.

### **Digital Journeys to Writing Success**

Explore digital tools that enhance students' writing engagement and skill development. Discover interactive strategies to boost creativity, provide instant feedback, and build writing confidence. Leave with practical, classroom-ready tech tools to inspire young writers and transform the writing process!

### **Digital Organization for Classroom Teachers: Tips and Tricks for Staying Organized**

Feeling overwhelmed by the digital clutter? This session is your solution to reclaiming your time and reducing stress! Discover practical tips and tricks for streamlining your digital workflow, from managing emails and files to organizing lesson plans and student data. Learn how to leverage digital tools to

create a more efficient and organized teaching experience. Say goodbye to the digital chaos and hello to a more peaceful and productive school year!

### **Digitizing Instructional Coaching with Google Workspace**

In this fast-paced session, we'll explore how Google Workspace can revolutionize your instructional coaching practices. We'll focus on practical applications, demonstrating how to leverage Google Slides and Google Docs to create organized and efficient digital coaching spaces. Participants will examine two distinct examples of digital coaching setups and receive adaptable templates to implement these strategies immediately. We'll cover key techniques for providing targeted feedback, managing tasks, and sharing resources, all within the collaborative environment of Google Workspace.

### **Electronic Extracurriculars: Esports and Drones Making an Impact**

New technology in schools is unlocking exciting new ways to engage students and ignite their passions beyond the classroom. In recent years, the rise of esports and the growing demand for unmanned aviation have created opportunities that students once could only dream about. Join us for a deep dive into the positive impact building an esports program can have in your school, along with tips and tricks on how to get started. Then stick around to explore the latest in drone racing solutions, where setting the fastest time could be your student's ticket to one of today's most in-demand careers.

### **Elevating Experiences**

Stop by to checkout a wide range of elevating experiences I've discovered and used in the classroom. I'll give you a list of contacts for you to use in elevating your classroom experiences. I can't wait to chat with you again this year! Last year I presented, So you planted a pollinator garden now what?

### **Embrace the Smart, Streamlined Power of AI in Your Classroom with Kami and Kami Companion**

Feeling overwhelmed by grading, feedback, and content creation? Kami, along with Kami companion, offers a world where AI empowers you to reclaim your time and elevate student learning. This session will showcase Kami's suite of AI-powered features within Kami's platform as well as with Kami companion, which brings Kami's fabulous functionalities outside of Kami. We're going to streamline workflows for both teachers and students, from automated grading and personalized feedback, to instant content generation and summarization. Come discover how both of these tools work in harmony to simplify complex tasks, foster independent learning, and boost classroom efficiency. Get ready to experience the future of edtech that's smart, simple, and incredibly impactful!

### **Empowering Digital Navigators: Building Critical Thinkers in a Connected World**

Join Dr. Ali Krinski for an interactive, hands-on session designed to equip educators with strategies to empower students as digitally and media-literate learners. In an era of rapidly evolving technology, we aim to prepare Georgia's students to think critically, act responsibly, and communicate effectively. Discover engaging, cross-curricular activities that inspire curiosity, foster deeper learning, and build the skills students need to navigate today's digital landscape with confidence.

### **Empowering Education with Secure Access: What's New and What's Next from ClassLink**

Get ready to explore the latest innovations from ClassLink! This engaging session will showcase powerful new features designed to simplify access, enhance user experience, and support better educational outcomes. Whether you're an administrator, educator, or tech leader, you'll discover tools and strategies that can transform your digital learning environment. Don't miss this opportunity to see what's new -and what's next- at ClassLink!

## **Empowering Educators with Discovery Education Experience: Technology That Works for Teachers**

Pack your Passport to Innovation and explore how Discovery Education Experience helps teachers simplify differentiation, build assessments, and engage students with immersive tech—making classroom technology work for them, not against them.

## **Empowering Educators with Microsoft Learning Accelerators: Enhancing Student Engagement and Outcomes**

Just as emotions shape our experiences, learning is shaped by confidence, frustration, and joy—and the right tools can make all the difference! In this session, discover how Microsoft's Reading Progress & Coach, Math Coach, and Search Coach can transform instruction by giving students real-time, personalized support across subjects. You'll learn how to: \*Boost reading fluency and comprehension with AI-powered feedback \*Guide students through step-by-step math problem solving \*Empower learners to conduct safe, effective online research \*Leverage actionable insights to drive targeted intervention Whether you're new to Learning Accelerators or ready to level up your use, you'll leave equipped to integrate these powerful tools into your daily practice—helping students learn fearlessly and grow confidently.

## **Empowering Educators: Leveraging AI to Personalize Instruction and Reduce Workload**

Discover how AI tools like ChatGPT can transform your school's instructional practices. This session explores 10 practical, classroom-ready ways educators can use AI to personalize formative assessment, streamline planning, and reduce burnout. You'll see how strategic prompt engineering can generate differentiated 'Do Nows,' exit tickets, and creative checks for understanding—all while saving time. With real school-based examples and hands-on modeling, participants will walk away with customizable templates and implementation strategies to use the next day. Whether you're new to AI or leading your school's innovation efforts, this session offers powerful takeaways rooted in instructional equity and efficiency.

## **Empowering Future Innovators: Running a Dynamic Technology Club That Creates, Competes, and Connects**

This session highlights how to develop and sustain a dynamic, student-led Technology Club that empowers elementary students to take on leadership roles through real-world, tech-integrated experiences. Attendees will explore how our club members plan and produce the school yearbook, prepare original projects for the Fulton County Technology Fair, and take active roles in schoolwide events such as Math Night, Literacy Day, and a Day of Code celebration. The session will showcase project samples, student roles, planning tools, and aligned ISTE Standards. Participants will leave with practical strategies, editable templates, and a flexible model for launching or enhancing a tech club at their own school.

## **Empowering Georgia Educators with AI: Transforming Teaching and Learning**

Explore TrekAI's AI-powered teacher tools that streamline workflows, enhance instruction, and save time. Our on-demand AI Student Tutor adapts to your curriculum, boosting student achievement. With built-in safeguards, TrekAI ensures responsible AI use—empowering educators and transforming outcomes.

## **Empowering STEM learners: Adventures in Multilingual Podcasting**

Learn how creating multilingual podcasts empowers STEM students, fosters social emotional learning, and celebrates languages. Join the presenter in an interactive discussion about a student-led podcast, I.A. Around the Globe, whose mission is to share insightful and educational episodes highlighting diverse careers, cultures, and backgrounds.

### **Empowering Students with AI: From Projects to Programming**

Join Dr. Steve Sweigart and Dr. Ray Schenk as they explore the transformative power of AI in the classroom. Learn how AI can kickstart research papers, develop innovative project ideas, set project constraints, and create compelling research questions. Additionally, discover how AI can help decipher code, understand syntax, and advance coding projects, empowering students to overcome challenges and achieve success.

### **Engage & Empower: Canva and the 21st-Century Learner**

Unlock your students' potential with Canva! This interactive session highlights how this user-friendly graphic design platform acts as a springboard for developing crucial 21st-century skills: creativity, communication, collaboration, and critical thinking. Explore practical, hands-on methods to integrate Canva across your curriculum, empowering students to move beyond passive learning. Discover how they can leverage Canva to visually express complex ideas, engage in collaborative design processes, critically evaluate visual information, and unleash their unique creative voices, equipping them for success.

### **Engage Grade 1-8 Students for FREE with Prodigy! An Adaptive, Digital Game-Based Learning Platform**

Learn how Prodigy helps solve the nationwide budget crunch problem with a high-quality, no-cost tool that is adaptive and state standards aligned. What if you could align your lesson plan content and provide assessments to students in a framework they love? What if parents could use the same platform to monitor their child's educational progress? We'll show you exactly how you can do this with Prodigy. We'll also show you how we're generating excitement about math and English in even the most reluctant students and explain how we're able to stay free without compromising student privacy with a first-of-its-kind business model. Already familiar with Prodigy? Learn how to level up your proficiency when your school district officially partners with us - which is also available at no cost.

### **Engage, Connect, Transform: The Curipod Classroom Revolution!**

Transform your classroom into a vibrant learning environment where students eagerly participate and engage! Join us to explore Curipod, the AI-powered curriculum platform that fosters real-time conversations and keeps students looking up from their screens. With teacher-paced lessons and tailored content for all grade levels, Curipod promotes curiosity, relevance, and higher-order thinking. Our mission is to connect with students' lives and make learning meaningful, giving both teachers and students a compelling reason to show up and learn together!

### **Engaging Every Student in Every Classroom**

Transform your lessons with Lumio! Learn how Gwinnett County Schools uses AI Assist and interactive activities to increase engagement. Participate live and leave with ready-to-use ideas for your classroom.

### **Engaging students with innovative technology: Favorite tools and strategies from the UWG Faculty**

Faculty members from the University of West Georgia will share our favorite innovative technology tools and strategies for engaging students in the classroom and online! You'll have an opportunity to discuss in small groups to network and build community around these topics.

### **Enhancing Instructional Efficiency through Strategic Use of Educational Technology**

In this dynamic and practical session, educators will explore effective strategies for integrating technology into their classrooms to enhance student engagement, personalize learning, and streamline instruction. Participants will be introduced to a variety of powerful tools, including Nearpod for interactive presentations, Wixie for creative student publishing, H5P for creating interactive content,

and PDF annotation tools for digital workflows. The session will also provide a guided look at how AI assistance can support lesson planning, assessment, and differentiated instruction. Attendees will learn time-saving tips, instructional best practices, and classroom management strategies that make these tools easy to implement. This session is ideal for teachers of all grade levels who are looking to build confidence and creativity in using technology to support student learning.

### **Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About AI (But Were Afraid to Ask)**

Tired of rolling the dice on sessions that may or may not fit? Ditch the pre-canned slide deck and drive the agenda yourself. We launch with a live, anonymous poll-your fears, curiosities, and must-solve AI problems become the syllabus. Then we tackle them in real time with straight-talk answers and spontaneous demos. Watch ChatGPT Projects plan PD in seconds, see a CustomGPT co-teach, or preview jaw-dropping media tools like Sora, Suno, and Recraft-all chosen on the fly to match the room. No question is too 'basic,' no buzzword bingo required. Leave with myths busted, classroom-ready tips, and the confidence to keep exploring long after the conference.

### **Exploring Careers in Instructional Technology: A Panel Discussion with 4 IT Specialists**

What do Instructional Technology Specialists (ITs) actually do, and how do their roles vary across Georgia schools? This panel features four experienced ITs from three Georgia school districts and one RESA who will share real-world insights from their work as technology coaches, digital learning specialists, and instructional technology professionals. Learn how they support teachers, foster digital citizenship, collaborate with school librarians and other curricular leaders, and align their work with the Georgia Instructional Technology Standards and the ISTE Standards. This session is ideal for classroom teachers and other K–12 educators who are curious about this evolving role. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and leave with an online resource guide to support further explorations of this dynamic K–12 career path.

### **Express Yourself: Digital Tools for Dynamic Young Writers**

Ready to ignite your students' creativity and critical thinking? Join us for a dynamic session where we'll dive into the power of graphic organizers, 3D models, and digital creation tools to amplify student voices in writing. Discover how to seamlessly blend these tools using a multimedia platform to engage learners in expressing their thinking across multiple content areas and grade levels. From brainstorming to publishing, we're unlocking innovative ways for students to express their ideas, showcase their knowledge, and level up their writing game. Let's write, design, and create – together!

### **FAME's EPIC Formula: Creating, Sharing, and Amplifying Student Voice Through Social Media (RISING STAR)**

In this session, participants will explore EPIC, a student-centered framework for creating meaningful, school-based social media content that engages audiences, builds skills, and amplifies student voice. Developed from the FAME Formula, EPIC empowers students to Engage their community, Promote school events, achievements and projects, Inspire peers, and Captivate their audience with fun content. Attendees will leave with actionable strategies, examples of student projects, and practical tools to implement EPIC in their own classrooms, leveraging social media as a 21st-century learning platform.

