

2021 INNOVATIVE SCHOOLS SUMMIT ATLANTA

Day	Date	Time	Conference	Session Type	Session Name	Level	Room	Presenter Name(s)	
THURSDAY	12/9/21	9:00 am-12:00 pm		Pre-Conference	How to Reach the (Sometimes) Hard-to-Reach	K-12	Highlands	William Noel Sr., Ed.D.	
	12/9/21	9:00 am-12:00 pm		Pre-Conference	Engaging the Traumatized Child	K-12	Ballroom 1	Aaron Wiemeier, M.S., LPC	
	12/9/21	9:00 am-12:00 pm		Pre-Conference	Lost Boys: Closing the Academic Gender Gap - Part 1	K-12	Ballroom 2	Steph Jensen, M.S., LPC	
	12/9/21	1:30 - 4:30 pm		Pre-Conference	The Mental Health Crisis in Education: 10 Steps to a Trauma-Empowered School	K-12	Ballroom 1	Aaron Wiemeier, M.S., LPC	
	12/9/21	1:30 - 4:30 pm		Pre-Conference	Overcoming the Poverty Mindset	K-12	Highlands	Hotep Benzo, MBA	
	12/9/21	1:30 - 4:30 pm		Pre-Conference	Lost Boys: Closing the Academic Gender Gap - Part 2	K-12	Ballroom 2	Steph Jensen, M.S., LPC	
FRIDAY	12/10/21	8:00 - 11:00 am		Pre-Conference	Defiant, Manipulative & Attention-Seeking Students	K-12	Highlands	Brian Dinkins, Ed.D.	
	12/10/21	8:00 - 11:00 am		Pre-Conference	Strategies for Culturally Relevant & Responsive Instruction	K-12	Ballroom 1	Hotep Benzo, MBA	
	12/10/21	8:00 - 11:00 am		Pre-Conference	POWARRful Teaching Strategies for Increasing Student Engagement	K-12	Ballroom 2	Marquita Blades, Ed.D.	
	12/10/21	8:00 - 11:00 am		Pre-Conference	Self-Regulation: Evidence-Based Strategies to Teach Self-Management	K-12	Chancellor	Brad Chapin, M.S., LCP, LMLP	
	12/10/21	8:00 - 11:00 am		Pre-Conference	Building Trust and Comprehension through Activities, Energizers, Icebreakers & You	K-12	Wilton	Ernesto Mejia, Ed.D.	
	FRIDAY	12/10/21	12:00 - 1:00 P.M.	ALL	Plenary Session	It's Not Enough to Do Equity...You must BE EQUITY	K-12	Main Stage	Baruti Kafele, M.A.
12/10/21		1:30 - 2:30 pm	SCC, SDC	Keynote Session	Climate & Culture Can't Be Transformed with Disciplinary Referrals	K-12	Main Stage	Baruti Kafele, M.A.	
12/10/21		1:30 - 2:30 pm	ARSS	Breakout Session	How to Shift Disruptive Student Behavior with Restorative Communication	K-12	Ballroom 1	Dr. Jennifer Moore, Amanda Kirshner, Priscilla Lindsey, Joe Smailis	
12/10/21		1:30 - 2:30 pm	ITS	Breakout Session	Cultivating Entrepreneurship to Transform Your School	K-8	Chancellor	Kristina Scala, M.A.	
12/10/21		1:30 - 2:30 pm	ARSS	Breakout Session	The TEACHER Therapist: A Guide to Becoming the Teacher You Were Never Trained To Be	K-12	Ascot	Aaron Wiemeier, M.S., LPC	
12/10/21		1:30 - 2:30 pm	ARSS, SCC	Breakout Session	A School Leader's Guide to a Culturally Competent AND Trauma-Informed School	K-12	Ballroom 2	Melissa Sadin, Ed.D.	
12/10/21		1:30 - 2:30 pm	ITS	Breakout Session	Proven Pedagogies + New Technologies Tackle Unprecedented Learning Loss	9-12	Wilton	Anurupa Ganguly, M.A. & Susan Enfield, Ed.D.	
12/10/21		1:30 - 2:30 pm	ITS	Breakout Session	Hot Beats & Cold Bars AKA "Blistering Palpitations & Frigid Recitations" - Using Music to Unlock Expression	K-12	Highlands	Kevin Brawley	
12/10/21		2:45 - 3:45 pm	SDC	Featured Session	Flipped Classroom Management	K-12	Main Stage	Steph Jensen, M.S., LPC	
12/10/21		2:45 - 3:45 pm.	ARSS, SCC	Breakout Session	Developing the Emotionally Inclusive Classroom Using SEL	K-12	Ballroom 2	Brian Dinkins, Ed.D.	
12/10/21		2:45 - 3:45 pm.	SCC	Breakout Session	Redefining Education By Emphasizing Personal Development!	K-12	Highlands	Mr. Hardge	
12/10/21		2:45 - 3:45 pm.	ITS	Breakout Session	Art and SEL: Empowering Voice & Harnessing Emotions	K-12	Wilton	Mandy Goodwin, M.S.W., LCSW	
12/10/21		2:45 - 3:45 pm.	ARSS	Breakout Session	Social-Emotional Learning, Equity & Wellness 4 Wounded Students	K-12	Chancellor	Joe Hendershott, Ed.D.	
12/10/21		2:45 - 3:45 pm.	ITS	Breakout Session	Disrupting the Norm	K-6	Ballroom 1	Kara Rigsby, M.A., Megan Diede, M.Ed.	
12/10/21		2:45 - 3:45 pm.	SCC	Breakout Session	How Can Compassionate Leadership Create a Sense of Trust, Well-Being & Collaboration in Times of Change?	K-12	Ascot	Narineh Gharashor, M.A.	
12/10/21		4:00 - 4:50 pm	ALL	50 in 50 Panel	50 Practical Strategies to Address Learning "Recovery" in Our Classrooms!	K-12	Main Stage	Ernesto Mejia, Dr. Marquita Blades, Dr. William Noel, Megan Diede, Erin Glen	
SATURDAY		12/11/21	8:30 - 9:30 am	ALL	Plenary Session	Creativity, Passion & Resilience!	K-12	Main Stage	Ron Clark
		12/11/21	10:00 - 11:00 am	ITS	Keynote Session	Transitioning from Parent Engagement to Family Engagement in Order to Improve Outcomes	K-12	Main Stage	Ernesto Mejia, M.Ed.
		12/11/21	10:00 - 11:00 am	SCC	Breakout Session	Lead Your Way Out of a Crisis, Don't Just Manage Your Way Out	K-12	Ballroom 1	Rick Surrency, Ed.D. & Sarajeon McDaniel
		12/11/21	10:00 - 11:00 am	SDC	Breakout Session	The Hammer and the Screw	K-12	Chancellor	Edward DeShazer, M.S.
	12/11/21	10:00 - 11:00 am	SDC	Breakout Session	Treating Behavior as a Symptom...NOT the Problem	K-12	Highlands	Hotep Benzo, MBA	
	12/11/21	10:00 - 11:00 am	SCC	Breakout Session	Transforming School Climate & Culture	K-12	Ascot	Ernest West, M.Ed.	
	12/11/21	10:00 - 11:00 am	ARSS	Breakout Session	Helping Black and Brown Children Succeed in School	K-12	Ballroom 2	Zabrina Grisby, M.S.W.	
	12/11/21	10:00 - 11:00 am	ARSS, SCC	Breakout Session	Overcoming the Soft Bigotry of Low Expectations	K-12	Wilton	Melissa Hughes, Ph.D.	
	12/11/21	11:15 am - 12:15 pm	ARS	Featured Session	Color Brave: Implicit Bias, Equity & Cultural Competence in Schools	K-12	Main Stage	William Noel Sr., Ed.D.	
	12/11/21	11:15 am - 12:15 pm	ITS	Breakout Session	Let's Get Real: Increase Engagement with Project-Based Learning	K-6	Chancellor	Terra Tarango	
	12/11/21	11:15 am - 12:15 pm	ARSS, SDC	Breakout Session	De-Escalation as a Means of Empowerment	K-12	Ballroom 1	Penny Baker	
	12/11/21	11:15 am - 12:15 pm	SCC	Breakout Session	Driving Student Resiliency	9-12	Wilton	Christopher Hoang, Ed.D. & Norma Viejila, Ed.D.	
	12/11/21	11:15 am - 12:15 pm	SCC	Breakout Session	From Wounded to Hope: Why Self-Care Is Not Enough	K-12	Highlands	Dardi Hendershott	
	12/11/21	11:15 am - 12:15 pm	SDC	Breakout Session	Supporting Students, Teachers and Principals in PBIS Title I Elementary Schools	K-6	Ascot	Bethany Powers, Ed.D.	
