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## Independent Day School To Model Techniques For Achieving Academic Success

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When it comes to increasing academic achievement, enhancing self-esteem, and creating a harmonious classroom environment, the teachers and administrators at Independent Day School-Corbett Campus (IDS-CC) have experienced first-hand what works. And while they continue to apply the latest research involving the brain and students' emotional needs to powerfully impact instruction, they also stick with proven success: Kagan Cooperative Learning Structures, innovative learning strategies that have captured the attention of teachers worldwide.

In recent years, IDS-CC has become a model school for the highly regarded Kagan Cooperative Learning Structures. As a result, the school will once again welcome visiting educators to its campus for a two-day Kagan Workshop on Feb. 11-12. The school also welcomes educational reporters and editors to observe the event and learn about the latest in brain science as it applies to improving classroom instruction.

Hosted by U.S.F. David Anchin Center and the Florida Council of Independent Schools, IDS-CC teachers will open their classroom doors for participants to observe Kagan structures in action. Educators will also have the opportunity to attend one of two Kagan workshops: Structures for Cooperative Learning led by Laurie Kagan or Structures for Brain-Friendly Instruction led by Dr. Spencer Kagan.

Kagan's teachings, based on an international research program he began in 1969, have proven to awaken new levels of learning in students whose individual ways of absorbing information call for methods that can reach all types of learners. His simple "structures," or teaching techniques, allow teachers to guide the interaction of students with each other, the curriculum, and the teacher, leading to greater cooperativeness, while teaching traditional academic content.

"The power of the structures is best conveyed by seeing the reactions of students," said Kagan. "Teachers from around the United States and even other countries have visited IDS-CC to see Kagan structures in action."

"Each time Dr. Spencer Kagan and Laurie Kagan come, they bring to us the next level of training, which further enhances our emphasis on creating a brain-friendly environment to even better inspire learning," said IDS Headmaster Dr. Joyce Burick Swarzman. "It's our privilege to share these innovative teaching methods and contribute to Dr. Kagan's work in making a positive difference in the lives of students and teachers. It certainly has been a significant factor in our success with students."

Founded in 1968, Independent Day School-Corbett Campus is a fully accredited independent school located in northwest Hillsborough County educating students from Pre-K through 8th grade. A 2004 National Department of Education Blue Ribbon Award school, IDS-CC features superior academic programs, small class size, and leading edge fine arts, sports and technology programs. IDS-CC balances a nurturing learning environment with high standards and expectations. For more information about IDS visit [www.idsyes.com](http://www.idsyes.com).

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