



Make the Case To Attend!

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KSTA 2024 will take place November 8-9 in Bowling Green, KY at the Knicely Conference Center.

The KY Academic Standards for Science have been in place since 2013. The science standards have recently been revised to ensure they still reflect the best research on science learning. KSTA is one of the premier science education conferences and a must-attend event for any Kentucky science educator seeking to stay on top of the latest trends, research, and cutting edge resources. Select national and state presenters bring the most relevant and current resources and share with KY science educators.

Facts About KY Science Teachers Association

- With a possible 12 hours of science professional learning (Friday and Saturday!), KSTA is an affordably priced conference.
- The presenters are selected so that each session will provide resources and ideas to further student learning.
- All presenters have donated their time to support KY science teachers.
- We have past Science Presidential Award winners and KSTA Science Award winners on hand to share their best teaching practices.
- Kentucky Department of Education science consultants will be in person to share the latest updates and resources to support the revised standard implementation.
- KSTA attendees will learn about the latest classroom products and resources to support effective teaching and learning in science.
- Exhibitors have included practicing teachers to lead aspects of the sessions to showcase materials and resources and how they apply to the classroom including a special area for Kentucky resources.

- Exhibitors and sponsors have donated giveaways for participants. You can easily earn back the value of your attendance in giveaways, and free materials and resources provided during sessions.
- Keynote speaker John Shoffner, astronaut, STEAM advocate, and business pioneer who served as Pilot on Axiom Space Ax-2 mission to the International Space Station (ISS)

Use this customizable letter to explain how you'll benefit from attending KSTA and will share your knowledge with colleagues following the conference. To learn more about the conference and register visit the conference website at <https://www.ksta.org>

Subject: Request to Attend the 2024 KSTA State Conference

Dear [Supervisor's Name],

I am writing to request approval and support to attend the 2024 Kentucky Science Teachers Association (KSTA) State Conference, which will be hosted at the Knicely Conference Center on November 8-9, 2024.

Why This Conference Matters:

1. **Professional Development:** The KSTA State Conference is a premier event for science educators in Kentucky. Attending will provide me with access to cutting-edge teaching methods, curriculum resources, and best practices that I can bring back to our organization.
2. **Networking:** This conference offers a unique opportunity to connect with fellow educators, researchers, and industry professionals. These connections can lead to collaborations, idea sharing, and a broader perspective on the state of science education.
3. **Stay Informed:** Science education is constantly evolving. By attending this conference, I will gain insights into the latest trends, innovations, and policies in the field. This knowledge will help us stay ahead and adapt our teaching methods accordingly.
4. **Inspiration:** Conferences like KSTA are known for their inspiring keynote speakers and thought-provoking sessions. The ideas and motivation I gain will directly benefit our students and enhance our science programs.

Benefits for Our Organization:

1. **Enhanced Teaching:** The knowledge and skills I acquire at the conference will translate into more effective teaching methods, potentially improving student outcomes and engagement.
2. **Increased Visibility:** Our organization will be associated with a commitment to excellence in science education by sending representatives to a prestigious event like the KSTA State Conference.
3. **Potential Collaboration:** Through networking, I may identify opportunities for partnerships or collaborations that could benefit our organization in the long term.

Attending the 2024 KSTA State Conference is an investment in my professional development and will directly benefit our organization. I am confident that the knowledge and connections I gain will have a positive impact on our science programs and our students' education.

I kindly request your approval to attend this conference and appreciate your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Contact Information]