

# Optimizing Education

## Engaging Student Agency with Play and STEM

**Date:** October 19, 2024  
**Time:** 7:30 am to 2:00 pm  
**Location:** Penn Cinema, 541 Airport Road, Lititz PA



### About the Conference

This conference will emphasize research on play which is often overlooked as an element of instruction. Electronic devices and technology dominate early learning settings today, while children need play more than ever. Play naturally supports the development of self-regulation and can encompass child development and content themes such as STEM and early literacy. Conference attendance approved for six ACT 48 and PQAS credits/hours.

### Conference Rates

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**Regular Admission - \$25.00**

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**Early Childhood Providers and Instructors -  
FREE with code 'Childcare'**

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**Students -  
FREE with code 'Student'**

### Pre-Conference Events

**7:30am - 8:45am** Registration and Coffee (IMAX Theater)  
**7:45am - 8:45am** STEM Workshop (Lobby)  
**8:50am - 9:00am** Welcome and Introductions  
**9:00am - 9:45am** Panel Presentation and Coffee

### Research Presentations

**10:00am - 10:40am** Session One  
**10:45am - 11:25am** Session Two  
**11:30am - 12:10pm** Session Three

### Lunch

**12:15pm - 12:45pm** Box Lunch included with registration fee

### Keynote Speaker - Dr. Kathy Hirsh-Pasek

**12:45pm - 1:45pm** A renowned early childhood researcher at Temple University, Dr. Hirsh-Pasek will present on the importance of play on children's development.

### Networking

**1:45pm - 2:00pm**



Scan the QR code for additional information  
and conference registration