



Session Planning Guide

TABS 2026 Conference | Bay Area Christian School | February 13, 2026

Registration is open from noon, Friday, January 23, through noon, Monday, February 2.

Schedule at a Glance

7:30-8:00 AM

Check-In

Grab N Go Breakfast and
browse exhibitor tables

8:00-9:05 AM

Praise and
Worship, Keynote

9:10-10:10 AM

Session 2

10:20-11:20 AM

Session 3

11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Session 4

12:30-1:00 PM

Lunch provided by BACS

1:00-1:30 PM

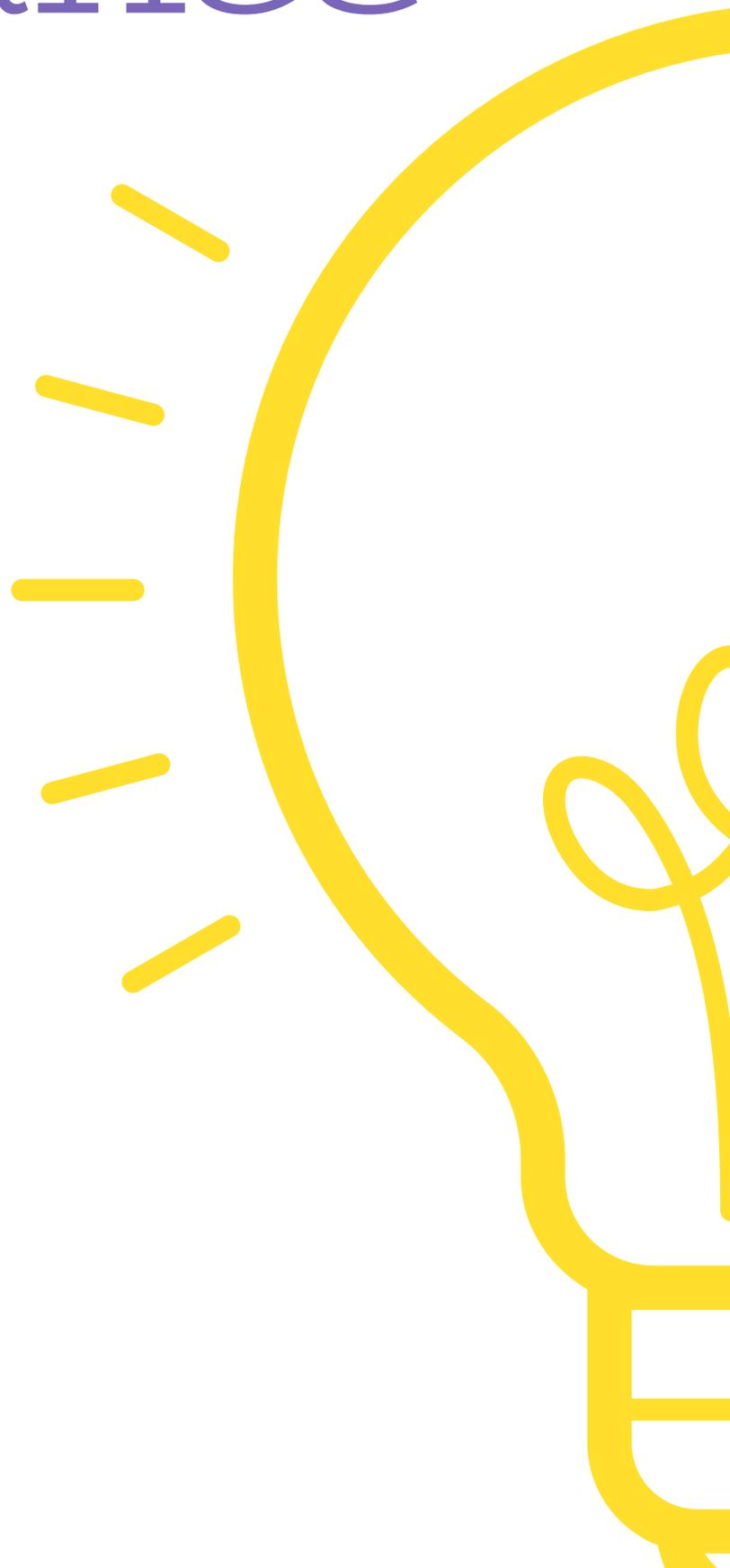
Exhibits

1:35-2:35 PM

Session 5

2:45-3:45 PM

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Session 1 - Keynote

Stand Watch, Part 1

Worship Center

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Using the Learning Environment to Create ProSocial Learning Experiences

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Environments are never neutral. They either help or hinder learning. In this session, we'll explore why ProSocial Learning is key to the future success of students and how to use the learning environment to create these ProSocial experiences. We'll also examine, as a case study, a school's transformation of its learning environments and how it's improving student engagement while helping to future-proof its students. *(50 attendees max)*

