



## **Professional Development Credit at Wimba Connect 2009**

The organizers of the Wimba Connect 2009 conference have prepared this document to assist school administrators in making award determinations for professional credit acknowledging educator work and professional advancement relating to, during and following, this conference.

### **Conference Overview**

Some connections are in person, some connections are online: stay connected at Wimba Connect 2009. Wimba Connect 2009, Wimba's 2nd annual users conference, will be April 5-8, 2009 in Scottsdale, Arizona, allowing attendees to learn from and network with Wimba customers from around the world. Wimba Connect 2009 will include numerous customer-led sessions, hands-on workshops, executive-focused events, and two groundbreaking keynote presentations, all of which will help explain how collaborative online technologies can enhance learning, improve student outcomes, and improve retention rates.

### **Check for Professional Development Credit Before Participating**

We encourage prospective participants to confer with local school administrators regarding the acceptability of our conference sessions and workshops for professional development credit, as many school districts and other academic institutions have different professional development standards, requirements, and/or guidelines.

### **During and Following the Conference**

We suggest participants:

Attend eight customer-led and/or Wimba-led presentations

Attend the opening and closing keynote presentations

Participate in all networking opportunities

Share their reflections, thoughts, and opinions on the Wimba community site within 5 days after the conference concludes

Share other learning points from the session on the Wimba community site about how they will utilize and/or apply what they learned at the conference

### **How Much Clock-Time Credit to Award?**

Participants who view and reflect on any customer-led or keynote session and fulfill the specified response requirements perform, in our opinion, will have averaged one clock-hour of work.

Because pre-conference workshops are longer than "normal" 50-minute conference presentations, we recommend awarding three hours of credit for each completed pre-conference workshop.

This communication relates only to continuing professional or inservice credit.