### **Fast, Fun, and Flexible: Supercharging Instruction with EduProtocols and Tech Tools**

Tired of repetitive lessons that don't connect with all learners? This session takes a practical look at how EduProtocols-simple, powerful lesson frameworks-can be paired with tools like Nearpod, Seesaw, and Microsoft Teams to support differentiated instruction, increase student engagement, and build academic confidence. You'll experience how these strategies work in real time and leave with ready-to-use templates and ideas you can adapt for your own classroom right away.

### **'Flight Path Re-Routed: Students Collaborating With AI Using Podcast Style Audio Overviews'**

Explore the innovative intersection of student learning and AI collaboration through podcast-style audio overviews in Microsoft & Google. This session will cover effective strategies for integrating these podcast-style audio overviews as content into classroom teaching, highlighting how AI can not only assist in creating engaging and informative audio summaries, but also how students can interact with them. Attendees will discover practical tips and tools for leveraging this cutting edge AI technology to enhance student comprehension and participation. Join us to learn best practices for fostering a dynamic and interactive learning environment, where students work in concert with AI audio overviews to make complex subjects more accessible and enjoyable to learn about.

### **Fluency, Vocabulary, and Generative AI, Oh My!**

This session will explore using music and technology to engage students in deep reading practices. Strategies for building classroom community, providing student choice, and clear routines will be demonstrated and practiced. Weekly routines for music fluency will be taught along with demonstrating how these routines improve fluency while building classroom community. Participants will collaboratively explore technology tools such as Adobe Express-Animate Me, Padlet Sandbox, Figma, and Activity Playlists for student engagement. Music choices, poetry, and vocabulary choice board activities will be provided and explored to give participants tools to take back to their classrooms and use immediately.

### **Free Tools, Global Reach: Podcasting Beyond Borders!**

Learn how to optimize free resources to create studio quality podcasts from the comfort of your classroom. Join along as we utilize free resources to produce a podcast from concept to global distribution. We will motivate and activate thinking in reluctant writers with Magic School. Then engage students with the recording and editing features of Adobe Podcast! Inspire student creativity with AI and design principles in Adobe Express! Create social media clips and audiograms that can be globally distributed (all while protecting the students identity). We do it and we do it all for free! To enhance the experience Adobe Express and Magic School access is recommended. This is an APPSMASH!

### **From Binder to Brilliance: Reinventing Student Portfolios with Canva**

Take your students' work beyond the binder! In this session, educators will explore how Canva's all-in-one Visual Suite can be used to create dynamic, student-led digital portfolios that highlight growth, creativity, and reflection. Discover how to leverage templates, multimedia tools, and Canva's Visual Suite 2.0 to help students tell their learning story in powerful, personalized ways. Through hands-on exploration and ready-to-use templates, you'll leave with a portfolio you can implement right away. Your passport to innovation starts here!

### **From Chaos to Clarity: The Power of Digital App Approval**

New apps? Teachers are excited. IT? Overwhelmed. Without a clear approval process, chaos reigns. Join us to discuss the app approval process and see how AppTrack brings order, speed, and safety to app requests—so everyone wins.

### **From Code to Continent: A Real-World Journey Through Website Building**

Join us on a global coding adventure in From Code to Continent, where we explore how to equip students with real-world web development skills that go beyond the classroom. This hands-on session will guide educators through teaching foundational HTML and CSS, with a focus on creating functional, visually appealing websites. We'll cover essential HTML tags, how to style with CSS, and build intuitive navigation bars-core components of any modern website. Whether you're just beginning or looking to refresh your approach, you'll leave with practical strategies, project ideas, and classroom-ready

resources to help students code with confidence and purpose. Pack your virtual bags-this is your passport to innovation through authentic web creation.

### **From Consumers to Creators: Student Video Projects in Microsoft Clipchamp**

Unlock the power of video creation in your classroom with Clipchamp, an easy-to-use video editing tool available in Microsoft 365. In this hands-on session, educators will learn the basics of Clipchamp, from importing media to editing and exporting videos. Discover practical ways to integrate student-created videos across different subjects areas. Walk away with ready-to-use project ideas and the confidence to empower students as digital creators. No prior video editing experience required!

### **From Esports to Education: Building Elite Programs with Project Management Tools**

Forsyth County Schools has built one of the top esports programs in the nation. In this session, I will show you how we manage and continue to build the complex framework and projects that are FOCO Esports. You will learn how a clear plan, an open community, and great teachers are transforming a bold idea into a thriving, sustainable, and scalable program. I will show you how we break everything down into small, manageable pieces and how Monday.com can be used to organize everything from recurring tasks to long-term growth. The session concludes with a hands-on workshop where we will build our own recurring task board tool you can take home and use right away for any club, team, or educational project.

### **From Gate to Great: Gamify Learning with OneNote, Canva + AI Escape Rooms**

Pack your digital bags and get ready to explore! In this interactive session, educators will become passengers in an immersive, travel-themed escape room, then deconstruct the journey from concept to creation. After unpacking the tools and strategies behind the experience, you'll take the pilot's seat to begin crafting your own content-aligned escape room using Canva for Education, Microsoft OneNote, and AI tools. Whether you're a tech novice or a globetrotting guru, you'll leave with a working knowledge of how to design immersive digital adventures that engage and challenge your scholars. Participants will need access to Canva for Education + a Microsoft account. Bon voyage to boring lessons--let's gamify learning!

### **From Idea to App: Evolving from Vibecoding to Strategic AI Collaboration**

Follow a first-hand journey from early 'vibecoding' (rapidly accepting AI-generated snippets) to confidently steering AI as an adaptive collaborator across many tasks. Attendees will see how purposeful questioning, logic checks, and lightweight debugging turn AI into a high-impact partner for problem-solving well beyond code. No programming expertise required.

### **From Idea to Identity: A Simple Logo Design Process for Educators**

Need a logo for a school program, department, or event but don't know where to start? In this creative session, an instructional technology leader with a background in professional printing and desktop publishing walks you through a simple, repeatable process for turning ideas into visual identities. Learn how to sketch concepts, choose the right fonts and colors, and use free tools like Canva and PowerPoint to bring your design to life - no design degree required.

### **From Idea to Impact: Creating AI Tools with MagicSchool.AI**

Discover how MagicSchool.ai empowers administrators, teachers, and students with safe, custom AI tools. In this hands-on session, you'll design and launch your own classroom-ready tool and leave with practical strategies to bring AI to your school community.

### **From Lab to Fab: Powering STEM with Mobile App Development**

Discover how mobile app development enhances STEM and workforce skills in this hands-on session led by Teacher of the Year, Dr. Cassondra Zielinski. Take part in a rapid-fire round of design thinking to build your own app-and learn how students can turn their ideas into real-world creations.

### **From Pencil to Pixel: Creating Fictional Narratives through Digital Storytelling**

Get ready for an exciting journey into the world of creative writing! This session takes a fresh, innovative approach to help elementary students bring their fictional stories to life through the power of technology. Not only will students unleash their imagination through creative writing, but they'll also dive into dynamic, multimedia-rich storytelling that goes beyond traditional pen-and-paper methods. By using digital programs like Google Slides, Canva, Adobe, Scratch, and Book Creator, students will transform their narratives into interactive, stories that spark engagement and boost creativity. It's the perfect blend of implementing technology while aligning with the Georgia Standards of Excellence for narrative writing.

### **From Pencil to Pixel: Transforming Young Writers with Short Answer & Digital Storytelling**

This session explores how Short Answer (Myshortanswer.com), an innovative digital tool, revolutionizes the writing process for 1st - 5th grade students by providing real-time feedback and scaffolding their writing growth. But we won't stop at traditional writing, attendees will also discover how to extend student learning through dynamic projects like video essays, digital storytelling, and multimedia presentations using Canva and Adobe. Through interactive demonstrations, hands-on exploration, and creative application opportunities, participants will leave with practical strategies to integrate Short Answer and digital tools into their classrooms to cultivate confident and inspired young writers.

### **From Phonics to Fluency: Using Station Rotations to Build Independent Readers in Fulton County**

Fulton County Schools has prioritized early literacy through a district-wide focus on the Science of Reading. As part of this work, the Instructional Technology team partnered with the Elementary ELA department to align Seesaw activities with daily lessons in the Wonders K-5 curriculum. This alignment ensures students engage in meaningful, standards-based tasks during independent station rotation time. In this session, learn how Seesaw supports differentiated instruction, reinforces core literacy concepts, and empowers student agency during independent work. Explore how this digital integration complements broader literacy efforts and helps students grow as readers. Walk away with practical strategies and resources to enhance your own literacy stations.

### **From Reactive to Proactive: Rethinking Student Safety & Wellbeing in the Era of Georgia's HB 268**

Schools often catch safety issues too late. This session covers today's student safety landscape, including HB 268. We'll explore how districts can anticipate risks, act early, and support wellbeing with proactive strategies and mental health interventions.

### **From Script to Screen: Tips for Developing a District-Wide Student Film Festival**

Imagine - Create - Inspire. Building on the momentum of a successful inaugural year, our district proudly hosted its second annual student film festival. This session offers a candid look at the journey of establishing and growing this impactful event. We'll delve into the triumphs of year two, showcasing increased student participation and the remarkable creative achievements of our young filmmakers. Attendees will gain valuable insights, practical strategies, and lessons learned for creating or scaling their own student film initiatives, fostering creativity and 21st-century skills within their educational communities.

### **From Text to Texture: 3D Printing Literary Symbols**

Explore how 3D printing can help students better understand literature by turning symbolic ideas into real, hands-on models. In this session, you'll learn how to guide students as they find important

symbols in stories and turn those ideas into 3D designs. We'll walk through how to connect reading and writing skills with creativity and technology, from analyzing the text and sketching ideas to creating and printing digital models. Whether you're new to 3D design or want to boost cross-subject learning, you'll leave with ready-to-use resources, student examples, and ideas that work with any grade level or book.

### **Future Forward PR: AI Automation for Education Communicators**

Get ready to have a disco ball moment as we shine a light on the future of school communication! In this high-energy, interactive session, we'll explore how AI is revolutionizing Public Relations in education. From crisis management to social media strategy, stakeholder engagement to content creation—we'll showcase four key sectors where AI-powered tools are making a real impact. You'll see real-world case studies, experience hands-on demos of 4–5 AI tools, and even put them to the test yourself! Whether you're a school leader, PR pro, or tech enthusiast, this session will leave you inspired (and maybe even a little mind-blown) by what's possible. Don't miss your chance to step into the future of education communication—where AI meets creativity, strategy, and a little bit of disco magic!

### **Future Ready Librarians® Summit: Chart Your Journey with Framework 3.0**

Pack your bags for a professional learning road trip! Explore the brand-new Future Ready Librarians® Framework 3.0, expanding multiple literacies—media, digital, financial, health, and AI—while guiding ethical AI use and reimagining libraries as inclusive, flexible hubs of innovation.

### **GaDOE Community and Georgia Learns: Tools for Professional Learning**

Join the Technology Services team to explore GaDOE Community and Georgia Learns—key platforms for professional growth. Connect and collaborate with educators in GaDOE Community, then dive into personalized professional learning with Georgia Learns through courses, learning pathways, and progress tracking.

### **GaDOE SuitCASE and Inspire: Tools for the Classroom**

GaDOE Inspire and SuitCASE provide Georgia educators with powerful tools for professional development, offering access to standards-aligned content, curriculum maps, and collaborative planning resources. Guided by the GaDOE Technology Services team, educators can streamline lesson planning, foster collaboration, and enhance instruction using these integrated digital platforms.

### **Game On! Boosting Student Engagement with Gamification & Digital Challenges**

Traditional teaching methods don't always engage 21st-century learners—but technology can. This interactive session will explore how gamification and digital tools like Blooket, Gimkit, Quizizz, Legends of Learning, and Boddle can transform classroom instruction into exciting and impactful learning experiences. Participants will gain hands-on experience with each platform while learning practical ways to incorporate competition, collaboration, and interactivity into their lessons. Through live demonstrations and real-world classroom examples, attendees will walk away with ready-to-use lesson ideas, planning templates, and implementation strategies to level up student engagement and make learning more tech-driven and student-centered.

