

Kagan Structures Change Teachers' Lives

Can changing how you teach really change your life? According to these teachers — Yes! When these teachers began implementing **Kagan Structures**, many experienced dramatic changes in their effectiveness as teachers. The positive changes were so profound for some, that the improvements had a ripple effect, even affecting their personal lives. Read how:



Kagan Cooperative Learning has changed my class from a class of students to a community of learners working together to build knowledge.

Julie Thompson
Cape Elementary
Cape Coral, FL

Kagan conferences are my lifeline to all things good for kids. I have used all that I have learned to make learning meaningful and grand for my students. It was by chance that one day several years ago, I saw a pink paper describing the Kagan conference: Multiple Intelligences. The class would be held about 50 miles from my home. As I read, I knew the class was for me. The paper described all I believed about children's learning styles. Since that day, Kagan has been my soul mate ... filling me with concepts I didn't know. I eat, live, and breathe Kagan Structures. My class is excellent at spinning and talking and sharing and choosing where on the line of YES AND NO they belong. Kagan has opened the windows of my mind and has given me the courage to teach to a child's learning style. My school has not encouraged such things as brain research, structures, higher level thinking, Win-Win Discipline and cooperative learning. When I mention Kagan, no one knows. But Kagan is for me. Kagan's Structures are my lifeline. My soul hungers for more, more, more. As long as I am teaching, I will be present for a Kagan class.

Barbara Longstreth
Westwood Elementary
Portland, MI

Kagan has made such an impact on my style of teaching and created the excitement that every teacher should have!

Tammie Ellis
Grace Brethren Christian School
Waldorf, MD

The impact upon student achievement and upon my job satisfaction is dramatic. Kagan Structures enable me to provide a stimulating classroom climate while maintaining academic rigor and promoting lifelong social skills. My enthusiasm is contagious; consequently, in my role as staff developer in my school I am a walking testimony to the awesome power of Kagan.

Marla Wilderman
Addison Mizner Elementary
Boca Raton, FL

I was a sinking teacher in 1994 and my teaching expertise was brought to life by these structures! Never has one college course or networking conversation changed my profession like learning about the structures!

Kim Gill

Center Grove School Corporation

Greenwood, IN

Last summer, I took the basic Structures for Cooperative Learning training, and it has affected every single day that I have taught since! Every day I use structures that I have learned, and I am amazed at the changes in my classroom that have occurred from my first year of teaching to my second! All it took for me to know that Kagan would improve my students' learning was by experiencing the powerful energy created in my classroom after only ONE day back with the students. This entire year students have WANTED to learn, even now, as the end of the year is approaching! Students always comment, "Ms. Harrison, your class always flies by!" Also, with Kagan, I now don't have to worry about whether my lower-level learners are learning; I see it in their faces and through their proud answers!

Astasia Harrison

Discovery Academy of Lake Alfred

Lake Alfred, FL

I was fortunate to attend a district paid 5 day training the spring of 1998 in Amarillo, Texas. Without the district's provision of tuition fees, I would not have attended the training. That would have been a travesty to my students, because those five days changed the way I teach forever.

Debby Reiling

Wolflin Elementary School

Amarillo, TX

Your program inspired me to be a better person. People have even asked me, "Did you go on extreme make-over?" I experienced so much success in the classroom reaching my kids that I had to plead with before Kagan Structures, that it inspired my physical appearance as well. I came home feeling so much better that I started exercising and have lost over 20 pounds, and I felt so free to be myself that I cut my hair off, too. I look, feel and behave more professionally than I have ever been before in my life. I tell everyone that Kagan Structures changed not only my kids, my classroom, and my teaching but it literally changed my life. My change got noticed by the county office even, and I am writing proposals to bring Kagan trainers to our district in the fall.

I really think for the first time as a teacher I have found a way to change the world.

Kellie Guilfoyle

Melrose Elementary

Melrose, FL

I was very fortunate to attend the **Structures for Cooperative Learning** workshop in Wichita June 1-4th, 2004. It was the most productive workshop I have ever attended. The structures and plans that I was introduced to have changed the way I think about teaching and learning for students and staff in my building. I incorporate **Kagan Structures** in every aspect of my job, from classroom to staff meeting.

Student learning is our number one priority and it is my job to make sure that the best practices are being used to have every student reach their highest potential. **Kagan Cooperative Learning** will make huge differences in our building.

Marney Hay

Dodge Literacy Magnet

Wichita, KS

Last summer I attended **Multiple Intelligence and Cooperative Learning** session. I can't tell you how much it has changed my room and my class, and the motivation throughout the day. It really creates such higher learning and not the one person answering a question while others goof off.

Tracy Barber

Crystal Lake Elementary

Lakeland, FL

I have been lucky enough to attend Kagan workshops for the past two summers and I cannot begin to express how Kagan has changed my classroom instruction. My students benefit daily from using MI and CL in every lesson.

Melanie Lenno

Avon Grove High School

West Grove, PA

I was amazed at how hands-on the **Kagan Structures** are. I attended one workshop and I can't get enough of Kagan in my classroom. My students are enjoying learning from each other in cooperative groups. I hope our school pays for us to go at least once a year. The Kagan structures have impacted my student's learning tremendously. Their test scores have increased! I feel I am an effective teacher more than ever because of the Kagan structures I use in my class. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Kagan for sharing your wonderful structures with me.

Elvia Barajas

Lake Country Elementary

Lake Placid, FL

I use Kagan everyday in my classroom. My principal encourages new teachers to come observe my room because of my Kagan practice. I believe in the name Kagan & what it stands for.

Jennifer Owen

Conway Middle School

Orlando, FL

Kagan's Cooperative Learning Structures for Success and Multiple Intelligences summer institutes changed the life of my students and put new life into my teaching. I have seen so much success with the students in my class for the last 3 years. It also has given me tools to deliver instruction. I have been able to reach more students through the use of ideas from the **Multiple Intelligences** course. I have now made a believer of all of my grade level and my student teachers. I've been spreading the word.

Patsy Hill

Allen Jay Elementary

High Point, NC