The Alphabet Soup of Special Education
April Oldham, NBCT & ISTA Member

Review the acronyms that are used in special education and the important parts of the IEP with emphasis on the importance of the partnership between the special education teacher, the general education teachers, other school personnel and parents.

Amygdala Hijack
Walter Nordstrom, ISTA Member

Learn the neurobiology of the response to stress, the effects of chronic stress on the brain and strategies to deal with pain-based behavior in the classroom.

Animal Enrichment Challenge with Indianapolis Zoo
Tolly Foster & Co-presenter, Indianapolis Zoo

Animal enrichment is a part of what zoo staff do each day. Students can use STEM skills and processes to explore animal enrichment with a sense of authenticity. Learn how you can have your students involved.

Become a Book Thief
Amy Crosser, NBCT & ISTA Member

Review the writers workshop and use real literature and authors to design and teach writers workshop lessons. Takeaways will include an example unit to use in your own classroom.

Building Culturally Sensitive Classrooms
Jessica Ramirez, ISTA Member

Today’s classrooms are more diverse than ever. Regardless of race all students deserve an education that affirms their cultural identity. Learn how to address the development of all students.

Citizen Science: Using Journey North to Engage Students with Science
Teresa Branson, University of Southern Indiana Education Classrooms

The Journey North website is a citizen scientist program tracking the seasons and migration of monarchs to gray whales. Gain an understanding of how to use Journey North in classrooms from elementary through college.

Data Notebooks in Preschool Classroom
Yvonne Swafford, ISTA Member

Data notebooks are a key component in providing students with individualized instruction. Make individual and/or small group learning more student-oriented through quarterly assessments of preschool standards and kindergarten readiness skills.
Disciplinary Literary Explosion: Ready-to-Implement Strategies for Every Secondary Classroom
Jordan Pridemore & Khristy Atchison, Indiana Department of Education

Master a bank of strategies for the secondary classroom to help promote disciplinary literacy and mastery of Indiana Academic Standards. Strategies will be offered to fit a variety of classrooms, including 1:1.

The Escape Room: K – 6
Kris Samick, ISTA Member

Escape Room Challenges in the classroom? Absolutely! The only way out is to crack the code, solve the riddle and put the pieces together to solve the puzzle. Discover how to incorporate problem solving skills and encourage cooperation through escape room challenges.

Formative Assessment for Student Growth
Mary Williams, Indiana Department of Education

Current research shows that strong formative practices in the classroom highly affect student growth. Target instruction using the qualities of strong formative practices including collecting, analyzing and responding to data.

Fun with Zoobs
Chad Franks, ISTA Member

How do you work with students with special needs and complete STEM tasks? By using Zoob sets to explore, discover and use imagination, students can construct, engineer, explore and experiment with a design that comes to mind and represents STEM.

Getting Techy with It!
Megan McAdams, ISTA Member

Looking for easy ways to promote your class, projects and clubs? Learn how to make quick, easy videos using iMovie to show what’s happening in the classroom. Also, you’ll learn about Clips, ClassDojo and more. All experience levels welcome.

Google Forms: Tips & Tricks for Special Education
Julie Nelson, ISTA Member

Working in a special education classroom can be a challenging endeavor. Google Forms can make things easier for you. Find out how Google Forms can help you better serve your students!

Google Your Way to Improved Student Outcomes
Lorie Shiveley, NBCT & ISTA Member

Do you love technology? Are you afraid of technology? Use easy Google tools – for you and your students – to improve productivity and instruction. Participate in a hands-on review of apps, extensions and add-ons to use in your secondary classrooms.
Heartbreaks & Handshakes: Intentional Development of Student Social & Emotional Skills
Dakota Hudelson, Krista Riordan & Linda Toppe, ISTA Members

Explore strategies to help sustain social/emotional self-regulation skills throughout the year and receive tips on using these skills to help facilitate inclusion of students with intensive needs in inclusive classrooms.

Improving Collaboration in Your PLCs & Classroom
Terry Daugherty, Indiana University & ISTA-Retired Member

Discuss the use of certain protocols during professional learning communities (PLC). Use a text protocol to generate discussion and understanding around a professional text. Learn how to use tuning to improve a lesson or an activity.