### **Genre-ology 101: Walk Like a Reader, Think Like a Middle Schooler!**

Participants will explore what it feels like to be a middle schooler in a genrefied media center. Through themed book 'zones,' interactive challenges, and genre-based reflection, they'll discover how genre organization, Apple tools, and student voice can lead to a massive boost in book circulation and reading confidence.

## **Get BOOKED: The Power of Podcasting to Spark the JOY of Reading within the Classroom and Community**

What happens when young learners become the stars of their own literacy journey? In this interactive session, explore how podcasts-created by and for young children-can transform early reading instruction into a dynamic, confidence-building experience. In this hands-on session, discover how to guide K-2 students in creating their own read-aloud podcasts that improve fluency, strengthen comprehension, and build reading joy. Learn how K-2 students can engage in read-aloud podcasting to improve fluency, and build a genuine love of reading. See how local libraries and bookstores can become partners in your students' reading journey, amplify student voices and create family literacy events that bring reading off the page and into the community. Leave with everything you need to start your own classroom podcast and inspire families to get involved in fun, meaningful literacy experiences. Take-home ideas for family engagement offers a roadmap to integrate literacy and community engagement.

## **Get Lit with AI and Literacy**

Get Lit with AI and Literacy The session will focus on showing audiences how AI can support Literacy instruction specifically with the new Georgia ELA standards. We will review tips for using ChatGPT, Microsoft Copilot, and Magic School AI. Participants will use AI to develop literacy instruction in the area of stations, collaboration activities, and more.

## **Get to Know Georgia Insights**

Georgia Insights empowers educators, parents, and communities to enhance Georgia's schools. The presentation will equip educational leaders and teachers to use data effectively, promoting student achievement.

## **Getting Started with Code Clubs: A Raspberry Pi Foundation Initiative**

This session will introduce Code Club, a free and web-based resource from the Raspberry Pi Foundation designed to help educators and mentors launch coding clubs for all school-aged children. You'll learn how to start a club using the simple '3,2,1...Make!' model and discover a wealth of free, project-based activities that require no prior computer science knowledge. The session will highlight our commitment to child safety and share success stories and data on the program's impact on young people's skills and confidence. Leave ready to bring computer science education to your community.

## **GLMA Award Winners**

Join us in celebrating the 2025 Judy Serritella Exemplary/Exceptional Library Media Program winners. This prestigious award honors library media programs that inspire students to become critical thinkers, passionate readers, skilled researchers, and ethical users of information—both in their vision and daily practice. Exemplary programs not only meet these goals but also serve as innovative models of student empowerment and leadership within the school library community. Additionally, you will have the opportunity to hear from the winner of the Intellectual Freedom Award. This distinguished individual is recognized for their steadfast commitment to upholding the principles of intellectual freedom as outlined by the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) and the American Library Association (ALA).

## **Google on the Go: Time-Saving Tips**

Want to work smarter, not harder with Google Workspace tools? This session features time-saving tips, helpful shortcuts, and hidden features across Google tools like Drive, Docs, Slides, Gmail, Chrome, and more. Whether you are looking to simplify your daily tasks or discover a few fun Google Easter eggs along the way, you will leave with new, practical ways to get the most out of the tools you use every day.

### **Google Workspace & Microsoft 365: 8 Critical Audits to Protect Your District**

Learn the top 8 online investigations every K-12 tech should run. From detecting risky logins to auditing 3rd-party apps and protecting sensitive data, this session shows you how to make the biggest impact without adding more to your plate.

### **Grant Writing Tips and Tricks: We will give you ideas and ways to start finding, and getting grants**

We will teach you how to find, write, and get the grants you want and need to make all your school dreams come true. We have over 10 years experience of receiving about 5-6,000 a year in grants, and changing the places we teach everyday. As educators we have dreams of what we could do with \$500-\$5000 if you only had the extra money. We will give you tips and tricks to ensure your hopes and dreams come to a reality. This goes beyond Donors Choose, and allows you to find the money you need to buy books, makerspace supplies, redesign a room, and be able to change the lives of your students as well as your school. We will discuss the requirements needed to make sure you are meeting all the needs of the grants as well as how to use key words and phrases to move your grant to the top of the stack. Join us and make your grant dreams come true.

### **Harnessing Notebook LM for ELA Teachers**

This professional development session introduces secondary ELA teachers to Notebook LM, an AI-powered tool that supports the creation of customized instructional materials. Participants will explore how to upload texts, generate study guides, guided notes, presentations, and outlines, and adapt materials for diverse learners. The session also covers ethical considerations and strategies to boost student engagement and understanding.

### **Harnessing Technology to Empower Student Voices in Media Centers**

In an era where technology shapes the way students learn and express themselves, media centers have the opportunity to become dynamic spaces that empower students through digital tools. This session explores how technology can be leveraged to amplify student voices, enhance research capabilities, and foster creative expression. Attendees will discover strategies for integrating multimedia tools, collaborative platforms, and student-driven initiatives that transform media centers into hubs of innovation and engagement.

### **How a Systems Thinking Mindset Can Improve Your Independent School's IT & Tech Strategy**

In schools, IT and educational technology departments often operate in silos, leading to inefficiencies, communication breakdowns, and misalignment with the school's broader mission. However, by applying a systems thinking mindset, IT leaders can foster cross-departmental collaboration, improve decision-making, and create more sustainable, mission-aligned technology strategies. This session will explore how IT and technology leaders can leverage Peter Senge's The Fifth Discipline to reframe their role as strategic partners rather than reactive problem-solvers. Through real-world examples, attendees will learn how to identify and break down silos, anticipate unintended consequences of tech decisions, and implement holistic solutions that benefit teachers, students, and administrators alike.

### **Humanizing the Digital Classroom: Fostering Empathy and Connection in a Tech-Driven World**

This session explores how technology fosters empathy and connection in education. Discover practical tools like VR and digital storytelling, and learn strategies for creating humanizing digital learning experiences. We'll address challenges and envision the future of empathetic technology.

### **Igniting STEM Curiosity: From Bricks to Breakthroughs (INNOVATION GRANT WINNER)**

Get ready to build, test, and learn! In this interactive session, participants will explore how Lego BricQ Motion transforms classrooms into hubs of curiosity and discovery.

### **ImagineLit: Where Imagination Unlocks Literacy Success**

Unlock the power of imagination to boost literacy! This engaging session introduces ImagineLit, an innovative framework using Apple Sketches School and Keynote to help students visualize, process, and create with language. Discover how imagination, supported by digital creativity tools, enhances comprehension, vocabulary, and writing fluency. Experience hands-on activities where students sketch characters, animate plot sequences, and visually map vocabulary-making reading and writing concrete, memorable, and fun. Leave with practical lesson ideas, assessment strategies, and digital templates ready for immediate classroom use. Transform your literacy instruction and empower every learner to succeed!

### **Immersive Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Education with Coding in Minecraft**

Are you looking to teach coding in a fun, game-based environment but don't consider yourself a gaming or coding expert? In this dynamic session, you'll discover how Coding in Minecraft transforms the classroom into a student-driven, high-energy learning experience where students take charge of their own coding journey using Blocks, JavaScript, or Python. As the educator, you'll become a guide, empowering students to explore, create, and thrive in their learning. Plus, they can earn a credential through our Capstone Credential Exam! Dive into our immersive curriculum and discover the all-in-one pathway you need to ignite a passion for coding in your students - all at NO COST for Georgia public schools!

### **Innovate, Engage, Inspire: GaDOE Resources and Strategies for K-12 Computer Science Success**

Discover how GaDOE's INSPIRE resources can enhance computer science instruction across K-12 classrooms. This session will explore research-based strategies, hands-on activities, and practical tools designed to engage students, support educators, and integrate computer science into diverse learning environments. Attendees will gain insights into scaffolded instructional approaches, interdisciplinary connections, and best practices for fostering computational thinking and problem-solving skills. Whether new to computer science or looking to refine your instructional methods, this session will equip you with actionable strategies to elevate CS learning in your school or district.

### **Innovation, Creation, Transformation with Book Creator!**

If you are new to Book Creator or wanting to find new ways to use Book Creator, this session is for you! Learn how to use Book Creator to innovate, create, and transform your students' success! Learn how to save time with pre-made templates and workbooks! We will also make time for a question and answer segment so that you can get everything you need out of this Book Creator session. Attendees get a free 6 month premium account!

### **Inspiring Girls to Fill the Blank Space in STEM through an After-School Coding and Robotics Club**

Girls often disengage from coding and robotics before middle school. In this session, you'll discover research-backed strategies from an after-school coding and robotics club that boosted engagement and self-efficacy for 2nd–5th-grade girls. Learn how hands-on, creative projects with Dash robots and Hummingbird Bit kits, collaborative teams, female STEM mentors, and purposeful scaffolding sparked confidence and curiosity. Walk away with ready-to-use ideas, project outlines, and mentorship tips to launch, or level up, your own program and help girls 'fill the blank space' in STEM.

### **Integrating AI at the Elementary School Level**

In this session, we will explore how the Seckinger Cluster is leading the way in AI readiness for Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) and how we can begin incorporating AI thinking skills at the elementary level. Our focus will be on preparing students for the college and career opportunities of today and tomorrow, ensuring they can thrive in an AI-driven future. Through ethical and responsible use of technology, students will be empowered to become informed users, developers, and decision-

makers in the world of AI. Join us to learn how to integrate foundational AI skills into your teaching practices and foster the next generation of innovative thinkers.

### **Is Every Student Heard? Empowering Voices with UDL & Tech Tools**

How can we ensure every student feels seen, heard, and valued in our classrooms? This session delves into the power of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and technology to provide diverse learners with opportunities to share their unique perspectives. Explore practical applications of tools like Book Creator, Ludia, Pear Deck, and Padlet to create engaging and accessible learning experiences that promote student agency and expression.

### **It's Not Just Storytime!**

As school librarians, we do more than 'keep the books' and have storytime - we are literacy champions, but do your administrators and teachers know that? How do you showcase your impact on student achievement? Let's dive into some instructional strategy 'tweaks' that will others seeing the guru you are. Additionally, we'll incorporate some easy-to-implement marketing tools to broadcast your amazingness to everyone! You'll walk away with practical strategies and resources perfect for sparking engagement and supporting literacy growth. This session will provide you with fun, hands-on ideas that you can start using tomorrow to boost student success and advocate for your program! Get ready for a session filled with creativity, actionable takeaways, and resources that will prove you're a literacy superhero!

### **Journey to Genius: Implementing Genius Hour in the Elementary Classroom**

You've heard of Genius Hour, but what does it look like in an elementary classroom? You'll leave this session with helpful tools and strategies to introduce Genius Hour to your class, hold your students accountable for their work, and support them as they research, create, and share their learning!

### **Kennesaw State Doctorial Students Meet & Greet**

This session is for current students, faculty, and graduates of the instructional technology doctoral program at Kennesaw State University to meet, get to know one another, and provide feedback to the program.

### **Keys to Unlocking Student Creativity with Adobe Express, Book Creator, and more!**

How can we engage students' creativity using technology? Elementary students love to doodle and sketch, but these skills don't always translate to the computer. In this session, learn how our elementary school has unlocked some serious creativity using Adobe Express, Book Creator, and drawing tools. We will share the activities that have had a great impact in an elementary art classroom, which can also be modified for many content areas. Leave with some very easy-entry activities you can use with your students, while engaging them in future career pathways simultaneously. Led by an art teacher and technology coach for GCPS.

### **KSU Instructional Technology Meetup**

Calling all KSU Instructional Technology alumni, students, faculty and staff! Meet your cohort and fellow students face-to-face as well as some of your ITEC professors! We will share some fun, laughter, and you will walk away promoting #OWLNation. Join us before the reception.

### **Leading Effective Online PD for IT Coaches**

Dive into the world of online professional development! This session explores the innovative Pathways program designed to enhance the skills of Instructional Technology Coaches. Learn how to integrate effective design elements like active learning, collaboration, and modeling into your PD sessions. We'll share insights from real-world applications and discuss how these strategies can transform your

coaching practices. Join us for an interactive session filled with practical tips, collaborative discussions, and a peek into the future of instructional technology coaching.

