

AMLE/HIDOE MIDDLE LEVEL SUMMIT - HAWAI'I ISLAND
Deep Dive and Concurrent Session Schedule

Registration: 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

Opening General Session: 8:30 – 9:30 am – *Featuring Keynote Address from Nathan Maynard*

Deep Dive Workshop 1: 9:40 – 11:50 am

Attendees can opt for one Deep Dive or Two Concurrent Sessions during each of the two Deep Dive sessions slots

Adolescent Brain Development and Behavior

Nathan Maynard

Middle schoolers are unique. As they undergo rapid change, it's important we understand the impact of that brain development on their behavior. Systems change is intentional, it doesn't happen by chance.

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Successful Middle School Teaming

Todd Brist

Teaming is one of the most important aspects of a successful middle school. It's not just another meeting; true teaming is a meaningful and impactful way to enhance teaching and improve learning through professional collaboration. Let's look at the research supporting teaming and discuss/share the best practices and protocols both interdisciplinary and content teams can use to maximize time and effort.

Keauhou IV

Concurrent Session 1: 9:40 – 10:40 am

The 18 Characteristics of a Successful Middle School

Jennifer Rose

Explore the 18 Characteristics and the implications for classroom practice in this engaging, interactive session. You'll leave with a conceptual understanding of how we can meet the developmental needs of our students as well as take-and-use strategies and ideas.

Bayview

Empowering Equity: Nurturing Inclusive Middle School Environments

Katie Johnson

In the pursuit of educational excellence, the imperative of fostering an inclusive, equitable, and nurturing middle school environment is paramount. This session is an opportunity to explore and implement strategies that promote inclusivity and equity, ultimately shaping a more welcoming and supportive middle school environment. We will provide a platform for dynamic discussions, collaborative brainstorming, and the sharing of best practices among peers and experts in the field of middle school education. You will leave with practical ideas, strategies, and a renewed commitment to nurturing an inclusive middle school environment that benefits all members of your school community.

Keauhou III

Concurrent Session 2: 10:50 – 11:50 am

Effective Strategies for Vulnerable Learners

Jennifer Rose

Students need a safe, supportive and equitable environment to meet measures of success. In this session, we'll share effective instructional strategies for our vulnerable learners, those who may face additional challenges or obstacles, self-efficacy skills, and overall self-esteem.

Bayview

The 3 W's of Middle Level Student Leadership

Sandy Cameli | Kauai 4

Student leaders are merchants of hope when it comes to creating a positive school culture. In Hawai'i, student voice is elevated through the 3Ws (Wows, Wonderings & Wishes), and visible through various leadership opportunities. Student Leaders showcase their schools through assemblies, guest speakers, contests, elementary and high school transitions, and community events. Learn how Student Leadership empowers & celebrates students' voices.

Keauhou III

Lunch: 11:50 am – 12:50 pm

Deep Dive Workshop 2: 12:50 – 3:00 pm

The Successful Middle School Advisory

Todd Brist

Not only is an advisory program one of the cornerstones of a successful middle school, it is the most powerful tool to influence the culture and climate of a school. This session will help your team dive into the who, what, when, where, why, and how of advisory starting with a philosophical foundation based on the tenets of The Successful Middle School followed by a discussion on best/promising practices, troubleshooting roadblocks, and practical tips and hints you can implement immediately. Come learn more about how your school can foster relationships, banish anonymity, build character/social skills, and establish common expectations through advisory.

Bayview

Concurrent Session 3: 12:50 – 1:50 pm

Building Trauma-Informed Schools

Nathan Maynard

The connection between brain research, trauma, and evidence-based trauma practices is clear: when students feel safe and a sense of belonging, they are more likely to engage in learning. This session will guide you through creating environments that recognize and respond to the wounds of trauma.

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Games that Build Discussion and Debate Skills

Laura Hinds

Now more than ever our middle level students are struggling to communicate with one another in thoughtful, productive ways. Our classrooms can be places where they learn to develop and sharpen their verbal and non-verbal skills in a safe setting. In this hands-on presentation, participants will actively engage in games and strategies for students that address the communication skills needed for everything from a discussion around the bus stop to a classroom debate.

Keauhou III

Unlocking the Secret to PLC Success: Characteristics and Practices of Highly Effective Content Learning Teams

Katie Johnson

In the realm of education, the question of why some learning teams achieve greater success than others is a topic of perpetual intrigue. During this interactive learning session, we will embark on a comprehensive exploration of the distinguishing features and best practices that underpin the exceptional performance of content learning teams. Drawing upon a blend of engaging discussions and insightful case studies, attendees will gain a deep understanding of the dynamics at play within these high-performing teams.

Keauhou IV

Concurrent Session 4: 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Restorative Justice – Reimagining Discipline

Nathan Maynard

Learn how to eliminate old-school punishments and create an equitable community of responsible, productive learners. We must empower and embrace our students with restorative practices that not only change behavior but transform students into productive citizens who are accountable for their own actions. In this session, you will understand punishment vs. consequence, learn how to repair harm with students, and discover proactive strategies that help build community and culture.

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Five Fun Literacy Strategies for Reading and Writing Across Content Areas

Laura Hinds

No matter what we teach, we all have literacy standards embedded within our content standards. However, it can sometimes be difficult to determine the best way to provide students with practice in these areas. In this interactive session, we will explore five instructional strategies that help students engage in reading and writing in any content area and have fun while doing so. These strategies can be implemented in your classroom tomorrow either in centers or as stand-alone activities.

Keauhou III

Parent EDU

Jennifer Rose

Research shows that student attendance, social skills, and behavior improve when parents/guardians are involved in their child's education. If the extent to which schools nurture a relationship with families makes all the difference to a student's success, how do we cultivate positive parent-school partnerships while setting high expectations and maintaining appropriate boundaries? Set up a Family Engagement plan to enhance your school's educational outcomes and ensure the kids are alright.

Keauhou IV

This I Believe Closing Session: 3:00 – 3:30 pm