Autism in the Classroom

ALL

A220

Emillie Armstrong, Special Education Specialist, Dickinson ISD



This session will discuss how to approach different styles of learning for autism and how to support autistic learners in the classroom. *(20 attendees max)*

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Building Teacher Wellbeing & Resilience

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C204

Leah Rabb, Elementary Principal, Logos Preparatory Academy



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Curriculum Roundtable: Mapping, Professional Development, and more

Admin

C202

Linda Mudgett, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Bay Area Christian School



Leaders are invited to attend a curriculum and professional development roundtable discussion to share ideas on curriculum, mapping choices, and creating robust professional learning opportunities at their schools. *(18 attendees max)*

Covenants of the Promise: Tracing God's Redemptive Plan from Eden to Christ

ALL

A207

Michael Williams, High School Bible Teacher, Bay Area Christian School



"Covenants of the Promise: Tracing God's Redemptive Plan from Eden to Christ" examines how God's covenants reveal His unfolding work of redemption. Designed for Christian educators, this seminar traces the promise of Genesis 3:15 through the covenants with Abraham, Moses, and David, and its fulfillment in the New Covenant. Participants will gain a clearer grasp of Scripture's unity and be equipped to teach the Gospel's covenantal storyline with greater depth and confidence. *(18 attendees max)*

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Melody Lilley, Third Grade Teacher, Bay Area Christian School



Learn how to make mathematical connections between the Concrete (manipulative), Pictorial (visual), and Abstract (algorithmic) representations of math to help students gain a deeper understanding of math concepts. *(18 attendees max)*

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The Neighborhood Academy: Beyond the Numbers

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Donna Bourgeois, Junior High ELA Teacher, Bay Area Christian School



The Neighborhood Academy: Beyond the Numbers, stemmed from being in an environment that measured students based on scores and not knowledge. Students were ultimately being academically failed as a result. This program aims to create a welcoming environment and teach beyond the scores. *(18 attendees max)*

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Vivid Teaching (Revised & Expanded)

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Michael Stratton, Teacher, First Baptist Christian Academy



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Teaching Literature with a Biblical Worldview

Sec Adm; 6-12

A217

Ashlee Oropeza, Assistant Product Manager of Abeka



Every selection students read offers an opportunity to reinforce or challenge what they believe. Teaching from a biblical worldview enhances literary analysis rather than limiting it. This session will equip you with the necessary tools to guide your students in identifying the messages within literature and responding to them with biblical discernment. *(20 attendees max)*

Strengthening the Nucleus of Science Class

Sec Adm; 6-12

A218

Cindy Quinlan, Senior Educational Consultant of Abeka



With great fondness, I remember peeling pieces of skull off a fetal pig's brain as a high school sophomore. It's no wonder that labs, dissections, and hands-on activities are often the highlights of science class, not just for the students! Yet exciting and pivotal as these facets of science class may be, their overall success relies on the students' foundational understanding of the science concepts being demonstrated. This session focuses on the often overlooked yet core part of science class - teaching content - and seeks to help and challenge teachers to make their explanations of science concepts both clear and memorable. *(20 attendees max)*



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What is Culture and Why Should I Care?

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Joel Gutowsky, Director of Student Life, Logos Preparatory Academy



When one walks through the doors of your school, what do they experience? As Mark Miller says in his book *Culture Rules*, "Culture is an unseen force yet one that emanates from, and is sustained by, everyone in the organization." This unseen force defines how it feels to be a member of your school community. Come learn why culture matters and how you can begin ensuring that your school culture is in alignment with your vision for your school family. *(18 attendees max)*

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Data Based Assessments

All

A220

Emillie Armstrong, Special Education Specialist, Dickinson ISD



Teachers will learn how to collect, analyze and use the data they have collected to create small groups, adjust instruction and create meaningful assessments. *(20 attendees max)*

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Eric Davis, Family Discipleship Pastor, Bay Area Church



In a world full of noise and endless demands, it's easy to lose sight of what truly drives you. This session invites you to step back and reflect on your deeper purpose by creating a personal mission statement shaped by the truths of Philippians 3:10–11: "I want to know Christ — yes, to know the power of His resurrection and participation in His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead." Together, we'll explore how to clarify your God-given "why" — aligning your passions, decisions, and daily actions with the ultimate goal of knowing Christ more deeply. Walk away with a personal compass that helps you navigate life with intentionality, resilience, and eternal perspective. *(18 attendees max)*

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Classroom Tips & Tricks

PreK-1

A202

Angelee Perez, Preschool Program Director, Friendswood Christian School



Every classroom has its challenges—but with the right mindset, every moment can become a teaching opportunity. This interactive session will provide educators with practical tools for redirection, positive guidance, and classroom flow. Participants will learn how to set the tone for a nurturing environment where connection leads to cooperation.

