

THE ARTS AND COMMON CORE

WORKSHOP EVALUATION SUMMARY

SURVEY RESULTS COLLATED FROM TWELVE WORKSHOPS

In the Following Venues:

**Chicago Teachers Union
Tennessee Arts Commission
Utah State University
Atlanta Public Schools
PARCC ELC Conference
New York State BOCES**

**Jackson County Schools Illinois
Chicago Public Schools
Virginia Commission for the Arts
New York State Alliance for Arts Education
South Plainfield Schools, NJ
Maryland State Education Association**

Over a total of 1000 educators attended these workshops on how to address Common Core State Standards through the arts. The efficacy and value of these workshops can be validated by the percentages of responses below to each question. Results from similar surveys from additional workshops can be provided upon request.

BELOW IS AN AGGREGATE AVERAGE OF PERCENTAGES TO EACH QUESTION:

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	No Opinion	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. This professional development session increased my knowledge and skills in my area.		73%	23%		
2. The relevance of this activity to my own work was clear.		76%	21%		
3. It was apparent that the content was presented by someone with knowledge and experience.		91%	3%		
4. The material was presented in an organized and easily understood manner.		76%	21%		
5. This workshop included discussion or application of what was presented or demonstrated.		81%	16%		
6. The materials provided were of value to me.		77%	23%		

BELOW ARE A FEW OF THE REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS FROM THE SURVEYS:

The best features of this workshop were:

"This PD will change the way I teach forever!" "He demystified Common Core." "Excellent pedagogy for CCSS. "I think I can help all the faculty in my school with this." "He helped to clarify, simplify Common Core, putting it in terms we could understand." "Creating lesson plans that fit with Common Core is so much more of a realistic goal now." "It was apparent that he knows his stuff and truly loves sharing it with others." "This was important and a need for me!" "His modeling and discussion gave content purpose." "He gave real ways we can use Common Core in our classrooms immediately." "Everything he did can be used NOW!" "Inspiring and applicable content that can easily serve to help us reshape and re-imagine how we teach. This is a good thing!"

Suggestions for improvement include:

"None. This is the best session I've ever attended." "More time!" "Should be offered to all teachers and administrators." "Suggestions for improvement? Nothing. Great!" "Another workshop to expand on what we learned." "Have your materials publicized on PARCC." "So refreshing to have someone from the arts speak about Common Core." Note: In general, the vast majority of responses conveyed a desire for more time and more detailed handouts.

Other comments and reactions I wish to offer:

"Awesome!" "I learned a lot and received excellent inspiration on how to promote student centered learning." "I feel better now about Common Core." "I finally found someone who can make sense of Common Core for the arts!" "I will be using your handouts to show my 6-12 teachers - so glad you provided your analysis." "Your message needs to be shared and reach all states!" "This session most likely changed my life - no kidding!" "This was very inspiring, I'm excited to take all of this back to my teachers!" "Speak before our administrators." "Keep providing info like this to keep teachers working smarter and simpler, not harder!" "Thank you for a great experience."