### **Let's Get Figgy With It - Using Figma to create a Culture of Collaboration**

Attendees will learn about Figma's collaborative features, real-time editing, and AI-powered tools, making it an ideal tool for classroom use. The session will cover how Figma's collaborative tools can enhance teamwork among students. I will provide examples of group projects where students can work together in real-time, share feedback, and iterate on designs, promoting a collaborative learning environment. Attendees will receive practical tips and resources for getting started with Figma in their classrooms. I will share templates, lesson plans, and best practices to ensure successful implementation. Additionally, I will present examples of student projects created using Figma, demonstrating the tool's impact on student engagement and learning outcomes. This session aims to equip educators with the knowledge and tools to integrate Figma into their teaching practices, leveraging AI features to foster creativity, collaboration, and design thinking in the classroom.

### **Level Up Learning: Arcade Edition**

Discover the world of learning through game-based play using Microsoft Makecode Arcade. In this hands-on session, attendees will be able to explore how using coding within learning can help guide students to design and building unique worlds through 2D games. Participants in this session will be able to learn coding basics like looping, conditioning, and variables that are essential to the world of coding. While creating these interactive 2D playable games, students will be able to create curriculum-aligned activities that can boost not only their creativity, but problem solving skills and overall student motivation for learning. No prior coding knowledge is required! Come see what you and your students can create!

### **Level Up Learning: Unleashing the Power of AR/VR in Education**

Step into the future of education! This dynamic session will explore the transformative potential of Augmented Reality (AR), Virtual Reality (VR) and Mixed Reality (MR) to revolutionize learning experiences. Discover how these immersive technologies can move beyond novelty to become powerful tools for deeper engagement, enhanced understanding, and the development of crucial 21st-century skills. We'll delve into practical applications across various subjects and grade levels, showcasing readily available AR and VR tools and apps that educators can immediately integrate into their classrooms. Participants will leave with actionable strategies and a wealth of resources to 'level up' their teaching and empower their students in new and exciting ways.

### **Level Up: Launching Your Esports Program**

Ready to launch an electrifying esports program? This dynamic course provides a roadmap from vision to victory. Explore the booming esports landscape, learn to secure buy-in, build essential infrastructure (tech, space, budget), and effectively recruit and manage your team. Discover strategies for competition, community engagement, and long-term sustainability. Gain practical insights and resources to level up your organization and empower the next generation of esports athletes. No prior experience is necessary – just passion and a drive to build something awesome!

### **Leveraging AI for Effective and Efficient School Leadership**

This professional development session is designed to empower K-12 educators and leaders with the skills to effectively implement AI tools in their leadership roles. Participants will explore the foundational concepts of AI, including its capabilities in data analysis and decision-making support, while adhering to best practices for responsible usage. Through engaging activities, educators will identify daily tasks to automate, practice prompt engineering with Microsoft Copilot, and develop personalized AI implementation plans tailored to their specific challenges. By the end of the session,

participants will leave with actionable strategies that enhance efficiency, improve communication, and ultimately support their educational leadership endeavors. Join us to unlock the potential of AI in your educational practice!

### **Leveraging GPB Digital Content and PBS LearningMedia Resources for Innovative Classroom Practices**

This session is designed for educators interested in exploring how free digital resources from Georgia Public Broadcasting (GPB) and PBS Learning Media can enhance their classroom instruction. By integrating these powerful tools, teachers can develop engaging, standards-aligned lessons that promote deeper learning, foster creativity, and expand access to diverse educational content. Educators will be introduced to GPB's digital content offerings, including videos, interactive lesson plans, and activities, along with PBS Learning Media's vast repository of high-quality, curriculum-based resources. The session will focus on how these resources can be seamlessly integrated into K-12 classrooms across all content areas, including Science, Math, Social Studies, Literacy, and more.

### **Liftoff! Using Your LMS in the Face-to-Face Classroom**

From devices to multiple grade levels of content to students themselves, teachers have a lot to manage. It can feel like your learning management system is just an exotic destination reserved for bucket list visits. But what if the LMS could be used for more than just an occasional flyover? What if it could be a hub for the face-to-face classroom too? In this session, see practical examples of ways that your learning management system can be an integral part of your classroom structure, without students having to be on devices all the time and in the same ways. Note that we will use Canvas LMS as our example for the demonstration, but the ideas can apply to any LMS.

### **Lights, Camera, Engage! Mastering Google Vids for Your Classroom**

Ready to transform your lessons with the power of video? This session will equip educators with the essential skills to create captivating and effective video content using Google Vids. Discover how to easily record, edit, and enhance videos, leveraging intuitive features and even AI-powered tools. Learn practical strategies for boosting student engagement, flipping your classroom, and fostering creative projects with Google Vids.

### **Lights, Camera, Engagement: Video Strategies for Dynamic Classrooms**

Unleash the creative potential of your classroom with video! Create effective, engaging videos that enhance student learning, and discover how video can be used to foster creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking skills. From planning to filming to editing, you'll learn essential techniques to bring your lessons to life on screen.

### **Lights, Camera, Welcome! Creating Videos That Connect**

Ready to bring your messages to life? Whether you're an educator greeting students or a school leader inspiring staff, this session will show you how to craft engaging, professional-quality videos with ease. Join us for a hands-on workshop using Canva and MyVideoSpot to create a 'Welcome Back to School' video tailored to your audience. Learn best practices for scripting, visuals, and tone to maximize impact. You'll leave with your very own polished video and the tools to keep the momentum going all year long. No fancy equipment needed-just your creativity and your voice!

### **'Literacy Unleashed: Transforming Learning Through Choice, Community, and Technology (RISING STAR)**

Unlock the Future of Reading with 'Literacy Unleashed!' Join us for an engaging session that transforms the way we approach literacy in education. Discover innovative strategies to bridge traditional reading practices with technology, fostering collaboration, student choice, and creativity. Learn how to implement bespoke literacy choice boards and incentives that empower students to take ownership of

their learning journey. Experience how to cultivate a vibrant media center as a community hub that inspires excitement and a lifelong love of reading. With actionable insights drawn from research on effective practices, this session is designed to empower educators to lead literacy initiatives beyond the textbook and classroom, creating a culture of learning that resonates throughout the school. Don't miss the opportunity to unleash the potential of your students and revolutionize literacy instruction!

### **Little Kids Can Do Big Things!**

This engaging session shines a spotlight on the incredible capabilities of young learners in the digital age. 'Little Kids Can Do Big Things' explores how even our littlest students can confidently engage with technology in meaningful, creative, and developmentally appropriate ways. Through hands-on examples, success stories, and practical tools, participants will discover how to integrate age-appropriate tech activities that build foundational skills in coding, problem-solving, digital storytelling, and collaboration. Attendees will leave empowered with strategies to foster independence, innovation, and a love for learning-proving that when given the right tools and support, little kids truly can do big things!

### **Love is Blind: EdTech Edition**

Get ready to play matchmaker, ed tech style! In this fun and fast-paced session inspired by Love is Blind, we'll explore how to design engaging activities using different educational technology tools. For each round, a surprise skill or standard will be revealed, and three popular ed tech tools will be used to create unique activities that support that skill. After seeing each tool and how it's used, cast your vote on which tool is the best match. Come ready to vote, reflect, and maybe even fall in love with a new ed tech favorite!

### **Make it FUN for ELL students**

Put the FUN in fun. Fundamentals Understanding, No excuse-- Explore how ELL students and all students can learn by having. This will be a hands on experience for all. We will demonstrate how to make learning FUN for all students.

### **Make Magic in the Classroom with Canva Cool Tools**

In this interactive session, participants will explore powerful Canva tools that enhance student and teacher engagement in the classroom. Discover how these innovative features can transform teaching and learning with ease. This session will guide you through using Magic Design, generating template links, making polls/quizzes, generating QR codes for seamless participation, utilizing whiteboard and sorting features to boost collaboration and creativity, and creating AI-generated images. Join us to discover how Canva can bring creativity and efficiency to your classroom!

### **Make Reading Fun: A Library and Media Services Guide to Fun Programming**

Reading should be an adventure, not an assignment! This session explores innovative ways to transform library and media services into dynamic, engaging spaces that foster a love for reading. Participants will discover interactive programs, engaging programming, and technology-driven strategies that captivate students of all ages.

### **Make Spaces for Students: Utilizing AI to Create More Accessibility,**

In Make Spaces for Students: Utilizing AI to Create More Accessibility, educators will explore how artificial intelligence can enhance social-emotional learning (SEL) by creating inclusive, student-centered experiences. This session will showcase AI-powered tools that help students build self-awareness, empathy, and communication skills while providing teachers with actionable insights to support their learners. Participants will gain practical strategies for integrating AI into SEL initiatives, fostering a classroom environment where all students feel seen, heard, and supported.

### **Maps, Minds, and Meaning: Student Storytelling with Google Earth & MyMaps**

Learn how Google Earth and MyMaps can help students connect content with context through meaningful, place-based projects. This session will explore how both tools can support student storytelling, research, and engagement across multiple subjects. These two tools encourage critical thinking, purposeful writing, and creative visualization. No prior mapping or GIS experience needed!

### **Media Madness: Enhancing Classroom Engagement with Media Technology**

This session will go over how tools like Clipchamp and Adobe Podcast can transform your classroom. This session will explore practical ways to integrate video and audio creation into lessons, making learning more engaging and interactive. Attendees will gain hands-on strategies for using these tools to enhance student creativity, communication, and critical thinking. Whether you're a beginner or experienced user, this session will provide ideas and resources to bring media-rich learning to your students. Walk away with ready-to-use tips for leveraging media technology effectively in any subject area!

### **Mic Check: Enhancing Learning Through Student-Driven Podcasts**

Our session will explore innovative ways educators can integrate podcasts into their teaching to enhance student engagement and support diverse learning styles. We'll also dive into the creative process of having students produce their own podcasts-building skills in communication, storytelling, and digital literacy. Don't have a lot of fancy recording gadgets....that's ok! We've got you covered. Whether you're new to podcasting or looking to take your classroom projects to the next level, this session will offer practical tips, tools, and inspiration!

### **Mic Check: Getting Started with Student Podcasting**

Podcasting is more than just talking into a mic-it's a powerful way to engage students in authentic learning experiences that build confidence, creativity, and communication skills. This beginner-friendly session introduces educators to the world of student podcasting with easy-to-follow steps, practical classroom tips, and free or low-cost tools. Whether you're teaching reading, science, or social studies, you'll discover how podcasting can amplify student voice and connect learning to a real audience. Walk away with ready-to-use templates, a sample project plan, and the confidence to launch your own classroom podcast-no fancy equipment required!

### **Microlearning and Podcasting: Tips and Tricks for Modern Educators**

In today's fast-paced educational landscape, microlearning and podcasting have emerged as powerful tools to enhance student engagement and retention. This session will guide you through the essentials of both approaches, providing practical tips and tricks to integrate them effectively into your teaching practice. Uncover how microlearning caters to modern students' attention spans. Learn how to create bite-sized learning modules that are focused, engaging, and effective. Find out which tools and platforms can help you create and deliver microlearning content. Get to know the fundamentals of podcasting and its potential as an educational tool. Receive practical advice for tools that can be used to create educational podcasts. Learn how to incorporate podcasts into your curriculum to enhance learning and provide students with flexible, on-the-go access to content.

### **Microsoft Tools: Your Passport to a World of Innovation**

Embark on a journey of discovery! Learn how to use Microsoft tools innovatively to make you feel like you're exploring new frontiers. Microsoft is constantly adding new features to the products you love and creating new tools that transform how students learn. This session will cover a variety of Microsoft tips and tools to add to your technology toolbox. We will explore Collections in Edge to organize and share web research effortlessly, Search Coach for enhancing student search skills, Speaker Coach for improving presentation skills with real-time feedback, and Reading Progress to support student reading

fluency with personalized practice. This session will also look at 3D image creation and how to use them in your presentations, tools for podcasting, and designing digital breakouts for interactive learning. Join us for new ideas and innovative ways to engage students and encourage learning. Get ready to stamp your passport to innovation and embark on an educational adventure!

