AMLE2017
Annual Conference for Middle Level Education
Philadelphia, PA • November 6–8, 2017

Register your team today for a great rate!
AMLE2017 The most comprehensive professional learning experience for middle level educators.

It's a Team Thing…

At AMLE2017 you will
— Build a common language of success for your entire staff
— Divide and conquer. With 500+ sessions, it’s good to have multiple minds, hearts, and feet
— Create camaraderie, collaboration, capacity, and confidence that you can’t experience anywhere else
— Get opinions and advice from people from all around the world
— Experience a collective excitement that can continue to grow in the classroom
— Bring your team together for on-site discussions about the ideas you’re taking back to school

Get the best deal and maximize the impact on your school by bringing teams!
With team registration,
Every fifth person is FREE.

Get the details at amle.org/annual/team or contact Chuck Pletcher at 800-528-6672 or cpletcher@amle.org

Well worth the investment! …lots of fresh and innovative ideas to meet the needs of my students and staff!

Who should attend? Teachers Administrators Counselors Central Office Staff
General Sessions

Monday, 8:00 am– 9:00 am

Heartfelt Schools: Creating Cultures of Care
In the city of brotherly love, please join us and learn how to build cultures of care, compassion, and love in the critical middle grades. These keynoters will enlighten you with their perspectives and stories on this important area of our young adolescents lives and the success of our schools.

Cedrick Gray  Kim Campbell  Grace Dearborn  Ellen D’Amore  Erin Tobul

Tuesday, 4:35 pm – 5:15 pm

We Hold These Middle School Truths to Be Self-Evident… and Worth Fighting For
This rousing session, featuring education thought leader and passionate middle level education advocate, Rick Wormeli, will celebrate teaching and leading in our middle schools. You’ll attend a simulation of the Second Continental Congress—this time with a focus on middle school rather than the Declaration of Independence—as we celebrate the goals, energy, and successes of middle level educators. Rick will bring you style, flare, and excitement, and inspire and recharge you to stay committed to the important work you do.

Rick Wormeli

Conference Session Formats

View all sessions at amle.org/annual/sessions

General Sessions
A blend of inspiring information and motivating insights, these sessions get you excited about being a middle level educator and energize your day.

Thought Leader Sessions
Engaging and entertaining sessions featuring acclaimed middle grades experts, these sessions cover topics vital to middle level education.

Spotlight on Middle Level Leadership Sessions
Built with school leaders in mind, Spotlight sessions address the rewards and challenges of leadership and are facilitated by middle level leaders from around the country.

Trailblazer Sessions – NEW!
These sessions will introduce you to middle grades innovators that will enlighten you with both practical and progressive school and classroom ideas.

Concurrent Sessions
Choose from hundreds of concurrent sessions, which feature presenters from around the globe offering solutions and expertise in more than 60 topic areas specific to the middle grades.

Spark & Tell Sessions
Fast-paced and informative, these 10-minute sessions will spark an idea and provide resources and connections to help you dive deeper on your own.

Speed Learning Sessions
These interactive sessions, one of the most popular formats of the conference, are 60-minute sessions divided into three segments, allowing personal attention from experts in a short amount of time.
Thought Leader Sessions

Get the latest research-based strategies and tools while igniting your passion for teaching, leading, and learning. Acclaimed middle grades experts will speak on relevant and important topics that will elevate your knowledge in middle level education.

**Rick Wormeli**
- Standards-Based Assessment
- Homework Success
- Racism in our Schools

**Marlena Gross-Taylor**
- Response to Intervention
- Branding your School
- Student-Led Conferences

**Rosalind Wiseman**
- Cultures of Dignity
- Student Social Conflicts
- Social Media

**Charlie Kuhn**
- Cultures of Dignity
- Student Social Conflicts
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**Debbie Silver**
- Deliberate Optimism
- Social and Emotional Learning
- Addressing Learning Styles

**Grace Dearborn**
- Active Engagement Strategies
- At-Risk Youth
- Student Participation Strategies

**Charles Beaman**
- Classroom Management
- Difficult-to-Teach Students
- Improving Teacher Performance

**Kim Campbell**
- Classroom Management
- Engaging Boys
- Teaching Strategies that Motivate

**Paul Dunford**
- Scheduling
- Engaging Families

**Kylene Beers**
- Literacy

**Robert Probst**
- Literacy

Sessions Subject to Change
Spotlight on Leadership Sessions

Being a leader in the middle grades can be both rewarding and challenging. These sessions are built with you in mind, addressing both the rewards and challenges of leadership! Facilitated by middle level leaders from around the country, these sessions will provide robust information and research-based solutions that will help you and your middle grades school grow in exciting, positive directions.

Trailblazer Sessions NEW!

