



Choice Changes Everything: Igniting Engagement Through Student Voice & Ownership

Jenny Baker

Session 4 : 11:30-12:45

Level: PK-12

Theme: Empowering

Engaged classrooms aren't built by chance—they're built by design. When students feel heard, valued, and trusted with meaningful choices, everything shifts: motivation rises, ownership deepens, and learning sticks.

This dynamic, interactive professional learning session dives into realistic, classroom-tested ways to bring student voice and choice to life—without losing structure, rigor, or control. Participants will walk away with a clear understanding of what student voice and choice truly look like in action—and how to implement them confidently and effectively.

In this session, educators will:

- Distinguish between student voice and student choice (and why both matter)

- Discover how voice and choice drive motivation, ownership, and equity

- Explore low-prep, high-impact strategies that work in real classrooms

- Design a ready-to-use voice-and-choice strategy for immediate implementation

- See how structured choice strengthens—not disrupts—classroom management

Perfect for educators across all grade levels and content areas, this session is designed for those ready to elevate engagement, and strengthen classroom culture.

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Jennifer “Jenny” Baker is a Family and Consumer Science educator within the Kalispell Public Schools with over 15 years in education, including a decade in the classroom. She has served as a Montana OPI MTSS Consultant, supporting schools in developing effective, student-centered systems that drive engagement and achievement. Jenny is a certified ACE instructor and collaborates with Montana State University to support dual credit curriculum in Travel and Tourism, connecting classroom learning to real-world opportunities. Passionate about student voice, choice, and meaningful learning, she focuses on practical, high-impact strategies that empower students while maintaining strong classroom structure.

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