



**Katherine McKnight** is a dynamic presenter, dedicated teacher, and award-winning author. She began her career in education over 30 years ago as a middle school and high school English and social studies teacher in the Chicago Public Schools. In addition to speaking at professional development conferences, she is a regular consultant in schools and classrooms in the United States and Internationally.

Dr. McKnight's 15-year distinguished university career culminated in her assignment to Distinguished Professor of Research at National Louis University. She is the founder of Engaging Learners, an educational company built around her successful Literacy & Learning Center model. Her work in educational leadership, literacy and student skill development has resulted in unprecedented academic achievement in many struggling schools.

Dr. McKnight has received several awards for her publications and teaching at the university level. She has authored 21 books that support educational strategies to engage all learners. Her titles include the best-selling *The Teacher's Big Book of Graphic Organizers*, winner of the 2013 Teachers' Choice Award and *Literacy & Learning Centers for the Big Kids, grades 4-12*. Most recently, she founded Coffee with Katie and Richard webinars (with renowned educator and author, Dr. Richard Cash during the COVID 19 pandemic as a weekly forum to bring together educators to engage in professional learning.

### EDUCATION

Ph.D. Curriculum and Instruction: Reading, Writing, and Literacy, University of Illinois at Chicago, IL  
M.Ed. Teaching English in Secondary Schools, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL  
B.A. American Civilization, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

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## PRESENTATION TOPICS

### Literacy

- Literacy & Learning Centers (grades 4-12)
- Disciplinary Literacy for Every Content Area
- Inclusive Literacy
- Hands-on Vocabulary and Grammar

### SEL

- Yes, And: Developing Social-Emotional Learning with Academic Skills
- Do What Matters Most for Educators

### Grading and Assessment

- Skills-Based Grading and Formative Assessment
- Grading and Assessment for E-Learning and the Modern Classroom
- Using Assessment to Motivate, Support and Nurture ALL Learners
- Proficiency Scales

### Instruction

- Differentiated Curriculum and Instruction
- Meeting the Needs of Diverse Learners
- What Created the Knowledge Gap and What We Can Do About It