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When AI meets Foldables

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Annette Duenes & Suzanne Cox, Teachers, First Baptist Christian Academy



Join us for an inspiring and hands-on session designed especially for junior high educators who want to bridge traditional classroom strategies with innovative technology. In this seminar, participants will explore how Artificial Intelligence (AI) can enhance the creation and use of foldables—interactive graphic organizers that promote critical thinking, creativity, and comprehension in the classroom. *(18 attendees max)*



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Challenges of the Multi-level Private School Art Room

9-12

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This session will offer solutions to the problem of widely divergent abilities of art students in the same classroom. This will include strategies for independent study, separate tracks for "novice" and "veteran" students and the use of rubrics to focus student efforts. Multiple rubrics will be provided. *(20 attendees max)*

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Where Time Meets Place: Blending History and Geography

Sec Adm; 6-12

A217

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History and geography are inseparable. Without place, events lose their context. This session shows how to weave geography naturally into historical study, allowing students to develop both chronological and spatial awareness. *(20 attendees max)*



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Tightening Grammar's Nuts and Bolts

Sec Adm; 6-12

A218

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Too often, English teachers can get bogged down by the very nuts and bolts of grammar that make it so important for clear and accurate communication. If you've ever found yourself bored when teaching the more fact-based, detailed aspects of grammar, come find in this session many specific ideas that will keep your grammar lessons effective and interesting. *(20 attendees max)*

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Dying to Teach

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Tests and Measurements

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Jared Fuqua, Junior High Principal, Bay Area Christian School



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Using Art History in History, Bible and Language Arts (Revised & Expanded)

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Yearbook Roundtable

PK-12

Library

Jennifer Kerr, School Media, Bay Area Christian School



Yearbook Production - where creativity meets controlled chaos! In this roundtable session, let's share practices that work, troubleshoot challenges, and trade genius hacks with fellow yearbook creators. From photo organization, team communication, and camera skills to deadline survival strategies, this collaborative class will leave you inspired, energized, and ready to make your best book yet. *(18 attendees max)*



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Teaching American history means navigating triumphs, failures, and deeply rooted values. Learn how to teach the founding documents, key movements, and national conflicts through a lens of truth, responsibility, and hope. When students see the heart of a nation, they care more deeply about its future. *(20 attendees max)*

Reading Between the Lines: Using Current Events to Sharpen Analysis and Discernment

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Ensure your students refine their analytical thinking, strengthen discernment, and develop a deeper awareness of the history unfolding around them through effective current event discussions. Join this session for tools and guidance to establish and refine current event practices that promote careful evaluation and strength. *(20 attendees max)*

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Free Professional Development for You and Your Team

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Jonathan Edmondson, SchoolBox Director, Herzog Foundation



Discover how you and your team can grow through the Herzog Foundation Institute's free professional development programs designed to strengthen Christian school leaders, teachers, and organizations. This session introduces the Leader Series, Teacher Series, and Organizational Development Series—comprehensive, faith-based training opportunities that equip Christian educators to lead with excellence, teach with impact, and cultivate thriving school communities. *(18 attendees max)*

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Teaching Tidy-Up

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A208

Eric Davis, Family Discipleship Pastor, Bay Area Church



In a world full of noise and endless demands, it's easy to lose sight of what truly drives you. This session invites you to step back and reflect on your deeper purpose by creating a personal mission statement shaped by the truths of Philippians 3:10–11: "I want to know Christ — yes, to know the power of His resurrection and participation in His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead." Together, we'll explore how to clarify your God-given "why" — aligning your passions, decisions, and daily actions with the ultimate goal of knowing Christ more deeply. Walk away with a personal compass that helps you navigate life with intentionality, resilience, and eternal perspective. (18 attendees max)



Session 6

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Building Teacher Wellbeing & Resilience

ALL

C204

Leah Rabb, Elementary Principal, Logos Preparatory Academy



Teaching in any setting can take an emotional, spiritual and even a physical toll on teachers. This session hopes to share research on how to promote teacher well-being and resilience. *(18 attendees max)*

Curriculum Roundtable: Mapping, Professional Development, and more

Admin

C202

Linda Mudgett, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Bay Area Christian School



Leaders are invited to attend a curriculum and professional development roundtable discussion to share ideas on curriculum, mapping choices, and creating robust professional learning opportunities at their schools. *(18 attendees max)*

Covenants of the Promise: Tracing God's Redemptive Plan from Eden to Christ

ALL

A207

Michael Williams, High School Bible Teacher, Bay Area Christian School



"Covenants of the Promise: Tracing God's Redemptive Plan from Eden to Christ" examines how God's covenants reveal His unfolding work of redemption. Designed for Christian educators, this seminar traces the promise of Genesis 3:15 through the covenants with Abraham, Moses, and David, and its fulfillment in the New Covenant. Participants will gain a clearer grasp of Scripture's unity and be equipped to teach the Gospel's covenantal storyline with greater depth and confidence. *(18 attendees max)*



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Classroom Tips & Tricks

PreK-1

A202

Angelee Perez, Preschool Program Director, Friendswood Christian School



Every classroom has its challenges—but with the right mindset, every moment can become a teaching opportunity. This interactive session will provide educators with practical tools for redirection, positive guidance, and classroom flow. Participants will learn how to set the tone for a nurturing environment where connection leads to cooperation.

