

# August 17<sup>th</sup> Professional Learning Day

Join us in the Merrell Center Arena for

- Convocation *and*
- Teaching & Learning in the Digital Age

## Schedule

### SECONDARY:

AM: Convocation/Digital Age  
PM: Content Training

### ELEMENTARY:

AM: Content Training  
PM: Convocation/Digital Age



## Convocation

Katy ISD Superintendent  
Alton Frailey's annual message  
focuses on continuing  
KISD's exemplary traditions...

*KatyOne: Growing Together,  
Creating the Future.*



## Teaching & Learning in the Digital Age

Video keynote: Alan November

Alan November is Founder of November Consulting, a source of workshops, online courses and resources designed to empower educators to apply powerful tools and strategies across the curriculum. He is believed to be the first major educator to embrace modern Web 2.0 in elementary, middle, and high schools. The author of *Empowering Students with Technology* discusses how technology is not something *extra* to do; technology makes teaching easier and sets the learning environment. In a pre-recorded video created specifically for Katy ISD, November discusses how kids learn today, the changing global economy, and what teachers can do to help prepare students for the job market they will encounter.

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- Half-Day Digital Learner Follow-up in Content Area Sessions - Assigned Locations Throughout the District
- Half-Day Teacher Preparation Day

## Schedule

### SECONDARY:

AM: ½ Day Content Training  
PM: ½ Day Teacher Work Day

### ELEMENTARY:

AM: ½ Day Teacher Work Day  
PM: ½ Day Content Training

## Digital Learner Follow-up Sample of sessions to which you may be assigned:



### ***Online Literacies and How Digital Natives Learn*** – ***Dr. Donald Leu***

Dr. Donald Leu is the Endowed Chair in Literacy & Technology at the University of Connecticut, a widely recognized center for conducting research on the new comprehension and learning skills required by the Internet and other emerging digital information and communication technologies. Leu focuses on this generation's defining technology for learning. He offers comparisons of how other countries are preparing students for work in information technology. Educators' new roles in the fundamental shift in learning will also be defined.

### **Technology Tools With New Textbook Adoption**

Experience the new technology tools and applications with new ELA adoption.

### **Using SMART Boards**

SMART Board applications to build strong content for lessons

### **Showcase of Gizmos & Gadgets for PE**

Multiple hands on opportunities to interact with a variety of products!

### **Variety of Web 2.0 Tools Sessions:**

Wiki-Wiki Go!; Voice It - Using Voicethread to engage student learning; Movie Maker/PhotoStory; Tools to Enhance Parent and Student Engagement; Probes, Scopes, and Motion – Go! to promote student understanding of scientific concepts



### ***Teaching Tech-Savvy Students***

– ***Dr. Mark Taylor***

Dr. Mark Taylor is the past Director of Guidance Services at Arkansas State University; he is currently a researcher and program director of *Generation NeXt*. Taylor will examine the teaching of tech savvy students

with emphasis on relationships and self esteem issues. He will also analyze the differences in today's writing and information retrieval vs. knowledge. The digital divide and great truths will be presented in this entertaining and high stimulation orientation. Embrace teaching Generation NeXt – with technology - as the year begins!

***Check your schedule assignment for your content-specific session.***