### **Million \$ Gift: Deep, No-cost Resources for Careers: Blue Collar to Grad School + Career Connection**

Interviews with diverse, passionate professionals with visits to their workplaces might just ignite career passions in students. Virtual field trips, Interactives, self-paced modules, and more, give students irreplaceable exposure to careers beyond their neighborhood. Including careers with AI. Let them see what they can be. Funded - and free! Also, how to request classroom Zooms with career professionals in the new Classroom Connect.

### **Multiverse of Modalities with Kami: Accessible, Engaging Text Experiences for All**

Kami is your secret weapon to address multimodal text experiences in your classroom! Dive into this dynamic session to discover how Kami empowers students to engage with text in rich, diverse ways. We'll explore Kami's intuitive annotation tools, audio and video recording capabilities, and robust accessibility features that transform static documents into interactive learning experiences. Learn practical strategies for differentiating instruction, supporting diverse learners, and ensuring every student can access, understand, and create with multimodal content. Get ready to unlock the full potential of your classroom documents with Kami confidence!

### **Newcomer's Session at GaETC 2025!**

Whether you are a first-timer or a regular at GaETC, attend the Newcomer's session on Wednesday morning to maximize your conference experience and learn what is new in 2025! Get the latest details on GaETC's sessions, speakers, keynote, Exhibit Hall, contests, app and be ready for the first session!

### **Next Stop: Innovation — How Librarians are Changing the Map**

Join us for an inspiring session where the regional winners of the GaETC Library Media Specialist of the Year share how they are transforming education through innovative library practices. Each presenter will highlight creative strategies, programs, and ideas that have made a measurable impact on their schools and communities. Whether you're looking for fresh ideas or a new direction for your library, this session will leave you energized and equipped with a 'passport' full of actionable practices to bring back to your own campus.

### **No Phishing Allowed: Implementing MFA in K12 with Ease**

Whether you're just starting to explore MFA or preparing for a full-scale launch, this session will equip you with practical tools and templates to make your rollout smooth, secure, and successful.

### **Once Upon a Classroom: Reimagining Storytelling, Games, and Technology**

Step into a world where stories spark learning, games build skills, and technology brings the classroom to life. In this interactive session, educators will experience how to blend storytelling, creative writing, and gamification to engage students in a meaningful way. Attendees will participate in a live inference game to help find the presenters' fictional cat, Mr. Kibbles, exploring how narrative play can drive comprehension. Then, they'll get hands-on with tools like WeWillWrite for creative writing with built-in ELA challenges, and Genially for crafting interactive games and dynamic presentations. Finally, they'll explore a suite of engaging platforms, including Blooket, Boddle, Gimkit, and more, to keep classroom learning fresh and fun. Whether you're a tech newbie or a seasoned tech storyteller, you'll leave with practical, ready-to-use tools and a resource drive full of templates and ideas to bring lessons to life.

## **Outdoor Learning Tour (Educator's Version) Nature Walks with Purpose: Standards, Strategies, & Tools**

This drop-by poster session hits all the right notes in outdoor education. Explore how simple steps outdoors-when paired with intentional thinking and tech integration-can lead to profound, standards-aligned learning experiences across the curriculum. Backed by research showing boosts in academic achievement, focus, motivation, and well-being, this interactive experience offers curriculum-connected examples, SEL-focused check-ins, and practical management strategies for meaningful, measurable outdoor learning. Come for the vibe, stay for the strategies and leave ready to remix your instruction beyond the classroom walls.

## **Overwhelmed by Pings and Paperwork? Brand Your Class — and Master the Mayhem**

Looking for a way to stand out from the often ignored school messages? Need strategies for managing parent communications and your to do list? In this practical, hands-on session you'll build a simple Classroom Brand Kit in Canva-logo, colors, fonts-and connect it to the tools you already use: Outlook, OneNote, and Trello. Learn quick Outlook rules and color categories, smart OneNote tags for a searchable binder, To Do List management strategies, and Trello power-ups that keep your week organized. Leave with ready-to-use templates, a tidy inbox, a to do list plan, and a 10-minute daily reset that helps you stay sane.

## **Pack Light: Choosing Purpose Over Tech Overload**

Attention all passengers, this is your captain speaking. There's a new AI tool trending, a data tracker everyone's buzzing about, and yet another feedback platform in your inbox-sound familiar? We know your tech bag is full. That's why this flight is dedicated to helping educators pause, unpack, and ask: Are the tools I'm using making a real impact-or just taking up space? Through high-energy reflection we'll help you repack your digital suitcase with only what serves your students and your sanity. You'll leave this session with renewed clarity, a lighter load, and the confidence to teach with tech that actually matters. No turbulence, no tech overload-just a smooth flight toward purpose-driven instruction-and a renewed focus on what really matters: your students. Flight attendants prepare the cabins for takeoff.

## **Packing a Coaching Suitcase**

Join an instructional technology coach to unpack the essential tools, strategies, and mindsets that lead to coaching success. From building trust to modeling best practices, discover what every tech coach should carry on their journey. You'll also have time to collaborate, share your own 'travel tips,' and collect new ideas from fellow coaches. Don't miss this chance to fill your suitcase with practical resources and inspiration for the road ahead!

## **Passport to Global Collaboration: Innovating Teacher PD with a Virtual Book Club**

Connect globally! Learn to build engaging virtual book clubs for teacher PD using Kami. Explore collaborative reading, annotation, and discussion. Discover how Kami facilitates seamless interaction across borders, fostering professional growth and shared learning experiences. Maximize global collaboration and innovative PD.

## **Passport to Innovation: Boarding Gate Canva—Where Lessons Take Off with Sound & Style**

Dr. Bone is a seasoned educator with over 24 years of experience spanning all grade levels, from Kindergarten through University. Currently teaching with Empower Virtual School, she has successfully adapted the music curriculum to meet the evolving technological demands of virtual instruction. Drawing from her extensive musical background, Dr. Bone brings a wealth of expertise in sound creation and editing to enhance lesson delivery. In this session, she will showcase examples of asynchronous lessons and student-facing instructional videos created using Canva. Participants will

board the CANVA train and gain hands-on strategies for integrating audio into their own Canva presentations, including how to add, trim, sync, fade, adjust volume, incorporate sound effects, and record voiceovers-presented through clear, step-by-step guidance. All session attendees will leave with a passport of quick tips for integrating sound into CANVA.

### **Passport to Success: Navigating Library Media Services, Professional Growth, & Data-Driven outcomes**

This presentation will serve as a guide for media specialists and coordinators of media services on their journey toward professional excellence and student success. We will explore strategies for enhancing media services, analyzing data to inform decision-making, and utilizing the media evaluation instrument to drive continuous improvement. Participants will learn how to foster collaboration with peers, celebrate media programs, and create meaningful connections through mentoring support. Additionally, we will highlight the power of weekly newsletters, individual school visits with personalized feedback, and the importance of a strong professional learning network. Get ready to stamp your passport and embark on a journey of growth, innovation, and impact!

### **Personalized Learning with AI: Stories from the Classroom**

Drawing on current research into human–AI complementarity, this session presents three practitioner-led examples illustrating how teachers and librarians use generative AI to (1) design targeted literacy centers, (2) foster critical evaluation of AI-generated content, and (3) support creative visual expression aligned with curricular standards. These stories reflect teacher preferences identified in recent studies, namely, AI's potential to support curriculum development, foundational learning, instructional design, and self-reflection.

### **Picture This: Amplifying Student Voice with Apple Clips & Picture Books**

Apple Clips turns any picture book into a launchpad for student creativity, reflection, and voice. By combining visuals, voiceovers, emojis, captions, and music, students can respond to stories in deeply personal and expressive ways. Instead of simply retelling what happened, students make meaningful connections, explore emotions, and share their own perspectives-building essential literacy and SEL skills along the way. This hands-on approach empowers students to see themselves in stories and confidently share their ideas with the world.

### **Pixel Perfect: AI Game Design**

Pixel Perfect: AI Game Design is an interactive session designed for educators interested in exploring the fundamentals of video game creation and the innovative practice of 'vibe coding' with AI tools. Attendees will gain hands-on experience in both the conceptual and technical aspects of game design, making this session ideal for beginners and those curious about the latest trends in educational technology. Attendees will leave with the experience of vibe coding their own game and a game design handbook that will be perfect to take back and implement in their classrooms.

### **Podcasting is Transformative in Our World Languages Classes!**

Podcasting is perfect for engaging even your shyest students to write, speak and express themselves creatively in the target language! Transform your research, culture, writing, listening, reading and speaking lessons into podcasts at any level in world languages! Try these innovative strategies to create podcasts with Podcast Adobe, Padlet and Book Creator. Participants will listen to students' podcasts and create a simple podcast using Podcast Adobe. Participants will use student-created podcast templates to interact and familiarize themselves with site capabilities.They will also play with samples of podcasts using Padlet and Book Creator while brainstorming ideas. All will receive a list of strategies and customizable templates.

### **Practical Tips: Maximizing Your Day with Microsoft 365**

Overwhelmed by emails, meetings, and digital clutter? Learn how Jim uses Microsoft 365 to stay focused, organized, and productive. This live demo will showcase practical uses of Outlook, To Do, OneNote, and other 365 tools that can help you streamline communication, manage priorities, and take back your time. Whether you're teaching learners, leading a school or supporting teachers, walk away with ready-to-implement strategies that work in the real world.

### **Prompting Possibilities: Unleashing AI in the Classroom!**

In this engaging session, participants will explore the transformative potential of AI in education. Attendees will learn the significance of effective AI prompting, including how specific, contextual, and iterative prompts can enhance the quality of AI-generated responses. The session will highlight best practices for educators to maximize the use of AI tools, focusing on the free version of MagicSchool and other accessible AI applications like ChatGPT, Google Gemini, and Canva Magic Write. Through hands-on practice, participants will create prompts for lesson plans and educational resources, fostering creativity and innovation. By the end of the session, educators will gain practical insights and strategies to confidently integrate AI prompting into their teaching practices, ultimately enriching the learning experience for students. Join us to discover how AI can become a valuable ally in your educational journey!

### **Put me in, Coach: Merging a media specialist & instructional coaching role within your school.**

By building strong relationships with teachers, you can leverage your media specialist and coaching skills in ways that directly impact students. From technology tools to kicking it old school, this session will provide you with new and easy ways to get into classrooms or get teachers to bring their classrooms to your media center.

### **Reaching Young Minds with AI**

Discover how artificial intelligence can become a powerful tool for engaging young learners and enhancing foundational skills across the curriculum. In this dynamic session, educators will explore age-appropriate AI tools, classroom integration strategies, and real-world examples that spark curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking in early childhood and elementary students. Participants will leave with practical ideas, lesson starters, and resources that make AI accessible and meaningful—even for the youngest minds. Whether you're new to AI or ready to expand its impact, this session will equip you to inspire the next generation of innovators through playful, purposeful technology use.

### **Read Across America Revamped- Building Literacy Across Your District!**

This year, we creatively and completely reimagined Read Across America Week in our entire district! Collaborating with various groups, we crafted ideas that are not just unforgettable but also budget-friendly and adaptable for K-12 schools everywhere. The best part? Every single student in our district joined in on the fun—and are still talking about it! Literacy isn't just about reading pages; it's about sparking laughter, spreading joy, igniting excitement, and fostering connections. Ready to revamp your Read Across America Week? Dive in and create a week full of moments that your students will remember!

### **Read, Imagine, Build: Incorporating Novel Engineering**

Ready to bring stories to life while boosting STEM, literacy, and problem-solving skills? In this session, educators will learn how to incorporate Novel Engineering projects in the classroom by connecting challenges from novels to hands-on and digital design projects. Participants will explore offline and online project options, see example challenges, and leave with practical strategies, checklists, and rubrics to support implementation across grade levels and subject areas.

### **Ready, Set, Research: Empowering Students Through a Power Partnership**

Team up with this EdTech Coach and Media Specialist to walk through our 'Ready, Set, Research' framework! We'll walk through the collaborative building process centering around the gradual release model and talk about how our partnership has revolutionized research lessons at our middle school to help all students become confident researchers and presenters!

