

TASA 2009 Syfr
Tomorrow's Education in Today's Classrooms
The Future of American Jobs; Ramifications for Public Education
October 27 & 28, 2009 • Hyatt Lost Pines • Lost Pines, Texas

AGENDA

TUESDAY, October 27

This conference is a follow-on to the TASA/Syfr series *Tomorrow's Education in Today's Classrooms*. It is not necessary that you attended the first two conferences to attend this one. Those who attended the first conference held in Austin in July or the second conference in Houston in September will convene at the normal start of the conference at 1:00. For those who did not attend the first conferences, please attend the lunch and review at 11:30.

11:30 - 1:00

Lunch and Review of the First Two Conferences

A review of the July Austin conference and September Houston conference for those who *did not* attend them and this is your first conference of the series.

1:00 - 3:00

The Truth about 21st Century Jobs

David Autor, Professor of Economics, MIT

Professor Autor conducts research on labor market trends for the 21st Century. Get a college degree and everything will be alright. That has been the mantra since *A Nation at Risk* in 1983. That is actually not quite correct. Technology is causing a hollowing out of the middle class and there appears to be an insatiable demand for the well educated, which is not the same as college, and the service worker who has to be on location. What are the ramifications for schools and education in the 21st century?

3:00 - 3:15

Break

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3:15 - 5:00

Technology, Routine, Complex Communication, and Expert Thinking

These are the categories that David Autor will discuss. What do they mean relative to schools and how do we incorporate them? Are there lessons for schools to be learned from how the private sector incorporated technology?

7:00 - 7:30

Reception at the Pecan Court

7:30 - 10:00

American Heritage Dinner Buffet at the Pecan Court

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WEDNESDAY, October 28

- 8:30 - 10:00** **Understanding Globalization**
Creating a New Vision for Public Education in Texas is a working document. One topic not in the document is globalization. This is a quick presentation about what it is (which will be accompanied by a podcast that will be released one week before the conference), the ramifications for schools and whether or not it requires a response from schools.
- 10:00 - 10:15** **Break**
- 10:15 - Noon** **Making Assessment Work to Your Advantage**
Christine Drew, President and COO, Syfr
Regardless of the standards, assessment will trump standards in the classroom if they are different. Is it possible to use formative assessment to broaden both instruction and the curriculum without jeopardizing results on high stakes tests? What might that look like?
- Noon - 1:00** **Lunch**
- 1:00 - 2:00** **The Creative Process of Collecting Evidence and Its Communication**
In the end, evidence will be required to sell any change suggested by the visioning statement. This is a quick look at how to think about the process of evidence collection and how to communicate results.
- 2:00 - 3:00** **What Next?**
Where should you go next in your districts? How do we make this work in our districts?