



Kindergarten Vocabulary Acquisition and Oral Language Development

Course Description

This conference will focus on strategies for supporting Kindergarten students' vocabulary acquisition and oral language development. We will highlight how children learn new words both intentionally, through structured lessons, and incidentally, through exposure in daily classroom routines and thematic units. By connecting vocabulary across lessons, texts, and routines, students are better able to understand and use new words in meaningful contexts. Through a variety of approaches, our presentation will provide a clear framework for embedding rich vocabulary instruction into Kindergarten classrooms, promoting both oral language development and reading comprehension in meaningful and engaging ways.

Key Goals

- **Outline how to plan and implement explicit, standards-aligned vocabulary instruction using evidence-based routines to include network lessons, category lessons, and book-embedded vocabulary instruction.**
- **Demonstrate how to develop child-friendly vocabulary definitions, semantic networks, and category groupings that help students determine word meaning independently, enable connections across texts and concepts, and support integration of new words into broader thematic units.**

Who Should Attend?

Kindergarten teachers, instructional coaches, and instructional leaders

Registration

- Please register on ePDC at www.paec.org/epdc – Kindergarten Vocabulary Acquisition and Oral Language Development
- FREE to attend

Districts will be responsible for any travel expenses.

Details

Date: June 22-23, 2026
Time: 9:00-3:00 (CST)
Location: Panhandle Area Education Consortium at 753 West Boulevard, Chipley, Florida

OR

Date: June 24-25, 2026
Time: 9:00-3:00 (EST)
Location: Florida State University – Florida Center for Reading Research

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