### **Redefining School Infrastructure: How AI is Transforming Network Operations**

As K-12 schools expand their digital learning initiatives, managing complex networks efficiently has never been more critical. This session explores how Juniper's AI-driven AIOps platforms are revolutionizing network operations for school districts of all sizes. By leveraging intelligent automation, predictive analytics, and proactive monitoring, school IT teams can identify and resolve issues before they impact students and staff, optimize network performance, and free up time to focus on strategic initiatives rather than day-to-day troubleshooting. Join us to see real-world examples of how AI is helping districts enhance connectivity, improve security, and deliver a seamless digital learning experience, all while reducing operational complexity and cost.

### **Restorative Practices for AI Misuse in Academic Writing**

This session discusses the misuse of AI in academic writing and proposes restorative practices to address AI-related cheating and prevent future incidents.

### **'Rethink Career Day with AR/VR'**

How can we give students authentic, hands-on experiences in healthcare, engineering, or advanced manufacturing without leaving the classroom? This session will showcase how technologies including AR/VR and AI empower middle school career exploration and Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE) programs by immersing students in safe, repeatable, and highly realistic career simulations.

### **Revolutionize Your Classroom: Unleashing AI Magic and Padlet Power!**

Revolutionize your humanities and world language classroom with AI and Padlet! In this session, you'll learn how to use Padlet's AI features to enhance learning and support teaching. Discover how AI can help you create engaging content and save time. Participants will learn practical strategies for using AI to generate activities, curate multimedia resources, and facilitate collaborative projects that encourage authentic use. Come explore how these powerful tools can transform your preparation time and energy. Bring your device, ideas, creativity and hop on the Padlet train!

### **Safe, Secure, Approved: The Path to Digital Compliance**

In today's digital classroom, using online tools comes with both opportunity and responsibility. In this session, educators will learn how to confidently navigate the district's digital resource approval process. We'll cover the essential steps for ensuring tools meet student data privacy laws (FERPA, COPPA, CIPA), align with instructional goals, and are safe for classroom use. By the end of this session, you'll know how to select, request, and implement digital tools that are both effective and compliant-keeping students protected and learning on track.

### **Save Hours With AI: You Don't Need to Code—You Just Need to Ask**

Think coding is only for techies? Think again. In this fast-paced, eye-opening session, you'll see how today's AI tools can help any educator build time-saving dashboards, automate tedious tasks in Google Sheets, and even create simple Chrome extensions-no coding experience required. Through two live demos and real examples from school workflows, you'll learn how to turn plain English into working tools that solve problems you didn't think you could tackle yourself. Whether you're a classroom teacher drowning in data, a coach looking to streamline processes, or just someone curious

about what's possible, this session will leave you saying, 'I can do that!' Come curious, leave empowered-with the confidence to build your own AI-powered solutions.

### **Scattered, Smothered, and Covered - Inundating your school with your program!**

'I haven't been in a library since middle school!' Words often heard by soon-to-be graduates. In high school, a world of more freedom and more responsibility, how do we convince our students to choose us? Strategies, socials, and schemes to hook your students (AND STAFF) and spotlight your space.

### **Shake It Off: Overcoming AI Fears With Teacher PD**

AI is shaking up education faster than a Midnights album drop, but how do we help teachers use it safely and effectively-without Bad Blood? As instructional technology coaches, we built an AI pathway to help our teachers save time, enhance instruction, and gain AI confidence (no more Blank Spaces!). In this session, we'll share our framework for developing transformative PD, the key AI issues we covered, and the lessons we learned All Too Well. You'll gain practical tips for designing a Fearless AI learning pathway that meets teachers where they are and fosters meaningful integration. Whether you're a tech coach, administrator, or teacher leader, you'll leave ready to be the Mastermind behind an effective, scalable AI PD plan for your school or district. So, are you Ready For It?

### **SLDS for Administrators and Teachers**

Unlock the power of data with Georgia's Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS), a platform containing many applications that help educators make informed decisions. Administrators and teachers will learn how to identify strengths, address weaknesses, and close achievement gaps using SLDS reports to monitor performance and create targeted differentiation groups.

### **Small Step, Big Shifts: Coaching as a Marathon of Meaningful Sprints**

Instructional change is not a result of a single strong burst of instructional energy. Instead, the most effective instructional shifts are a result of consistent, small intentional steps forward. In this session, participants will explore how coaching cycles and coaching sprints can drive meaningful, sustained growth for teachers and students. Using real-world examples and interactive templates, we'll examine how to support innovative teaching practices through targeted, just-in-time coaching strategies. Whether you're new to coaching or refining years of expertise, you'll leave with a flexible structure for building teacher capacity, fostering meaningful reflection, and creating long term progress -- one sprint at a time.

### **Smarter, Not Harder: Using ChatGPT to Create & Adapt Learning Materials**

Workshop Title: Smarter, Not Harder: Using ChatGPT to Create & Adapt Learning Materials Audience: K-12 Teachers | All Subjects Length: 1 hour Workshop Description: Looking to save time while designing meaningful, standards-aligned instruction? In this hands-on workshop, educators will explore how to use ChatGPT to quickly create, adapt, and differentiate learning materials across subject areas. From summarizing complex texts and generating quizzes to modifying content for diverse learners, ChatGPT can help streamline your planning process. Participants will practice using real-world prompts to transform freely available online resources-like articles from National Geographic or CommonLit-into student-friendly activities, assessments, and supports. Perfect for teachers who want to work smarter, not harder, while meeting the varied needs of their classrooms.

### **Stamp Your Passport with Creativity: Using Adobe Express to Curate and Share Resources**

Come and attend a dynamic presentation designed to empower educators and professionals. Discover how to leverage Adobe Express to create visually appealing and interactive webpages for resource curation. We'll explore the platform's features, demonstrate step-by-step webpage creation, and share best practices for organizing and sharing content. Participants will gain practical skills and inspiration to build their own resource hubs, enhancing engagement and support for their audience. Don't miss

this opportunity to unlock the full potential of Adobe Express and elevate your resource-sharing capabilities

### **Start the Spark: Launching Robotics & Physical Computing Activities with Students**

This poster session will focus on easy, high-impact ways in which participants can blend coding, physical computing, and robotics into everyday instruction. Participants will have the opportunity to try some of the sample lessons and activities we have implemented with students using Dot & Dash robots, Makey Makey, micro:bits, Sphero Indi, and Ozobots. They will leave with an understanding of what physical computing is, see how opportunities for hands-on tech-based activities fuel engagement and equity, and gather hands-on lessons they can launch in their classrooms right away. Participants do not need any prior coding or robotics experience, and they will leave energized, informed, and ready to spark student creativity!

### **STEAM Without Borders: Expanding Innovation Beyond the Classroom**

In today's interconnected world, STEM education must go beyond the walls of the classroom to prepare students for global challenges. This session explores how to create impactful, real-world STEM experiences that foster creativity, collaboration, and global awareness. Learn how to design project-based learning opportunities that address environmental issues, social impact, and cultural relevance while integrating digital tools like AR/VR, coding apps, and global classroom connections. Discover strategies to engage students in meaningful STEM challenges using technology to connect across communities and continents. Attendees will leave with ready-to-use resources, lesson ideas, and a renewed vision for making STEM learning borderless, inclusive, and transformative.

### **'STEAM'y Symbolism and Creative Response through Technology**

Overall, this presentation offers a practical, interdisciplinary lesson idea that integrates artistic design with academic learning, providing a versatile model that can be easily adapted to various curricula. Attendees will leave with a clear framework and actionable strategies for enhancing student engagement and understanding through creative digital expression that can serve as a hook, activity, or assessment.

### **STEM That Sticks: Hands-On, Standards-Driven Solutions for Real Classroom Challenges**

Struggling to launch or scale your STEM program? This session tackles common barriers-like teacher confidence, time for lesson planning, and student engagement-using MimioSTEM tools. Explore how Xploris, Labdisc, Robo 3D printers, and MyStemKits curriculum work together to deliver hands-on, standards-driven learning.

### **Storytelling Reimagined: Digital Narratives Using Pages, Clips & GarageBand**

As Apple Learning Coaches, we've seen firsthand how digital storytelling can empower students to creatively express their voices while building essential literacy and communication skills. In this session, we'll explore how our coaching work with teachers has helped transform traditional writing tasks into dynamic, student-led projects using Pages, Clips, and GarageBand. Participants will discover how students can draft narratives in Pages, enhance their stories with visuals and voiceovers in Clips, and build immersive soundscapes in GarageBand-creating multimedia experiences that engage both heart and mind. Come learn how storytelling, reimagined through Apple creativity tools, can impact student learning, boost engagement, and foster deeper connections to content across grade levels and subject areas.

### **Strategic Evolution and Sustainable Management of K-12 Digital Tools**

The surge in edtech has improved instruction, engagement, and efficiency but also created operational and financial complexity. Strategies for centralized management, streamlined procurement, and data-driven decision-making are critical in the shift from ad-hoc purchasing to strategic governance.

### **Strengthening the Pipeline: Building Teacher Capacity Through Induction**

Supporting and retaining new teachers is a growing challenge in education. This session will showcase how KSU iTeach and a local school district partnered to launch NEST (New Educator Support & Training), an innovative induction program designed to support first-year teachers. Through embedded coaching, professional development, virtual mentorship, and a collaborative learning community, NEST provides the tools and support needed to build teacher confidence, promote wellness, and enhance retention. Attendees will walk away with practical strategies to implement a sustainable induction program in their own schools or districts.

### **Student Voices Unleashed: Excelling with Adobe Podcast**

Join us for an engaging and hands-on session where we explore the transformative power of Adobe Podcast in the classroom. This session is designed to introduce teachers to the intuitive features of Adobe Podcast, demonstrate its user-friendly interface, and provide practical experience in creating their own podcasts. Whether you're a beginner or have some experience, this session will empower you to harness Adobe Podcast to amplify student voices and foster creativity.

### **Studio Sessions: Using Canva to Power Student Newscasts**

Discover how to turn your students into confident storytellers and digital creators through classroom newscasts. In this hands-on session, you'll learn how to guide students through brainstorming, scriptwriting, filming, and editing using tools like Canva. Walk away with practical strategies, templates, and inspiration to foster creativity, collaboration, and student voice in any classroom setting.

### **Supporting Student Growth and Engagement Through Data, Differentiation, and Standards Alignment**

Accelerate student growth through engaging, standards-aligned content and powerful data tools. This session will explore how to use accommodation profiles, AI-driven insights, and diverse question types to personalize learning, monitor progress, and support all learners. Ideal for administrators and teachers seeking impactful, inclusive instruction.

### **Take a trip with Curipod- Your passport to curiosity!**

Participants in this session will be fully immersed in a 'Curify' experience that captures Active Learning, Engagement, and Deeper Thinking. No longer will your students be asking 'Why do I need to learn this?' when you 'Curify' their learning experience. Curipod keeps curiosity at the heart of learning

### **Tales that Travel: Novel Engineering (RISING STAR)**

This is a hands-on experience where literature meets engineering design. This engaging session blends read-alouds with a creative STEM challenge inspired by books. Participants will explore how to use Minecraft Edu (or other platforms) to prototype solutions to story-based problems, then consider how to bring those ideas to life with physical materials. Along the way, uncover the research-backed benefits of Novel Engineering: boosting comprehension, fostering empathy, and encouraging real-world problem solving through interdisciplinary learning. You'll leave with ready-to-use resources, book suggestions, and activity templates to spark innovation in your own classroom.

### **Teach Like a Tech Boss: EduProtocols to the Rescue!**

In this high-energy session, discover how EduProtocols pair perfectly with your favorite digital tools (Google, Canva, Quizizz-you name it) to create lessons that are fast, fun, and shockingly effective. Whether you're 1:1 or just tech-curious, you'll walk away with strategies that allow you to work smarter, not harder. Your students might start asking for more work. Seriously.

## **Teach Me How to AI**

'Teach Me How To AI' is an engaging and practical session designed to introduce educators to the fundamentals of artificial intelligence and its application in the classroom. Participants will explore key AI concepts, discover hands-on tools to enhance teaching and learning, and examine the ethical considerations surrounding AI use in education. Through demonstrations and real-world examples, this session empowers educators to confidently integrate AI into their practices, making teaching more efficient and student learning more personalized.

