Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Introduction (3:00 PM 3:05 PM)
 - Opening remarks by Ken
 - A brief introduction to the webinar theme
- 2. Guest Introductions and Remarks (3:05 PM 3:15 PM)
 - Emphasis on the importance of simulation-based learning
 - Practical strategies for implementing sims into professional development programs
- 3. Interactive Simulation Experience: "Parent Teacher Conference Simulation" (3:15 PM 3:55 PM)
 - Engage in a hands-on simulation experience
 - Interactive discussion and reflections on the simulation
- 4. SchoolSims Demo Session (3:55 PM 4:00 PM)
 - Explore the SchoolSims portal
 - Show feedback report
 - Q&A
- 5. Closing Remarks (4:00 PM)
 - Closing remarks



NAVIGATING DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS

Empowering Tomorrow's Educators Through Simulation-Based Experiential Learning for Effective Teacher Preparation

Thursday, June 27th, 2024

3:00 PM EDT | NOON PDT



Summer Higher Education Webinar Series





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- 2. Simulation-Based Experiential Learning
- 3. Interactive Simulation Experience
- 4. SchoolSims Demo Session
- **5. Closing Remarks**

SchoolSims



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Ken is an avid believer in the adage that **Experience is the Best Teacher** and, for over 30 years, has been utilizing computer-based simulations to allow professionals to safely learn from decision-making mistakes around some of the most challenging Problems of Practice. For the past six years, Ken has been focused on the challenge of the "Silent Crisis of Leadership in K-12," working to enhance leadership capacity and improve critical thinking amongst school administrators.



RESOURCES

Simulation Overviews

Explore detailed snapshots of each simulation, featuring key characters, discussion topics, relevant standards, and more!

Preview the SchoolSims Library

Discover a diverse array of simulations tailored to support professional development through engaging and interactive learning experiences across various topics.

Client Testimonials

Read success stories of schools that have implemented simulation-based learning with SchoolSims, highlighting their achievements and positive outcomes.

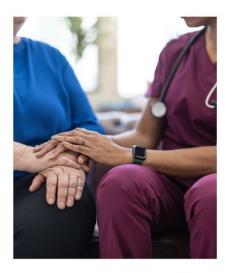
Blog

The SchoolSims Blog serves as a dynamic platform for insightful articles, updates, and resources on education, simulation-based learning, and innovative teaching methodologies.

Webinars

Access past webinars and discover valuable insights, resources, and expertise on various topics related to education and simulation-based learning.

SIMULATIONS DEMONSTRATE REMARKABLE EFFECTIVENESS IN HIGH-STAKES INDUSTRIES







Aviation



Military

Why, despite their proven effectiveness in high-stakes industries, aren't educators embracing simulations for their preparation?

Simulation-Based Experiential Learning

PRACTICE CRITICAL DECISION-MAKING IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

SchoolSims offers a transformative learning experience for professional development in public, private, and independent schools, as well as for future educators in colleges and universities. Simulations are a series of linked scenarios in a choose-your-own-adventure format, where we use both live actors and artificial intelligence to allow learners to experience the consequences of their decisions while bridging the gap between theory and practice.





HOW CAN SCHOOLSIMS BE USED?







Asynchronously



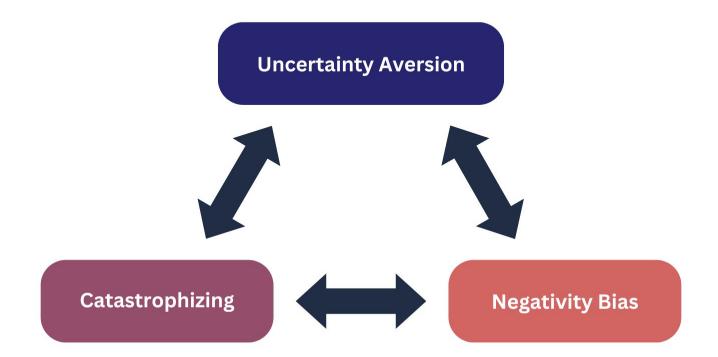
In-Person



Video Conference

SchoolSims is a versatile educational tool that can be seamlessly integrated into various learning environments, offering educators and learners valuable experiences in decision-making and leadership skills development. Whether used synchronously in live classrooms, asynchronously for self-paced learning, in-person workshops, or via video conferences, SchoolSims adapts to meet educators' and students' unique needs and preferences, enhancing their ability to tackle real-world challenges in educational leadership effectively.

WE LOVE CERTAINTY





LET'S EXPERIENCE A SIMULATION

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE

SIMULATION CONTEXT



The central issue of this simulation is communication between a teacher and a parent about the student's performance. The problem of practice is that parent-teacher conferences can end up being difficult conversations for the teacher if the teacher assumes the conversation is about the student's performance while the parent wants it to be about the teacher's performance.

Key characters include:

- Parent of an 8th-grade student in your class
- Principal

Trade-offs to consider:

- Adhering to process vs. adapting to circumstances
- Providing information vs. active listening
- Making timely progress vs. expanding time for dialogue



SIMULATION TITLES

LeaderSims

- Synergistic Leadership
- Uncovering Hidden Inequity
- Navigating the Politics of Equity-Based Budgeting
- Cultural Competency
- Middle School Turnaround (Implementing Change)
- Value-Based Leadership
- Emerging Challenges of Distributed Leadership
- Managing Diversity in a Growing Community
- Middle School Budget Challenge
- Administrator: First Week On The Job
- Disruptive Teacher
- New Teacher Evaluation
- Academic Goal Setting
- Difficult Conversation: Race

TeacherSims

- Building Inclusive Classrooms:
 Affirming Diverse Families
- Building Inclusive Classrooms:
 Positive Learning Environment
- Facilitating Alignment (IEP)
- Parent-Teacher Conference
- Special Education: Annual Case Review
- Classroom Challenge: Learning Loss
- Managing Classroom Disruptions
- Star Athlete

CounselorSims

- Comprehensive Role of School Counselors
- Virtually Leading a School Counseling Program
- Data Driven Counseling
- School Safety
- Planning for Student Achievement
- Student Support (Transgender)
- Student in Crisis



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SIMULATION TOPICS

LeaderSims

- Equity-Focused
- Social Emotional Issue
- Difficult Conversation Focused
- Instructional & Operations Leadership
- Leading Change
- Student Safety & Security
- Counseling

TeacherSims

- Classroom Management
- Diversity Focused
- Special Education
- IEP Focused
- Student in Crisis
- Instruction Focused
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Challenging Conversations





GET TRIAL ACCESS BEFORE YOUR NEXT SEMESTER!

Experience the SchoolSims Library of Simulations

What's Included?

- Access to the SchoolSims Portal
- LeaderSims & TeacherSims Simulations

Start exploring today!







