

# KATHERINE MCKNIGHT, PH.D.

## ENGAGING LEARNERS PRESENTER

### BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Katherine McKnight is a dynamic presenter, dedicated teacher, and award-winning author. Dr. McKnight 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 Europe. She served as a Distinguished Professor of Research at National Louis University and is the founder of Engaging Learners, an educational company built around her successful Literacy and 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 17 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. She's also written *The Second City Guide to Improv in the Classroom* and *Literacy and Learning Centers for the Big Kids (grades 4-12)*.

### 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.

### AFFILIATIONS

AEI Speakers Bureau

K-12 Teachers Alliance

National Council of Teachers of English

Staff Development for Educators

ThinkCERCA

Two (LIT)eracy Ladies Podcast



## PRESENTATION TOPICS

A PLAN FOR SUCCESS:  
MERGING LITERACY AND  
SELF-REGULATION TO  
INCREASE ACHIEVEMENT

ADOLESCENT LITERACY

CONTENT AREA LITERACY

DIFFERENTIATED  
INSTRUCTION

UNDERSTANDING  
AND MEETING  
NEW STANDARDS

PROFESSIONAL  
LEARNING  
COMMUNITIES

TECHNOLOGY IN  
THE CLASSROOM

GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS

IMPROV IN  
THE CLASSROOM