## **Teachers as Students - Panel Discussion on Pursuit of Graduate Degrees**

With the proliferation of technologies into everyday lives, the options and challenges for pursuing graduate degrees also has grown. In this panel discussion, university faculty will discuss the following topics and answer questions from the audience to aid teachers in advancing their careers through pursuit of graduate studies. Individual programs will not be promoted (this isn't a sales session). Discussions will focus on factors the lead to teachers' success and satisfaction with the programs they ultimately choose. Shopping for Graduate Programs: \* How to Look for Programs \* Assessing Quality & Fit \* Calculating Costs (money, time, quality of life) Non-Tech Considerations: \* Balancing Demands of School, Work, & Family \* Scholarship Seeking \* Budgeting & Financial Aid Tech Considerations - AI: \* Ethical Use of AI \* Knowledge Gathering \* Scholarly Writing Tech Considerations - Non-AI: \* Communication \* Productivity \* Collaboration

## **Teaching in the Age of AI: Digital Citizenship and Responsible Integration in High School Classrooms**

Teaching in the Age of AI: Digital Citizenship and Responsible Integration in High School Classrooms As AI tools rapidly evolve, high school educators must guide students in using technology ethically, critically, and effectively. This session explores how to teach digital citizenship and AI literacy through practical classroom strategies, engaging tools, and student voice. Learn how to embed discussions about privacy, misinformation, and responsible AI use into your curriculum while supporting student creativity and inquiry. Real students will co-present, sharing firsthand experiences with AI in learning and the digital dilemmas they face. Walk away with ready-to-use resources, sample policies, and actionable ideas for creating future-ready classrooms grounded in ethics and empowerment.

## **Teaching with Joy: Empowering Student Voices in the Digital Age**

Teaching with Joy: Empowering Student Voices in the Digital Age This presentation focuses on teaching with joy while empowering student voices in the digital age, specifically tailored for middle schoolers. It begins by explaining what makes learning powerful through personal connection and real-world relevance, then delves into digital equity and its importance in modern education. The presentation emphasizes creating positive classroom environments where mistakes are welcomed and student voices are valued, while highlighting how technology is an essential learning tool for collaboration and creativity. It explores learning beyond traditional classroom boundaries through STEM activities and community engagement, emphasizes crucial digital skills for today's world, and discusses making learning fun and meaningful. It concludes by encouraging student participation and agency in their learning journey, emphasizing that every educator has the power to contribute, empower, and enhance

## **Tech Care of Yourself: Prioritizing Wellness in a Digital World**

In the hustle and bustle of the digital age, self-care isn't a luxury - it's a necessity! Join us for a fun and interactive session where we'll explore digital tools that make prioritizing well-being easier for busy educators. From mindfulness apps to productivity boosters, discover how technology can help you recharge, refocus, and reclaim your balance. Let's tech care of ourselves and thrive together!

### **Tech Madness Playbook: A Bracket-Style PD Strategy for EdTech Coaches**

Bring the excitement of March Madness to your PD with Tech Madness—a bracket-style competition where educators complete engaging, point-based challenges to explore digital tools. In this session, EdTech Coaches will learn how to design and run their own challenge, complete with templates, timelines, and strategies that turn traditional PD into a fun, collaborative, and high-impact learning experience.

### **Tech Meets Heart: Harnessing AI and EdTech Tools to Foster Emotional and Social Learning**

Join us for 'Tech Meets Heart,' a session that highlights how AI and EdTech tools can truly support students' social and emotional growth. We'll share real-world, practical strategies to use technology not just to teach, but to connect—building classrooms where students feel seen, heard, and cared for. Come learn how to blend heart and tech to create a more empathetic, inclusive, and supportive learning environment.

### **Tech-Driven Leadership: Streamlining Workflows and Maximizing Impact**

Empower instructional coaches and leaders to move beyond efficiency into sustainable change. Learn how to build systems of support using tech tools that streamline tasks, elevate teacher collaboration, and measure impact at scale. Leave with actionable steps, workflows, and implementation strategies.

### **Techie Tots: Computer Science for Pre-K and Kindergarten**

Let's face it, computer science with our younger population can be exhausting. This session will guide educators through strategies to foster independence and confidence in young learners as they develop essential computer skills without wearing out your favorite shoes.

### **Tech-Savvy Teacher's Toolbox - Take Two**

Ready to expand your digital toolbox? Whether you joined us at our session last year or are new to the journey, dive in and discover FREE websites/apps that spark engagement and empower students. Explore innovative tools for integrating technology into lessons across subjects/grade levels and unlock your classroom's digital potential!

### **Texts, Tone, and Tech: AI Tools for Effortless Parent Outreach**

Want to connect with families in a way that's clear, supportive, and stress-free? This session explores how to use AI tools like ChatGPT, TalkingPoints, Goblin Tools, and more to craft personalized messages via email and mobile platforms. You'll learn how to strike the right tone, avoid misunderstandings, and save time—while also building stronger relationships with all families, including those who speak languages other than English. Walk away with AI-powered templates, inclusive communication strategies, and practical tools to reduce burnout and make outreach easier and more effective.

### **The 'Battle of the Phoenix': A New Blueprint for Engaging K-12 Learners (INNOVATION GRANT WINNER)**

Discover a powerful new blueprint for using Minecraft Education to captivate your students. This session dives into the 'Battle of the Phoenix,' a unique esports competition where students aren't just playing a game—they're redesigning their schools to tackle real-world community issues.

### **'The FAME Formula' Using Filmmaking, Podcasting, Branding & Social Media to Power Your Program (RISING STAR)**

What happens when you hand students a mic, a camera, and the brand? Magic. Welcome to The FAME Formula—a dynamic, collaborative presentation that showcases how one high school film program harnessed the power of filmmaking, podcasting, branding, and social media to create something bigger than a class project. It became a movement. Rooted in real-world classroom experience, this session explores the 'FAME Formula,' a creative framework designed to boost student engagement,

build community partnerships, and grow your audience. Grounded in project-based learning, student-led content, and scaffolded instruction, the FAME Formula offers a flexible model that can be adapted for media programs, leadership teams, theater departments, business pathways, or any educator looking to make student voice the heart of their curriculum. Come ready to laugh, learn, and leave inspired-with practical ideas you can start using tomorrow.

### **The Future of Feedback: AI and EdTech Strategies for Formative Assessment**

Explore how AI-driven tools and tools like Microsoft Forms and Google Forms can provide instant, personalized feedback to students, helping them track progress and deepen their learning. Participants will leave with strategies for implementing personalized assessments while maintaining academic integrity and student ownership.

### **The Intelligent Co-Pilot: AI Revolutionizing Support for Special Needs and Educators**

Embark on a journey into the future of special education with AI as your guide. In this dynamic session, we'll explore how AI is rapidly evolving from a futuristic concept to a practical and powerful tool for supporting students with diverse learning needs and empowering educators. Discover how AI tools can: Personalize Learning Pathways, Enhance Accessibility, Provide Data Driven insights, Foster engagement and motivation, Support social emotional learning and make doing the piles of paperwork much easier. Gain a clear understanding of how AI can be your 'co-pilot,' assisting you in navigating the complexities in special education, fostering student growth and ultimately paving the way for a more equitable and enriching learning experience for all students. Prepare for the future and Unlock the innovative possibilities that AI brings to the realm of Special Education!

### **The MagicSchool Dream Team: Collaborating for Elementary Success**

Embark on a collaborative journey to unlock the power of AI in elementary education with MagicSchool! Join our 'AI Dream Team' – a classroom teacher, media specialist, and instructional coach – as they share practical strategies and real-world examples of how they are utilizing MagicSchool's resources to enhance learning through AI. Discover how these essential roles collaborate to create engaging and impactful AI experiences for young learners. Don't miss this opportunity to build your own 'dream team' and transform your elementary classrooms with the innovative tools and resources available on MagicSchool!

### **The Need for Speed: Be an AI Maverick and Accelerate the Feedback Loop**

Talk to me, Goose! What if you could easily give students immediate, detailed feedback on their assignments? In the high-flying world of education, feedback is the afterburner that boosts student performance. Unfortunately, it also creates a lot of drag on teacher time. Unlike that risky flyby (negative, Ghost Rider!), we'll learn how to safely navigate various AI tools to dramatically accelerate your assessment-feedback loop, while preserving students' critical thinking skills. In addition, we'll explore what the research says about effective feedback, and how to get students to actually engage with the feedback they're given. These strategies and resources will help you ensure you're giving the best jet fuel to your students, so they can go from cruising altitude to high-velocity growth!

### **The new GACE for School Librarians: Are you ready for this?**

Beginning Fall 2025, the new GACE (Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators) for school librarians will be implemented. Testing companies have changed, format has changed, and passing requirements have changed. In this session, the new format and passing requirements will be presented along with the assessment layouts, the framework, new resources for test preparation, and much more. Participants will walk away having a better understanding of the new GACE assessment for school librarians and what resources are currently available to use in preparation of taking the test.

### **Through Their Eyes: A Student Perspective on AI in Education**

This poster presentation showcases student reflections on their experiences and interactions with artificial intelligence in education. It highlights their thoughts on how AI impacts learning, creativity, and social-emotional well-being, offering a window into the student voice in this rapidly evolving space. The display will also feature an overview of popular AI educational tools and resources, student perspectives on their effectiveness, and introductory information on how AI and machine learning work. By combining student feedback with foundational AI concepts, this presentation aims to inform educators and edtech leaders about how students are navigating - and shaping - the future of learning with AI.

### **Time Back, Sanity Saved: Automate the Busywork with Power Automate**

Are you tired of spending your planning time sending the same emails, logging the same data, or copying the same files over and over again? This session is your passport to reclaiming your time. In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn how to use Microsoft Power Automate to eliminate repetitive tasks and streamline your classroom workflows. Imagine this: every time a student completes a weekly behavior reflection using Microsoft Forms, the response is automatically logged in an Excel spreadsheet, a summary is emailed to the school counselor, and a follow-up task is created in a SharePoint list-all without you having to touch a keyboard. You'll leave this session with a working automation you can use immediately, plus the skills to build more. If you've ever said, 'There's got to be an easier way,' this session is for you.

### **'Tiny Bots, Big Impact' OzoBots in Action: Engaging K-5 Learners Across the Curriculum (RISING STAR)**

This session is for K-5 educators and demonstrates how to integrate OzoBots into multiple subjects, including math, reading, science, social studies, and art. The presentation includes step-by-step demonstrations, ready-to-use PDF lesson plans, and printable activity sheets, which are all free and include links to the Ozobot Classroom. Attendees will explore premade, standards-aligned lessons and learn how to differentiate activities for diverse student levels, from beginning pattern recognition to advanced coding concepts. No prior tech experience is required. No computers necessary for color coding. Participants will leave with practical tools, creative ideas, and the confidence to bring robotics into their classrooms, making coding and critical thinking accessible and fun for all learners.

### **Tips for rolling out AI for your School or District**

Join this insightful session focused on successfully implementing artificial intelligence (AI) initiatives in your school district or individual campus. Attendees will explore practical strategies to utilize AI tools that significantly enhance student engagement, creativity, and problem-solving skills. Discover collaborative approaches for educators to integrate AI into their classrooms, creating meaningful and interactive learning experiences. Through real-world examples and proven frameworks, participants will gain a clear roadmap for leveraging AI effectively, promoting innovation, and preparing students to excel in an AI-powered educational landscape.

### **Transforming Math Instruction with Technology: Tools to Engage, Collaborate, and Inspire**

Discover dynamic ways to bring math to life in your classroom! This hands-on workshop empowers K-12 math educators to explore innovative digital tools that boost student engagement and spark rich mathematical conversations. Participants will dive into platforms like Desmos and PhET Math and examine powerful resources such as Would You Rather Math, Open Middle, and Steve Wyborney's site. Learn how to integrate these tools to promote active learning, collaboration, and deeper understanding in your math lessons.

