

NewsLetter

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“The ATLL is Your Partner in Learning”

The Agency for Teaching, Leading, and Learning (ATLL) is excited to partner with Southwest Missouri School districts for their professional learning needs. If you have specific needs, please reach out to one of us and let the learning begin!

Please use the following link to view our [2025-2026 ATLL Staff Directory](#) of coaches and consultants ready to assist you!



Mailing List

We are currently updating our constant contact mailing list. If you have staff that would like to be added to our mailing list, please have them subscribe [HERE](#).

New Leadership

If you know of a new Superintendent, Administrator, SPED or Curriculum Director, or Professional Development Coordinator taking a position in your school district, please send their name and email address (if known) to Randy Luebbert and Ruben Berry so that we can update our records.

RLuebbert@MissouriState.edu and
RubenBerry@MissouriState.edu

Counselor Changes

If you are a counselor that will be retiring this year, or moving buildings/districts, or know of a new counselor starting in the 2025-2026 school year, please contact Laura Harris and Ruben Berry so that we may update our records.

LauraHarris@MissouriState.edu
RubenBerry@MissouriState.edu

Notes From Our Consultants

Literacy

Registration and enrollment are underway for 2026-27 LETRS Vol. 1 & 2, Early Childhood, and Aspire® trainings as part of Missouri Read, Lead, Exceed.

Registration is required by DESE (Department of Elementary and Secondary Ed.) by June 15th, 2026, for LETRS Volume, Aspire, and Early Childhood.

Each link is provided below for your needs: (must be completed prior to required enrollment to Frontline course below)

LETRS Volume 1:

<https://modese.wufoo.com/forms/mlqwtp50fkp7t6/>

Early Childhood:

<https://modese.wufoo.com/forms/r19jbyhn1uoukni/>

Aspire:

<https://modese.wufoo.com/forms/s1sagreb1b2woa5/>

*NOTE: If you have completed LETRS V1 requirements and have been part of the MO Read, Lead, Exceed grant, you will not need to enroll with DESE for Volume 2, but you will need to enroll with the appropriate Frontline registration link provided in the workshop listing section

**All sessions for LETRS Vol. 1 and LETRS Early Childhood will be in person except for the Kickoff date provided.

*Contact Amber Perryman for more information at amberperryman@missouristate.edu

*Contact **Annette Tankersley** for more information re: LETRS V2 at annettetankersley@missouristate.edu

*Contact Jenny Dunagan for more information re: Aspire and Paraprofessional sessions at jennydunagan@missouristate.edu

In addition, we continue to offer training or assistance with LETRS support, Dyslexia, RSPs (Reading Success Plans), and CLPs (Comprehensive Literacy Plans).

PBIS

Did you know that the ATLL can provide professional development for your staff at **no cost** to your district? Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school school staff, and other caring adults how to help youth who may be experiencing mental health, substance use, or other crises.

Thanks to funding from MO DESE, over 3,000 public school employees have been trained in Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) since March 2022. Contact Jordan Politte or Andrea Rockney for more information and fill out the form located HERE when you're ready to bring this training to your district. Be sure to request the ATLL (SWRPDC) as your instructors.

[Menu of PBIS Offerings](#)

[Sign-up Form](#)

Notes From Our Consultants

MELL

Do you have new English learner (EL) students enrolling in your district? Or do you have lots of ELs and you could use a helping hand? Let's talk about how to assist your English learners and their families to grow academically and develop a sense of belonging in your school community. I am available for phone calls, emails, virtual meetings, school visits, etc. I also offer a quarterly newsletter and monthly Meet Ups.

Reach out to Rhonda Hittenberger Ortiz - MELL
Instructional Specialist
417-836-4093
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GYO

Please check out the Grow Your Own Network video [HERE](#). We look forward to seeing you at a GYO Session!

MLDS

Attention ALL Leaders! MLDS Has a place for you! Let us help you support your leadership journey! We hope to see you in 2025-2026!

Please contact Randy Luebbert for more information and to sign up:
RLuebbert@MissouriState.edu or 417-836-4422

RYA

Don't get stuck on setting up your Registered Youth Apprenticeship program! Here are things I can help with:

- Assist with writing Standards and first work process
- Present to your stakeholders
- Serve as your point person until you get your feet on the ground
- Answer questions or come walk you through the process

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BettyGlasgow@MissouriState.edu


MTDS

MTDS Teach Now - Springfield
Dates: 8/03/2026, 8/04/2026 & 8/10/2026
Registration Information to Come.
More Locations to Come

Career Advisors/Pathways

Save the Date! Wednesday, April 22nd
SMSCA Spring Awards, Retiree & Administration
Brunch/Workshop - White River Conference Center.
RSVP by April 12th [HERE](#)
Check-in begins at 8:30am
Itinerary may be found [HERE](#)
Cost is FREE for SMSCA Members (first Administrator free; additional Administrators \$15)
\$30 for non-members

Notes From Our Consultants




Honoring 40 years of Leadership Academy

Celebrate Missouri's Legacy of Leadership. Enjoy dinner and fellowship with Leadership Academy alumni and current LA participants.



Join us for one of our Leadership Academy featured speakers Darrin Peppard, Author of *Road to Awesome*.

- When: June 9, 2026
 - 1:00pm- Speaker Darrin Peppard (optional)
 - 5:30pm Reception
 - 6:00pm Dinner and Speakers from Leadership Academy Alumni
- Where: Wyndham Executive Center, Columbia
- Cost: \$20
- RSVP by May 20, 2026



For more info and to register

<https://bit.ly/LA40-Anniversary>


2026-2027 FEATURED SPEAKERS



John Antonetti
Inspiring Teacher and Author of *# Powerful Task Design*



Beth Whitaker
Talented Teacher and Co-Author of *Teacher Induction that Works*



Todd Whitaker
Inspiring Speaker and Author of 60 Books including *How to get All Teachers to become like your Best Teachers*.



Weston Kieschnick
Leadership Coach and Author of *The Hidden Work; What Separates Top Performers from Underachievers*.



Darrin Peppard
Education Consultant and the Author of *Road to Awesome*

Leadership Academy develops effective school leaders who:

- Engage with school and community.
- Serve as catalysts for meaningful and productive change.
- Recognize and develop excellent instruction.
- Create and sustain a culture of continuous learning.



OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE (OLE)
November 4-7, 2026
OLE is a key component of Leadership Academy. Full participation is expected for the entire experience.



bit.ly/LA-41



Classes begin June 2026
Register by May 22, 2026

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Honoring 40 Years of Leadership Academy June 9th 2026

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- Wyndham Executive Center, Columbia MO
Cost:\$20
RSVP: <https://bit.ly/LA40-Anniversary>
Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 20th
Flyer Attached Below.

Year 41 of Leadership Academy Classes begin in June!

- Featured Speakers
- John Antonetti
 - Weston Kieschnick
 - Beth Whitaker
 - Todd Whitaker
 - Darrin Peppard
- Register: <http://bit.ly/LA-41>
Please Register by Friday, May 22nd
Flyer Attached Below.
OLE Runs November 4th - 7th



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Notes From Our Consultants



DESE's Office of Literacy is excited to announce that Literacy Summit 2026 will be held July 20 and 21 in Osage Beach, Missouri.

This two-day conference — open to K-12 educators from all content areas — will be packed with high-quality professional development sessions delivered by literacy experts, highlighting this ongoing theme: "Every Teacher is a Literacy Teacher."

What: Literacy Summit 2026

When: July 20-21, 2026

Where: Osage Beach, Missouri

Cost: \$50 per educator (will be collected at the time of registration)

Registration: Coming Soon!!



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From our friends at Learning Blade



Maximize Learning Blade This Testing Season!

State testing is underway, but learning does not have to slow down. Keep students engaged with Learning Blade's interactive, self-paced lessons that reinforce STEM, computer science, and CTE skills.

Looking for ideas? Our "30 Ways to Use Learning Blade" blog is packed with quick implementation tips, including:

- Bell ringers with quick STEM activities
- Early finisher assignments that keep students learning
 - Hands-on offline STEM projects
- Career exploration through real-world missions

...and many more easy ways to keep students engaged during testing season!
Access our "30 Ways to Use Learning Blade" [HERE](#)

Sign up for your fully funded account: www.learningblade.com/states

Just Added

Behavior

School Leaders: Navigating the Increase in Student Behavior and Alternatives to Suspension

Thursday, April 23rd | 8:30AM - 2:30PM

Presenter: Mikelle O'Neal

This full day workshop is designed to support school leaders as they navigate the increase of severe student behaviors.

The following components will be addressed:

- alternatives to ISS and OSS
- decreasing the cognitive load for educators
- supporting and protecting teachers with challenging students
- effective systems of behavior support
- and analyzing trends in behavior referrals.

This workshop is designed for Building Leaders, Special Education Directors, Behavior Intervention Specialists, Counselors and Instructional Coaches.

Register [HERE](#)

Evidence Based Practices for Students with Severe Behaviors

Friday, April 24th | 8:30AM - 2:30PM

Presenter: Mikelle O'Neal

This workshop will help participants choose and implement interventions proven to be effective for students experiencing severe behaviors.

This training will discuss multiple strategies for behavior change, including:

- antecedent interventions (changes to the environment)
- teaching replacement behaviors
- and altering consequences.

Participants will gain knowledge in how to match interventions to the four functions driving behavior (sensory, escape, attention and tangible).

This workshop is designed for special education teachers, regular education teachers, paras, counselors, administrators and/or any team member working with students with challenging behaviors.

Register [HERE](#)

End of School Year Workshops

SPED

Transition 101 for Middle School Special Education Teachers:

Repeat of April 14

Tuesday, May 5th | 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Presenter: Daphne Grandel & Melynda Van
Note

This one-day transition boot camp is for Middle School Special Education Teachers as pending Missouri State Plan updates include post-secondary transition planning for special education students in 8th grade.

We will focus on the basic compliance requirements for a transition plan and work through some scenarios developing plans. The workshop is targeted towards educators with little to no transition planning experience.

The cost is \$35 and includes parking and lunch.

Register [HERE](#)

MELL

MELL-Meet Up Healthcare and the ML Student

Friday, May 8th | 11:30AM - 3:00PM

Presenter: Rhonda Hittenberger Ortiz

FOCUS on the best ways to support your school nurse providing care for MLs and their families.

We'll also discuss the ways families views on health may vary based on cultural and experiential differences. Bring your lunch and connect with educators of English language learners.

We will have a focus each meeting as well as time set aside to collaborate and talk with others who are doing what you do!

Register [HERE](#)

Summer Workshops

MTDS

Teach NOW Alt Cert Institute Offerings

Presenter: Joanna Haskins

See Cohort Information Below

Join the TeachNow Alternative Certification Institute, part of the Missouri Teacher Development System (MTDS), and receive comprehensive support and preparation for your teaching career through non-traditional certification pathways.

Our institute covers essential topics, including lesson planning strategies, aligning objectives with district curriculum and Missouri Learning Standards, research-based classroom management techniques, and effective classroom practices.

You'll also learn important vocabulary, acronyms, and codes of conduct that teachers are expected to know, along with other topics tailored to the group's specific needs.

****Please note that this program is *not* a substitute for the Beginning Teacher Assistance Program, *nor* is it an alternative route to certification.**

Register now to embark on your journey to becoming an effective educator!

Joplin Cohort - Wednesday, June 10th 9:00AM - 3:00PM Register [HERE](#)

Hollister Cohort - Monday, July 27th 9:00AM - 3:00PM Register [HERE](#)

Springfield Cohort - August 3rd 9:00AM - 3:00PM Register [HERE](#)

Summer Workshops

MTDS

Mastering: Foundations of Coaching and Mentoring Offerings

Presenter: Joanna Haskins

See Cohort Information Below

Support your growth as a mentor teacher with Mastering Foundations of Coaching and Mentoring, part of the Missouri Teacher Development System (MTDS). This program focuses on helping teachers embrace new roles as coaches and mentors.

This competency-based program offers comprehensive support for mentor teachers, including coaching, observation, and feedback training. Participants receive consultant guidance, regional networking opportunities, and practical strategies to enhance classroom practice.

The program also meets the state mentor training requirement outlined in the Missouri Mentor Guidelines and incorporates Mike Rutherford's 7 Tools to promote non-evaluative, constructive feedback from mentors to teachers. Mastering Foundations of Coaching and Mentoring emphasizes key MTDS Competencies such as managing a classroom, being a professional, designing instruction, and reflecting on practice.

Join us to enhance your mentoring skills and support the next generation of teachers

Springfield Cohort - Monday, July 20th | 9:00AM - 3:00PM Register [HERE](#)

Hollister Cohort - Wednesday, July 29th | 9:00AM - 3:00PM Register [HERE](#)

Summer Workshops

MTDS

Beginning Teacher Assistance Program Year 1 Offerings

Presenter: Joanna Haskins

See Cohort Information Below

Join the Beginning Teacher Assistance Program Year 1 (BTAP Year 1), part of the Missouri Teacher Development System (MTDS), and receive ongoing learning and support, meeting and exceeding the state's certification requirements. Now participants can choose to RECEIVE MASTER'S LEVEL CREDIT!

This competency-based program offers networking with other new teachers and educational consultants, just-in-time learning for critical firsts, awareness of the phases of a new teacher, relationship-building skills, and knowledge of legal rights and responsibilities for educators.

The program emphasizes key MTDS Competencies such as building culturally responsive relationships, creating and managing a productive learning environment, developing research-based instruction, and engaging students in content. Join us to build a strong foundation for your teaching career and meet the first step of your Missouri certification requirements.

Hollister Cohort Thursday, August 6th | 9:00AM - 3:00PM Register [HERE](#)

Joplin Cohort Tuesday, August 11th | 9:00AM - 3:00PM Register [HERE](#)

Bolivar Cohort Monday, August 17th | 9:00AM - 3:00PM Register [HERE](#)

Springfield Cohort Monday, September 14th | 9:00AM - 3:00PM Register [HERE](#)

Summer Workshops

RYA

Registered Youth Coordinator Apprenticeship Cohort #2

Monday, August 24th | 4:00PM - 5:00PM

Presenter: Betty Glasgow

This apprenticeship will enable any coordinator to have the tools necessary to build its own Registered Youth Apprenticeship program, no matter the size of the community/district.

During this workshop, you will learn the basics of how to implement and customize your own registered youth apprenticeship program while building a network of support through other RYA coordinators.

Let this workshop simplify the process of implementation for you!

Register [HERE](#)

GYO

Southwest Grow Your Own Teacher Leader Network

Thursday, September 10th | 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Presenter: Dr. Sandy Humbyrd

Missouri students need great teachers. Your role as a Teacher Leader of the next generation of educators is so important. Together we can help grow future Missouri teachers.

Join us for quarterly meetings if you are a teacher of a GYO class or sponsor of a GYO club/chapter who wants to connect with other GYO Teacher Leaders who work with the next generation of educators. You will hear relevant guest speakers, learn about resources and opportunities that support your program and share the fantastic happenings of your group of future teachers.

Regional networking sessions support the implementation and growth of GYO teacher recruitment programs in all Missouri school districts and charter schools. The state MTDS GYO Coordinator, Dr. Sandy Humbyrd, a former Ed Pathways Dual Credit Class Teacher and Ed Club Sponsor, who completed doctoral work on Missouri's GYO programs, will be facilitating network gatherings.

Register [HERE](#)

Summer Workshops

SPED

New To Special Education: So Much to Learn!

Wednesday, July 22nd & Thursday, July 23rd
9:00AM - 3:00PM

Presenter: Melynda Van Note & Daphne Grandel

Special Education Boot Camp - 2 day training New to the profession, need a refresher? Join us as we look at "Special Education".

This session is designed to help answer the Who, What, Where, When, Why and How's, we have and assist educators as they navigate the Special Education Standards and Indicators. Participants will receive information to support them in the following areas:

Day 1 - July 22 SPED Process - Golden Thread Referral Review of Existing Data Eligibility Criteria including Observations Evaluation including Negative Education Impact

Day 2 - July 23 IEP Present Level Goals (SMART) Progress Monitoring - Data Collection Additional Topics Parent Communication Collaborating with Peers Other Documentation The cost for the training will \$60 for the 2 day training. Both days are required.

Register [HERE](#)

Co-Teaching: Double Your Impact

Tuesday, July 28th | 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Presenter: Daphne Grandel & Melynda Van Note

The Professional Partnerships: Co-teaching training will provide an opportunity for teams to learn the art of co-teaching.

The participants will study roles, responsibilities, approaches, and benefits of professional partnerships in the classroom. Effective implementation of co-teaching impacts the learning of all students. This training will focus on building a strong foundation for effective co-teaching.

Dedicated time will be provided for team planning and questions to help participants take meaningful next steps in strengthening co-teaching practices within their buildings. Strong teams consist of the general educator and the special educator and building administrator. Parking and Lunch included in price.

Register [HERE](#)

Summer Workshops

SPED

Paraprofessional Training Offerings

Presenter: Melynda Van Note, Daphne Grandel, & Jordan Politte

Please see Offering information below

The purpose of this paraprofessional training is to define major responsibilities of a paraprofessional in the educational setting, confidentiality, communication, teamwork, behavior management, and ways to prompt students, etc.

We will review the special education process in order to develop a basic understanding of the process and how students are found eligible and discuss how to best support the students with whom paraprofessionals work.

Sign up for the day you want to attend. The cost is \$50 and includes parking and lunch. You only need to attend ONE session.

Wednesday, July 29th 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Register [HERE](#)

OR

Tuesday, August 4th 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Register [HERE](#)

OR

Thursday, August 6th 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Register [HERE](#)

504 Training with Betsey Helfrich

Tuesday, September 1st | 9:00AM - 11:30AM

Presenter: Attorney Betsey Helfrich & Melynda Van Note

Betsey Helfrich, Attorney, will be here on September 1st from 9:00 - 11:30 to talk about the 504 referral process.

From referral to drafting the plan, this presentation will review each step of the 504 process and also examine the anticipated new Section 504 regulations.

With practical tips, mock scenarios, and real case examples, this presentation will help provide a deeper understanding to counselors, 504 coordinators, and general education administrators of how to improve your Section 504 process at your school.

The cost is \$70 and we must have at least 40 paid registrations for the event to make.

Register [HERE](#)

New School Year Workshops

SPED

MAP-A Training Offerings

Presenter: Daphne Grandel & Melynda Van Note

Please see Offering information below

"MAP-A for All Professionals" learning builds participant knowledge in the process of completing the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) for our students with the most significant cognitive disabilities.

Teachers learn to utilize the process and components of this assessment, including the use of the educator portal, to embed the essential elements from the DLM into daily instructional opportunities for students.

This process builds student knowledge and capacity to demonstrate growth on the summative version of the MAP-A. Parking and Lunch included in price. You only need to attend ONE session.

Wednesday, September 2nd

9:00AM - 3:00PM Register [HERE](#)

OR

Wednesday, September 16th

9:00AM - 3:00PM Register [HERE](#)

OR

Friday, September 25th

9:00AM - 3:00PM Register [HERE](#)

Special Education Refresher

Thursday, September 3rd | 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Presenter: Melynda Van Note & Daphne Grandel

This session provides a practical refresher on essential special education procedures and compliance expectations. Participants will review key components of the special education process including evaluations, IEP development, documentation, and service implementation.

The session will highlight common pitfalls and provide strategies to ensure services are both compliant and meaningful for students with disabilities.

Register [HERE](#)

New School Year Workshops

SPED

New to Early Childhood Special Education

Monday, September 28th | 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Presenter: Melynda Van Note & Daphne Grandel

Early Childhood Special Education requires a unique blend of early learning practices, special education requirements, and family collaboration.

This training supports educators who are new to ECSE by providing a foundational understanding of program structure, evaluation and eligibility processes, IEP development, and developmentally appropriate instruction.

Participants will gain practical strategies and resources to support young learners with disabilities and their families. The cost is \$60 and includes parking, lunch, and supplies for some activities.

Register [HERE](#)

How to Collect Data and Progress Monitor to Drive Instruction

Wednesday, September 30th | 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Presenter: Melynda Van Note & Daphne Grandel

Data, Data, Data: How do I collect it? What do I do with it? Participants will gain an understanding of progress monitoring, learn a variety of ways to collect specific data, and how to use it to drive instruction. The cost is \$40 and includes parking and lunch.

Register [HERE](#)

New School Year Workshops

SPED

Leading for Impact: Effective Administrative Observation & Feedback of SPED Teachers and the Role of the LEA

Friday, October 2nd | 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Presenter: Melynda Van Note & Daphne Grandel

This session explores the critical role administrators play in ensuring high-quality special education through effective observation and feedback, as well as, leadership as the Local Education Agency (LEA) representative.

Participants will examine what to look for when observing SPED instruction, how to distinguish compliance from meaningful instructional practices, and how effective feedback can strengthen special education programs.

The training will also clarify the responsibilities of the LEA in the IEP process and how strong leadership can support teachers while maintaining legal and instructional integrity. Administrators will leave with practical tools and strategies to confidently observe, support, and lead special education programs for improved student success. Parking and Lunch included in price.

Register [HERE](#)

Literacy

LETRS Volume 1: Word Recognition Offerings

Presenter: Amber Perryman

See Cohort Information Below

Limited to MO READ, LEAD, EXCEED Participants Only. LETRS® (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling) provides teachers with the tools and understanding to teach the essential skills needed for literacy. Teachers learn the "science of reading" so they are able to apply research into classroom application to teach language and literacy skills to every student, no matter the curriculum or program used. LETRS is a blended model of professional development consisting of online course, textbook, and four face-to-face trainings. Contact Amber Perryman for more information:

amberperryman@missouristate.edu

Cohort 11 In Person - Monday, September 14th 8:30AM - 3:00PM Register [HERE](#)

Cohort 12 In Person - Monday, September 21st 8:30AM - 3:00PM Register [HERE](#)

Cohort 13 In Person - Tuesday, October 13th 8:30AM - 3:00PM Register [HERE](#)

Participants must also attend the virtual kickoff for their cohort prior to in-person day one.

New School Year Workshops

Literacy.

LETRS Volume 2: Language Comprehension Cohort Offerings

Presenter: Annette Tankersley

Please See Cohort Information Below

DESE MO Read, Lead, Exceed participants only. LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling) units address each essential component of reading instruction and the foundational concepts that link each component.

Skilled reading comprehension includes two domains, Word Recognition (Vol. 1 Units 1-4) and Language Comprehension (Vol.2 Units 5-8). Vol. 2 professional learning focuses specifically on oral language and vocabulary, understanding reading comprehension, text-driven comprehension instruction, and the reading-writing connection.

Completion of LETRS Vol. 1 (Units 1-4) is a prerequisite to Vol. 2. For more information, contact Annette Tankersley at annettetankersley@missouristate.edu

Cohort 21 Day 1 = Wednesday, September 23rd
8:30AM - 3:00PM Register [HERE](#)

Cohort 22 Day 1 = Tuesday, September 29th
8:30AM - 3:00PM Register [HERE](#)

Cohort 23 Day 1 = Monday, October 19th
8:30AM - 3:00PM Register [HERE](#)

Science of Reading for Paraprofessionals

Thursday, October 1st | 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Presenter: Jenny Dunagan

This training is designed to equip paraprofessionals with a foundational understanding of the science of reading and its practical application in supporting students' literacy development.

Participants will explore the components of reading instruction, including phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension. By the end of the training, paraprofessionals will have practical tools and a deeper understanding of how to support the reading process, empowering them to play a key role in helping all students become confident, successful readers.

Register [HERE](#)

New School Year Workshops

Literacy.

Aspire Cohort Offerings

Presenter: Jenny Dunagan

Please See Cohort Information Below

Aspire® is a professional development opportunity designed for all educators who teach middle school (grades 6-9). This training equips ELA and content-area teachers in implementing adaptable, evidence-based strategies rooted in the Science of Reading to assist students with improving their reading and writing. Aspire® empowers educators with the knowledge and tools needed to support students struggling with literacy, fostering proficient readers and writers in the classroom.

What to expect when you enroll in Aspire® This training offers educators essential background knowledge and practical strategies to build students' reading and writing proficiency.

This training requires a one-year commitment consisting of: Attending a virtual Aspire® Kick-off in July or at the beginning of August Participating in four face-to-face training sessions Completing online training and Bridge to Application activities All work must be completed by April 30 Participants must attend all four of the face-to-face sessions and the virtual kick-off.

Cohort 3 In-Person Day 1 = Tuesday, September 1st | 8:30AM - 3:00PM Register [HERE](#)

Cohort 4 In-Person Day 1 = Tuesday, September 15th | 8:30AM - 3:00PM Register [HERE](#)

Cohort 5 In-Person Day 1 = Thursday, September 17th | 8:30AM - 3:00PM Register [HERE](#)

New School Year Workshops

MTDS

Teacher Academy

Wednesday, September 23rd | 9:00AM - 3:00PM
Presenter: Joanna Haskins

Looking to reignite your passion for teaching? Want practical strategies that actually work in real classrooms? Support your professional growth as a mid-career teacher with Teacher Academy.

This program, part of the Missouri Teacher Development System (MTDS), includes two statewide events featuring John Antonetti, author of "17,000 Classroom Visits Can't Be Wrong!" and is open to teachers who have completed at least three years of successful teaching and have a strong desire for professional improvement. This competency-based opportunity provides access to experts, including state events, a copy of John Antonetti's book, consultant support, and networking with other teachers. Teacher Academy emphasizes key MTDS Competencies such as working in a community of practice, engaging in ongoing reflective practice, using data to make instructional decisions, and engaging students in content. Join us to enhance your teaching toolbox and connect with a community of dedicated educators.

Register [HERE](#)

Teacher Academy Year 2

Thursday, September 24th | 9:00AM - 3:00PM
Presenter: Joanna Haskins

Support your professional growth as a mid-career teacher with Teacher Academy Year 2: Powerful Task Design, part of the Missouri Teacher Development System (MTDS). This program includes a statewide event featuring national expert John Antonetti and is designed for teachers with a strong desire for continuous professional improvement. It is required that participants complete the MTDS Teacher Academy before enrolling. This competency-based opportunity provides access to experts, a copy of John Antonetti's book "Powerful Task Design," consultant support, and networking with other teachers. Teacher Academy Year 2 emphasizes key MTDS Competencies such as engaging in ongoing reflective practice, developing research-based instruction, and understanding and promoting the profession. Join us to enhance your teaching skills and connect with a community of dedicated educators.

Register [HERE](#)

New School Year Workshops

MTDS

Beginning Teacher Assistance Program Year 2 Offerings

Presenter: Joanna Haskins

See Cohort Information Below

Congratulations on completing your first year of the Beginning Teacher Assistance Program (BTAP)! The learning never stops, and BTAP Year 2 is here to support your continued growth.

This program, part of the Missouri Teacher Development System, is open to any teacher who has completed the first year of a BTAP in Missouri and meets the state's certification requirements for the second year. This MTDS competency-based opportunity provides on-demand learning aligned with Mike Rutherford's MTDS series, consultant support, and networking with other teachers.

The program emphasizes lesson design with differentiation to meet unique student needs, planning student progress monitoring, and working in a community of practice. Join us to continue your journey as an emerging teacher and build on the success of your first year. Register now! NOW CHOOSE TO RECEIVE MASTER'S LEVEL CREDIT!!

Hollister Cohort - Friday, September 25th | 9:00AM - 3:00PM Register [HERE](#)

Bolivar Cohort - Monday, October 5th | 9:00AM - 3:00PM Register [HERE](#)

Joplin Cohort - Tuesday, October 6th | 9:00AM - 3:00PM Register [HERE](#)

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