

MONDAY, AUGUST 1 • BREAKOUT SESSIONS

To help us gauge interest in the sessions we're planning to present, please identify all of the sessions of interest to you. You will be welcome to choose on-site which sessions to attend.

Early Learning & Early Literacy

High-Quality Preschool Programs: Let's Come Together for Kids!

Stephanie Chandler, Rachel Ratcliff, and Meghan Rackers

Do you want to start up or sustain preschool in your district? We can help! We will share a checklist of activities and funding options along with a framework of high-quality practices.

Missouri Read, Lead, Exceed: The Science of Reading

Heather Knight and Stuart Smith

All students benefit when instruction is explicit, systematic, and based in neuroscience. Learn how to empower students by teaching them the explicit reading code: the science of reading!

Parents as Teachers: What's New in 2022-23?

Lana Brooks, Gretchen Berhorst, Rachel Ward, and Jessica Leeds

Join us for a panel discussion with school leaders on innovative ways to engage parents, encourage early learning opportunities, and discuss options for the upcoming school year.

Educator Recruitment & Retention

Addressing the Educator Workforce Shortage

Dr. Paul Katnik

Come review the most current workforce data on pipeline, vacancies, and retention rate. We also will expand your understanding of the strategies being implemented to improve recruitment and retention and to increase teacher compensation.

Climate and Culture: Perceptions From the Front Line

Bobbie Jo Lewis and select Missouri Teachers of the Year

Missouri Teacher of the Year nominees and finalists will describe what the perceptions are of climate and culture to those who work on the front lines with students every day. This interactive session will allow attendees to ask questions of a panel of experts.

Financial & Administrative Services

Opportunities to Leverage Federal Relief Funds to Support Educators and Students

Dr. Chris Neale

In this session, receive the latest updates on grant opportunities and requirements for federal relief funds.

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What You Need to Know Regarding School Finance, Governance, and Transportation

Tammy Lehmen and David Tramel

Receive the latest updates on current issues affecting school finance, governance, and transportation such as allowable transfers, claiming Pre-K students for state aid, calendar requirements, AML, tax-rate reminders, residency, and resources available on the DESE website.

Safe & Healthy Schools

SEL and Mental Health Resources: Stay in the Know

Chrissy Bashore, Dr. Jennifer Sweeton, Dr. Chris Neale, and representatives from DMH and DHSS

Do you want to learn how to navigate student-wellness resources in your district? This session will discuss current initiatives including Fostering Our Best Selves and other collaborative efforts designed to help district leaders navigate the various available resources.

Success-Ready Students & Workforce Development

Competency-Based Learning: A Report From the Success-Ready Students Work Group

Lisa Sireno, Dr. Mike Fulton, Dr. Pam Hedgpath, Dr. Jeremy Tucker, and Dr. Matt Goodman

Start with the student. That's how competency-based learning (CBL) works – with a focus on mastery for each student. In this session, experienced Missouri implementers and thought-leaders will shed light on how to bring CBL to life in your district.

Continuous Improvement Work Session

DESE Area Supervisors and RPDC staff members

Do you need technical assistance regarding the continuous improvement components of MSIP 6? Then this session has you covered! Join area supervisors and RPDC staff members to help you develop your plan.

CTE Open Mic: A Computer Programmer, Welder, and Dental Hygienist Walk Into a....

Dr. Roger Barnes, Lori Brown, Dr. Chris Neale, and leaders from Missouri school districts

This interactive, panel-led discussion featuring both school leaders and DESE staff will provide an open-mic format to learn about career and technical education initiatives and student-development opportunities such as leadership and service-learning programs.

Did You Know? Computer Science Initiatives in Missouri

Cindy Shannon

What is the preferred age and grade level to introduce computer science to students? Are funding sources available to help train teachers in computer science? Come join district and DESE staff to learn more about these topics in an open-forum format.

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Federal Programs for District Leaders

Julia Cowell, Shawn Cockrum, and Theresa Villmer

Help your students fulfill their greatest potential by expanding your knowledge of the programs funded through ESEA. District leaders who have a general knowledge of ESEA programs are better prepared to make sound educational and economic decisions. Join us for an overview of Title I.A, Title I.C, Title I.D, Title II.A, Title III Immigrant, Title III EL, Title IV.A, and Title V, complete with group discussions and activities.

Missouri School Improvement Program and Missouri Assessment Program

Shaun Bates and Jocelyn Strand

The ultimate goal of MSIP 6 is for each student to graduate ready for success in college, career, and life. In this session, learn more about the MSIP 6 rollout as well as future plans to revamp statewide assessments. The presenters also will share updates regarding 2022-23 MAP testing.

Moving in Mathematics

Chip Sharp

This session will share information on promoting student engagement through fluency and rigor in mathematics while using priority standard resources as well as data from the state assessment. Attend this session to learn about available tools and resources.

Our First Job: Were We Really College and Career Ready?

RJ Catizon, Dan Stroot, superintendents from Missouri school districts, and representatives from St. Louis Community College

Our responsibilities as district leaders include striving for every student to be college and career ready. Come learn from superintendent colleagues, industry personnel, and DESE staff members about new and innovative work-based learning initiatives during high school to help ensure that our students are college and career ready when they walk across the graduation stage.

Pre-Employment Transition Services for Students With Disabilities

Chris Clause, Elizabeth Perkins, and Amy Bowen

In this session, receive the latest information regarding pre-employment transition services, paid summer work-experience opportunities, and postsecondary services that are available for students with disabilities.