### **Trust, Security & Accessibility: What to Demand from Your EdTech Suppliers**

Move beyond buzzwords and demand actionable transparency from your edtech suppliers. Learn how to leverage the 1EdTech TrustEd Apps Rubrics for security, accessibility, and AI data practices. You'll get the tools to encourage self-assessment, save time, and build a trusted learning environment.

### **Turning Up the T.E.M.P. with AI: Technology, Hope Theory, and Human Connection**

These days, it's easy for teachers to feel overwhelmed and for students to check out. That's where Hope Theory-and a little help from technology-can make a big difference. In this hands-on session, we'll explore how to turn up the T.E.M.P. (Trust, Empowerment, Motivation, and Persistence) in your school using digital tools like Seesaw, Google Forms, Microsoft Teams, and AI companions like ChatGPT or MagicSchool. You'll walk away with ready-to-use strategies that help students feel seen, supported, and motivated-and discover how AI can support feedback, goal-setting, and reflection. Expect interactive activities, free templates, and fresh ideas to build a more hopeful school culture-starting now.

### **Uncover Hidden Treasure in Your Student Device Fleet**

Device management is a constant challenge for K-12 IT teams. This session reveals how to uncover hidden costs and extend device value with smarter refresh, repair, and end-of-life strategies. Walk away with practical tactics to stretch budgets, reduce downtime, and maximize learning impact.

### **Unique Ways to Use Digital Manipulatives in Special Education**

This presentation will focus on practical uses of digital versions of popular manipulatives used in the K-5 classroom setting and special education settings. We will discuss ways that digital manipulatives across subjects can be implemented to increase independence, enhance learning, and provide additional scaffolding without the stress of additional teacher preparation. Join us as we use digital manipulatives as a passport to innovation for our students with exceptionalities.

### **Unleash the Storytellers: Igniting Literacy and Creativity with Book Creator**

Discover how Book Creator empowers students to become authors, boosting literacy and unleashing creativity across the curriculum. This engaging session will showcase the platform's versatility in enhancing reading comprehension, vocabulary acquisition, and writing fluency. Explore practical strategies for integrating multimedia elements to foster rich, multimodal expression. Through real-world examples and actionable takeaways, you'll learn how to cultivate student agency and a love for storytelling. Leave with the inspiration and tools to transform your classroom into a hub of digital authorship.

### **Unlock Engagement K-12: Modeling Adaptable, Media-Based Instructional Strategies**

Pack your bags for an interactive learning adventure with Georgia Public Broadcasting! In this dynamic, hands-on session, we'll explore adaptable, media-rich instructional strategies designed to captivate students from kindergarten through 12th grade. Experience firsthand how these techniques can be seamlessly integrated into both in-person and virtual classrooms, fostering creativity, critical thinking, and deeper content connections. Whether navigating the early years or guiding high schoolers, you'll leave with a toolkit of versatile strategies ready to energize your teaching journey. It's professional development – but it feels like recess. Join us for this educational 'playdate' and collect new stamps in your passport to innovation!

### **Unlocking the Future: Preparing Elementary Learners for an AI-Driven World**

As we stand on the brink of a new era in work shaped by artificial intelligence, educators are tasked with an exciting challenge: how to equip our youngest learners to thrive alongside AI. Join this dynamic session that explores the essential AI thinking skills that will prepare students for tomorrow's opportunities. Participants will delve into an AI thinking framework which includes six key thinking

skills: Ethics, Computer Science, Data Analysis, Mathematical Reasoning, User Experience, and Creative Problem Solving. The session will then focus on an in-depth exploration of Data Analysis, Mathematical Reasoning, and Ethics, demonstrating how these skills can be seamlessly integrated into core subjects for K-5 students. Don't miss this chance to empower the next generation with the tools they need to succeed in an AI-enhanced future!

### **Unpacking AI: Exploring GaDOE's 'Living and Working with AI' Courses for Future-Ready Learning**

Artificial intelligence (AI) is reshaping education, the workforce, and daily life, making AI literacy essential for students and educators. This session explores GaDOE's Living and Working with AI courses on Georgia Learns and the AI4GA curriculum, designed to build foundational AI literacy and practical skills. Participants will gain insights into AI concepts, ethical considerations, real-world applications, and instructional strategies to integrate AI into K-12 classrooms. Learn how these resources can support educators in preparing students for an AI-driven future while fostering critical thinking, problem-solving, and responsible AI usage. This session will provide practical strategies and free resources to bring AI learning to your school or district.

### **Using AI for Differentiated Small Group and Flexible Group Activities**

Transform the way you approach differentiated instruction with AI! This session will provide educators with practical strategies for using ChatGPT to generate engaging, targeted activities for small and flexible groups. Participants will explore a structured prompt framework (Persona, Context, Task, Format, Exemplar, Tone) to craft high-quality AI-generated activities that meet the diverse needs of their learners. Through live demonstrations and real-world examples, attendees will discover how to refine AI-generated responses to enhance differentiation, maximize student engagement, and streamline lesson planning. Walk away with ready-to-use prompts and actionable strategies to integrate AI seamlessly into your instructional practice.

### **Using Minecraft to Teach Coding and the Engineering Design Process**

This presentation will explore how Minecraft can be used as a dynamic teaching tool to engage students in coding and the engineering design process. As an engineering teacher, I will share practical strategies and examples of how Minecraft's immersive environment supports hands-on learning. I will discuss how Minecraft Education Edition introduces coding concepts through block coding and Python integration, allowing students to build automated structures and simple machines. Additionally, I will highlight how the engineering design process can be seamlessly integrated by guiding students through brainstorming, prototyping, testing, and iterating on their virtual creations. The session will include real classroom examples, teacher resources, and student project ideas. Attendees will leave with actionable strategies for using Minecraft to enhance engineering and coding lessons, as well as practical resources for implementation.

### **Using Scratch Coding to Enhance STEAM**

Attendees will practice pedagogy from The Big Book of Computing to teach specific coding skills. They will do this while using starter code that incorporates science topics that are relevant to elementary school. This is a great way to incorporate technology with subject areas in order to save time and still teach 21st century skills.

### **Using Technology to Promote and Advocate for Your School Library Media Center**

Ready to shout from the digital rooftops about the amazing things happening in your library media center? This session is your gateway to harnessing the power of technology—including using AI—to promote, celebrate, and advocate for your library like never before! Discover dynamic websites, must-have apps, game-changing AI tips and tricks, and other powerful resources that will help you showcase your library's impact, boost visibility, and connect with your community in meaningful ways. If you're

looking to take your library's advocacy to the next level through social promotion, this session is your launchpad!

### **Voice, Choice, and Connection: Empowering Students Through Tech and SEL**

Whether in a fully virtual school or a traditional brick-and-mortar classroom, student connection and emotional engagement must be intentionally designed, not left to chance. This session explores how instructional technology can powerfully drive social-emotional learning (SEL) and community-building across learning environments. Participants will discover how tools like interactive digital notebooks, Google Suite products, learning management systems (LMS), etc., can center student voice, promote reflection, and create inclusive, supportive spaces. Attendees will leave with practical strategies to humanize instruction, foster meaningful relationships, and support student well-being, no matter the setting.

### **VR/AR labs that defy conventions: Zspace Lab Acquisition, Setup, Integration and Success!**

For the 2024-25 School year, The Atlanta Public Schools Office of Instructional Technology was able to partner with Atlanta College and Career Academy in order to build and integrate a fully operational, mobile ZSpace AR/VR lab to use in their CTAE career pathways. We were able to successfully integrate the lab into 3 pathways and now have plans to expand into at least 3 more for 25-26. I was able to spearhead and lead the efforts on the ground to great success. We not only learned the ins and outs of making such a lab work in the various pathways' curriculum, we were also able to sort through the various challenges we faced with physically setting up a mobile lab in multiple locations with dramatically different physical limitations (and advantages). Over the course of this school year we were able to build expertise not only among the faculty but also among the student body. Now that we're looking at year two, we are excited to share our experience with fellow educators at GAETC.

### **Walking the Stories: Student-Powered Audio Tours for Heritage and History (INNOVATION GRANT WINNER)**

What if students stepped into their communities to capture and share stories? Learn how podcasting does this through audio walking tours, including Las Doce, where students turned 12 Hispanic women's stories of immigration, language, and leadership into a twelve-stop tour.

### **We can do it too! Digital resources and STEM activities for PreK-2 Scholars**

Unlock the world of STEM for your youngest learners! This engaging session is designed for educators seeking hands-on, age-appropriate digital resources and STEM activities tailored for PreK-2 students. Explore how technology and playful exploration can build foundational science, technology, engineering, and math skills no matter your classroom setting.

### **What Comes First? Strategic Skill Development for a Technological World**

Unlock the future of student success by joining this dynamic roundtable designed for curriculum and IT leaders! Discover how a Rural Georgia school system partnered strategically to deploy a PreK-12 STEM and Computer Science strategy-grounded in John Hattie's research on collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, and computational thinking-that prepares students with in-demand skills aligned to Governor Kemp's High Demand Career Initiative. Learn actionable ways to close the tech skills gap and build equity through early STEM exposure, while collaborating with peers to customize proven frameworks that bridge curriculum and technology. Don't miss this chance to lead transformational change that equips all students for thriving careers well before CTAE pathways begin!

### **Why worry about AI in the classroom? See, hear, and speak no evil**

The presentation discusses designing, implementing, and evaluating learning experiences, focusing on integrating artificial intelligence (AI) applications and digital media knowledge and skills. The session focuses on the participants' (faculty and students) experiences (positive, negative, or unexpected),

specifically the acquired knowledge, challenges, and perceived benefits from multiple course delivery experiences at a higher education institution in the southeastern United States. It also addresses the pedagogy of using AI applications to complete academic tasks across modalities: on-site or online. Finally, it discusses suggestions or recommendations for making the interactive course learning experience more responsive to personal and professional needs related to student learning and teaching practices across contexts, higher education, and K-12 settings. The session includes a period for response, discussion, and questions.

### **You Can Still Make the Whole Place Shimmer! Becoming an EdTech Coach**

You're not on your own—you can face this! Explore the transformative journey from sparkling teacher to trail-blazing EdTech Coach. We'll delve into the differences between teaching Gen Alpha & coaching Boomers to Gen Z, as well as principles of adult learning and effective edtech leadership strategies.

### **Your AI Sidekick: How to Build and Use Custom GPTs to Streamline Your Teaching Life**

What if you could build your own AI assistant to support your unique classroom needs—no coding required? In this session, you'll learn how to design and deploy Custom GPTs using OpenAI's user-friendly interface. From lesson planning and feedback to content generation and curriculum development, Custom GPTs can function as your behind-the-scenes teaching assistant. You'll leave with a clear understanding of how these tools work and a ready-to-use plan for creating a GPT that fits your role and routine.

### **Your Passport to AI: Assessing Readiness with CoSN/AESA's Generative AI Maturity Rubric**

Curious about how your district can responsibly and effectively prepare for generative AI? This session is your passport to exploring a strategic tool that can guide your journey. Participants will be introduced to the K–12 Generative AI Maturity Tool developed by CoSN—a resource designed to help districts evaluate where they are and where they need to go with AI implementation. We'll explore the rubric's purpose, key domains, and how it supports responsible integration. You'll also get a preview of the full 2-day training, post-session coaching, and the benefits included with participation. Whether you're just beginning or ready to take the next step, this session charts the course for AI readiness.

### **ZOCK to the System: A Real-Time Cyber Crisis Tabletop for Schools**

Ready to put your cyber crisis response to the test? In this high-energy, interactive session, participants will experience a real-time tabletop scenario that unfolds through simulated text messages, breaking news alerts, and district-wide communications—just like the real thing. Based on actual cyber events in Georgia schools, this ZOCK-developed activity is designed to shake up your systems thinking and engage stakeholders from the boardroom to the classroom. Whether you're a technology leader, administrator, or teacher, you'll walk away with a fully customizable tabletop toolkit, ideas for stakeholder engagement, and practical resources to boost awareness and preparedness in your own school or district. It's not a matter of if-it's when. Are you ready to ZOCK the system before the system gets rocked? Participants will experience a live cyber crisis simulation, explore real GA incidents, gain a customizable table-top toolkit, and boost cybersecurity awareness across their system.