The Trailblazer sessions will feature middle grades innovators who push the envelope, try creative ideas, and continue to propel us forward. You’ll get big answers about new concepts that are both practical and progressive for your classroom and school.

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Conference Schedule

Sunday, November 5, 2017
- Affiliate Strand (invitation only ticketed event) 8:00 am–3:00 pm
- CMLA Summit (ticketed event) 8:00 am–3:00 pm
- Symposium on Middle Level Teacher Education (ticketed event) 8:00 am–3:00 pm
- Registration 3:00 pm–8:00 pm

Monday, November 6, 2017
- Registration 7:00 am–5:00 pm
- AMLE Bookstore 7:00 am–5:00 pm
- General Session 8:00 am–9:00 am
- Solution Center 9:00 am–11:30 am
- Lunch (on your own) 11:00 am–12:30 pm
- Solution Center 1:30 pm–6:30 pm
- Coffee Social (in the Solution Center) 9:00 am–10:00 am
- Sessions 10:00 am–11:00 pm
- Lunch (on your own) 11:00 am–12:30 pm
- Sessions 12:30 pm–1:30 pm
- Solution Center 1:30 pm–6:30 pm
- Dessert Social (in the Solution Center) 1:30 pm–2:30 pm
- Sessions (2) 2:30 pm–4:55 pm
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- Reception (in the Solution Center) 5:00 pm–6:30 pm

Lunch in the Solution Center
Meet up with your team, your PLC, or meet new colleagues by enjoying complimentary lunch in the Solution Center on Tuesday, November 7 at 12:10 pm.

Dessert Social
Grab an afternoon sweet treat and participate in the Treasure Hunter for a chance to win great prizes!

Reception
Enjoy appetizers and beverages in the Solution Center on Monday evening from 5:00 pm–6:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to network with colleagues and meet new friends that share your love of middle level education.

Great Idea!
For lunch on your own on Monday, visit the Reading Terminal Market, across the street from the Convention Center. Established in 1892, it’s the nation’s oldest continuously operating farmers’ market, and it has virtually every type of cuisine from soul food to Asian and Middle Eastern dishes to Philly Cheesesteaks and traditional Pennsylvania Dutch fare—all from largely family-run stands. http://www.readingterminalmarket.org/merchants
**Pre-Conference Ticketed Events**

November 5, 2017  
The following events are available only to registered attendees of AMLE2017.

**Symposium on Middle Level Teacher Education**  
This event for professors, researchers, and others interested in teacher preparation will offer the latest information, trends, and best practices to enhance the quality of middle level teacher education. More at amle.org/symposium

**CMLA Summit**  
Designed for college students enrolled in middle level teacher preparation programs, this event will bring opportunities to learn, share, and network with other aspiring teachers and includes special activities. More at amle.org/cmlasummit

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**AMLE2017 Registration**

Join us in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for three days of innovation, creativity, and inspiration. Register early for the best rates. Questions? Call or email, 800-528-6672, CPletcher@amle.org

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**Special Team Offer!**

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Registration forms and complete payment must be submitted together. Free registrations are at a equal or lesser value. Questions? Call or email, 800-528-6672, CPletcher@amle.org

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Need funding ideas, check out amle.org/funding
Explore Philadelphia

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  —U.S. News & World Report

Travel & Hotels

Conference Location:
Pennsylvania Convention Center
1101 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Go to amle.org/annual/hotels for more information on the various hotels and transportation available.

Housing Deadline: October 12!
Save up to $100 per night by booking your housing through AMLE!
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- View and add sessions to your schedule
- Receive event announcements
- Locate sessions and exhibit booths
- Message other attendees, presenters, and exhibitors
- Read about presenters, exhibitors, and attendees
- Access and download session handouts
- Post social media messages

AMLE Bookstore
Be sure to visit the AMLE Bookstore for dozens of books from AMLE2017 speakers, conference t-shirts, and to enter drawings for cool prizes!

Earn Professional Credit
You can earn up to 20.5 hours of professional learning contact hours at AMLE2017. Graduate credit is also available through Concordia University.

Pennsylvania Educators: Earn Act 48 credits as you learn at AMLE2017 in Philadelphia! For more information contact Leonard Ference at support@pamle.org at the Pennsylvania Association for Middle Level Education.
Solution Center

The Solution Center, featuring hundreds of companies, is the perfect place to find tools and services for implementing new solutions you will learn at the conference.

You will have the opportunity to:
- Try new instructional products
- Preview texts and resources
- Win great prizes
- Network with the nation’s leading educational consultants

Don’t Miss…
- Coffee Social
- Dessert Social
- Reception
- Treasure Hunter in the Solution Center

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The opportunity to share and talk with others who get, live, and believe in middle school is invaluable.

I always leave this conference with renewed energy and excitement about teaching in the middle grades!