Keynote Follow Up
Gerry Brooks, Principal and Former Classroom Teacher

Love Gerry Brooks? Continue learning from him during his breakout session.

Language Arts Tools for Your Digital Classroom
Jennifer Luce, ISTA Member

Learn about the online writing tool Write About. Discover other online language arts tools for your classroom and how to use them with your students.

Learn the Issues Facing LGBTQ Students
Randy Studt & Tiauna Washington, ISTA Members

How well do you know the issues facing your LGBTQ students and colleagues? Participate in a fact-based, lively presentation to recommit yourself to ensuring success for all of your students.

Make Their Thinking Visible: Charts Away My Colleagues
Mark Shoup, ISTA Member

Learn how anchor charts can build a culture of literacy in your classroom. Make thinking visible by recording content, strategies, processes, cues and guidelines during the learning process.

Managing Difficult Behaviors in a General Education Classroom
Billie Butt, ISTA Member

Ever feel like you’re losing control of your classroom because of a few difficult students? Learn about tools to use and strategies that work, with real life case studies, to develop your skills to reach and teach all students.
Navigating ScholarTrack
Barbie Martin, Indiana Commission for Higher Education

The Scholar Success Program helps students stay on track for college and career success. While required for Scholars, these activities are valuable for all students who are thinking about their post-high school plans. Determine how to use them in your classroom.

Organize Me!
Megan McAdams, ISTA Member

You've bought it, printed the materials, but now how do you store and organize it? What's the best way to keep your centers, bulletin boards, lesson plans, etc. organized? Learn how to organize digital and printed materials.

PBL for Beginners
Carissa Richardson Lahrman & Melanie Forman, ISTA Members

Project-based learning is a dynamic approach to teaching in which students explore real-world problems and challenges. Explore how to use this type of active and engaged learning, where students are inspired to obtain a deeper knowledge of the subjects they're studying.

Ramp Up Your STEM with Arts
Debora Porter, ISTA member

Find ways to integrate arts with STEM content. Learn to identify standards, create integrated lesson design, monitor student progress and evaluate student work.

Reaching the Gifted Learner
Courtney Corcoran, ISTA Member

Gifted children learn and think differently. Engaging them is an art. Learn how to meet the needs of your gifted students through inquiry-based lessons, student-led projects, and technology integration. Leave with ideas you can use the next day!

Student Voice & Making Your Lesson Stick in the Secondary Classroom
Dana Gardner, Anderson Community Schools & Jason Pridemore, Indiana Department of Education

Learn how to use student voice to foster engagement and retention in the secondary classroom. Walk away with a bank of ready-to-go strategies that are easy to implement and will have a huge impact on student achievement!

Tackling the Mountain of Documentation
Kristine Etter, NBCT & ISTA Member

Supporting progress toward IEP goals can be daunting. Keeping regular data towards goal progress can ease the pressure when writing and updating IEPs. Master ways to tackle this daunting process.
Teaching Grammar in the ELA Classroom  
Rebecca Rupert, NBCT & ISTA Member

Gain insights and strategies teaching grammar from the disciplines of sociolinguistics, composition and education and think about ways to teach grammar in your own classroom.

True Colors: Keys to Successful Teaching  
Veronica Hobbs, ISTA UniServ Director

Identify your individual personality type and unique teaching style preference and have fun. This session will also include information on learning styles to enhance your interaction with students and others. It will help you motivate students.

Using Social Media to Fill Your Teaching Toolbox  
Jennifer Luce, ISTA Member

Learn why you should create your own professional learning network through Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. Discover educators to follow, groups to join and hashtags to search and use. Bring your own recommendations, too!

What Exactly Is National Board Certification Anyway?  
NBCTs & ISTA Members

Do you want to participate in the most valuable, transformative professional development possible? Do you want to have a greater impact on your students? Do you want to demonstrate a commitment to excellence? Begin your path to National Board Certification. Learn more!

Writing Stations  
Lisa Riley, ISTA Member

Enhance students’ writing abilities through differentiated, strategic, rigorous writing stations, while providing purpose and structure to contribute to well-organized writing. Find ideas to best meet students’ needs and abilities.