(18 attendees max)

Think Outside the Book

K-3

C208

Melody Lilley, Third Grade Teacher, Bay Area Christian School



Learn how to make mathematical connections between the Concrete (manipulative), Pictorial (visual), and Abstract (algorithmic) representations of math to help students gain a deeper understanding of math concepts.

(18 attendees max)

Beyond the Basics: Turning Reluctant Readers into Book Lovers

1-6

A203

Dana Corniel, Elementary Administrator, Spring Baptist School



Do you have students who can read, but don't love to read? This session is designed to help teachers spark a genuine passion for reading in every child. Together, we'll explore creative, easy-to-implement strategies that go beyond guided reading and build classroom cultures where books are exciting, personal, and meaningful. Participants will walk away with fresh ideas such as "Mystery Readers," interactive read-alouds, book tastings, and student-led book talks, as well as simple ways to integrate choice, curiosity, and community into their reading block. *(18 attendees max)*



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The Neighborhood Academy: Beyond the Numbers

4-12

A205

Donna Bourgeois, Junior High ELA Teacher, Bay Area Christian School



The Neighborhood Academy: Beyond the Numbers, stemmed from being in an environment that measured students based on scores and not knowledge. Students were ultimately being academically failed as a result. This program aims to create a welcoming environment and teach beyond the scores. *(18 attendees max)*

Tests and Measurements

4-12

A204

Jared Fuqua, Junior High Principal, Bay Area Christian School



Creating tests and other assessments that cover the six cognitive levels are imperative if educators are to accurately challenge students and hold promised academic standards. This session will discuss strategies and techniques to help educators reach those goals. *(18 attendees max)*

When AI meets Foldables

6-8

A206

Annette Duenes & Suzanne Cox, Teachers, First Baptist Christian Academy



Join us for an inspiring and hands-on session designed especially for junior high educators who want to bridge traditional classroom strategies with innovative technology. In this seminar, participants will explore how Artificial Intelligence (AI) can enhance the creation and use of foldables—interactive graphic organizers that promote critical thinking, creativity, and comprehension in the classroom. *(18 attendees max)*



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15 Ways to Leave Your Lecture

6-12

C209

Rob LaVohn, English Department Chair, Fort Bend Christian Academy



While direct instruction has its place in the classroom, students need more active engagement to spur deeper learning. This session will explore fifteen ways to take teacher-driven presentations and reimagine them as student-focused classroom experiences. Examples will be drawn from the upper school English classroom, but the session focus is on methodology and can be applied to any course. *(18 attendees max)*

Launch and Run a School Media Program

9-12, Admin

Library

Jennifer Kerr, School Media, Bay Area Christian School



Build a dynamic, hands-on media program that inspires students and supports faculty and staff. Discover how to manage media projects, use social media to highlight and celebrate your school, and create engaging content with Canva, photography, and video—all while keeping your work aligned with school branding and ensuring online safety. Walk away with practical strategies, ready-to-use ideas, and a clear roadmap to launch a program your students—and the entire school community—will love. *(18 attendees max)*

Vivid Teaching (Revised & Expanded)

9-12

A219

Michael Stratton, Teacher, First Baptist Christian Academy



Education can too easily slide into a series of joyless box-ticking exercises when learning itself should be one of life's great pleasures. This session offers strategies to make learning itself more enjoyable for its own sake. *(20 attendees max)*

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From Questions to Conversations: Bringing History to Life

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A217

Ashlee Oropeza, Assistant Product Manager of Abeka



Thinking is as an essential component of learning, and conversing on a matter is a great way to think about it. Discussions deepen interest and challenge students to apply what they know. Learn how to pose open-ended, thought-provoking questions that encourage students to think critically and respectfully engage with one another. *(20 attendees max)*

Free Professional Development for You and Your Team

Admin

C211

Jonathan Edmondson, SchoolBox Director, Herzog Foundation



Discover how you and your team can grow through the Herzog Foundation Institute's free professional development programs designed to strengthen Christian school leaders, teachers, and organizations. This session introduces the Leader Series, Teacher Series, and Organizational Development Series—comprehensive, faith-based training opportunities that equip Christian educators to lead with excellence, teach with impact, and cultivate thriving school communities. *(18 attendees max)*