	12/11/21	11:15 am - 12:15 pm	ITS	Breakout Session	Voice & Choice: Increasing Student Autonomy	K-6	Ballroom 2	Veronica Johnson, M.A.	
	12/11/21	1:45 - 2:45 pm	ALL	Plenary Session	Valuing Diversity	K-12	Main Stage	Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch, LTC (Retired)	
	12/11/21	3:00 - 4:00 pm	ARSS, ITS	Keynote Session	Going Forward Without Forgetting - Avanzando Y No Olvidando	K-12	Main Stage	Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch, LTC (Retired)	
	12/11/21	3:00 - 4:00 pm	SCC	Breakout Session	Mentoring & Induction: Creating a Climate of Success	K-8	Ballroom 2	Lynn Kahler, M.A., Shelley Ellbogen, M.A., Karla Jump, M.A.	
	12/11/21	3:00 - 4:00 pm	SCC, ITS	Breakout Session	Culturally Responsive Teaching for High Student Engagement: The Elements of Urban Education	K-12	Highlands	Shaun Woodyly, Ph.D.	
	12/11/21	3:00 - 4:00 pm	SCC	Breakout Session	Fostering Cultural Awareness and Inclusivity in the Classroom	K-12	Chancellor	Jessica Jaquez-Trejo, M.A.	
12/11/21	3:00 - 4:00 pm	ARSS, SCC	Breakout Session	Teaching Self-Regulation Skills to Students Who Have Been Impacted by Trauma	K-12	Wilton	Brad Chapin, M.S., LCP, LMLP		
12/11/21	3:00 - 4:00 pm	SDC	Breakout Session	Quick Responses for Preventing and Reducing Student Misbehavior & Suspensions	K-12	Ballroom 1	Anika Costa, M.S., BCBA		
12/11/21	4:10 - 5:00 pm	SCC, SDC	Featured Session	Could Communication Improve at Your School? Improving School Culture with Healthy Communication	K-12	Main Stage	Jennifer Moore, Ed.D.		
12/11/21	4:10 - 5:00 pm	SCC	Breakout Session	Family Engagement is CENTRAL, Not Supplemental!	K-8	Ballroom 1	Audrey McKenna Wittener, Ed.D.		
12/11/21	4:10 - 5:00 pm	ITS	Breakout Session	Sweetheart of Special Education	K-12	Wilton	Stacy Brannon, Ed.D.		
12/11/21	4:10 - 5:00 pm	SCC, SDC	Breakout Session	Parents, Where are You? Activating the Disengaged Parent	K-12	Highlands	Marques Stewart, Ed.S.		
12/11/21	4:10 - 5:00 pm	ARSS, SCC	Breakout Session	Escape the Classroom: Using the Escape Room Model for Addressing the Needs of All Learners	6-12	Chancellor	Marquita Blades, Ed.D.,		
12/11/21	4:10 - 5:00 pm	ITS	Breakout Session	The Magic School Bus 2.0: Creating Classroom Experiences for Tomorrow's Learners	K-6	Ballroom 2	Kara Rigsby, M.A., Megan Diede, M.Ed.		
SUNDAY	12/12/21	8:30 - 9:30 am	ALL	Plenary Session	Personal Climate & Culture...It's Up to You	K-12	Main Stage	Gerry Brooks	
	12/12/21	10:00 - 11:00 am	SCC	Keynote Session	Being the Best You Can Be!	K-12	Main Stage	Gerry Brooks	
	12/12/21	10:00 - 11:00 am	ITS	Breakout Session	Brain-Based Teaching Strategies for Student Engagement	K-12	Wilton	Erin Glen, NBCT	
	12/12/21	10:00 - 11:00 am	ITS	Breakout Session	Using Virtual and Augmented Reality in the Classroom	6-12	Ascot	Doug Smith, MBA	
	12/12/21	10:00 - 11:00 am	ARSS, SDC	Breakout Session	Motivating Unmotivated Students (Research & Practice)	K-12	Chancellor	Jessica Jaquez-Trejo, M.A. & Stephanie Dorsey, M.Ed.	
	12/12/21	11:15 am - 12:15 pm	ALL	Closing Session	That One Kid!	K-12	Main Stage	Brian Mendler, M.Ed.	

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