

8th Annual EdCo Collective Conference



Over sixty educators gathered on Saturday, September 26th, looking to collaborate with others and deepen their teaching practices. The day kicked off with a panel of EdCo experts sharing their perspectives on *Rehumanizing Education*. From there, attendees selected from various workshops for a chance to learn from EdCo members.

EdCo is proud to offer this ongoing, cross-sector professional development that is free, fully teacher-led, and unlike any other currently available in Tennessee.



"This was one of the best conferences I've attended. Empowering teachers who are actively in the field to share their wisdom with each other honors the strengths and knowledge teachers bring to the table everyday. **Flipping the script and highlighting the wealth of knowledge teachers bring to the table is a wonderful opportunity to highlight innovative ideas to those who have the power to leverage change.** Phenomenal conference. I cannot believe it was free. Thank you for this amazing opportunity!"

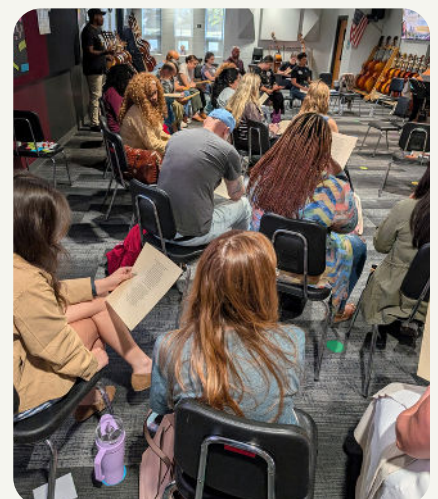
-First Time EdCo Attendee

100%

of attendees see EdCo as a meaningful channel for best practices to move from classroom to classroom, regardless of sector

97%

of attendees agree that Collective Conference gave them access to new ideas and methods to help deepen their knowledge of the teaching craft



This year's workshops led by EdCo Member Teachers covered topics applicable to Middle Tennessee educators in any tier, content, and school:



EdCo Teacher Leader Project (25-26):

Culturally Responsive Teaching & the Brain

Carlton Adkins, TN Nature Academy & Addison Barrack, Antioch High



EdCo Teacher Leader Project (26-27):

From Conversation into Action: Cross-Cultural Teaching with Confidence

Deandre Benn, Maplewood High



Progress for Whom?

AI, Equity, and the Power of Place

Nicole Bonner, MLK Magnet & Bobbi Negron, Paragon Mills



Take It & Make It Fit for You!

A Guide to Adapting Lessons and Projects for Your Population, Content, and Curriculum

Kayleigh Luna, Explore! Community



Sustainable Education:

Knowing Yourself, Knowing the Job

Sherri Scott, Linden Waldorf & Jennifer Weinblatt, Harding Academy



Five Years of EdCo Culture Corner

A Lesson I Learned. A Lesson I Taught.

Mikey Mitchell, TSU

After attending these teacher-led sessions that focused on **what's working in classrooms across Nashville**, conference attendees reported the following changes in beliefs:

