

Winter Symposium 2023

Thursday, March 2nd

Welcome & Conference Focus

Presenter: Roblyn Melton, SMCAA Director of Programs

Targeted Audience: Administrators, Curriculum Leaders and Teachers

Format: Whole Group Session

Start the conference off right by joining us for a quick welcome by SMCAA Director of Programs, Roblyn Melton. Roblyn will introduce the guest speakers for the day and will review the overarching theme of the conference, “I want to know more about...” by highlighting the events taking place Thursday and Friday.

Developing a Portrait of a Graduate

Presenters: Wade Norton, Principal, Smith-Cotton High School, Sedalia School District
Ashley Raetz, Instructional Technology Specialist, Sedalia School District
Kristen McKinney, Instructional Assessment Coach, Sedalia School District

Targeted Audience: Curriculum Directors, Administrators and Teachers

Format: Whole Group Session

As part of the strategic planning process, Smith-Cotton High School has defined a vision of a graduate. This document outlines the essential skills, knowledge, and dispositions that all students from our building should demonstrate prior to graduating. Smith-Cotton’s Vision of a Graduate comprises five core competencies including: an adaptable learner, an effective communicator, a problem solver, and a civic minded, responsible member of society.

The vision of a graduate provides a description of the capacity of students upon receiving a diploma. Beyond that, it provides a unifying vision for learning in our building, challenges us to create learning experiences that inspire, and encourages us to reimagine our assessment practices. In today's workshop, we'll discuss the journey of bringing the vision of a graduate to life, including the steps we have taken and the work we have done to date.

CBL and the Student Success Ready Network from the Classroom Perspective

Presenters: Jeanette Westfall, Assistant Superintendent Instructional Design, Liberty School District

Targeted Audience: Curriculum Directors, Administrators and Teachers

Format: Whole Group Session

Competency-based learning is moving and growing in Missouri. The Student Success Ready Network has continued to build the understanding of CBL around our state by collaborating with over 100 districts. Join us in this session to get a quick understanding of CBL from a classroom perspective, learn about the SRSN project, and collaborate with other districts who are participating or wish to learn more about the project.

OER Commons

Presenters: Matt Parris, Manager, Member Development at MOREnet

Kristen McKinney, Sedalia School District, OER Commons contributor

Targeted Audience: Curriculum Directors, Administrators and Teachers

Format: Whole Group Session

MOREnet in cooperation with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has launched a Missouri Open Educational Resources Commons (OER) for Missouri educators at all levels. The OER Commons is a digital public library and collaboration platform, informed by pioneering efforts in knowledge management and educational innovation. OER Commons offers a comprehensive infrastructure for curriculum experts and instructors at all levels to identify high-quality OER and collaborate around their adaptation, evaluation, and use to address the needs of teachers and learners. Diving into OER Commons is an exciting opportunity to collaborate with other educators and learners, at the forefront of a new educational era. Please join us to learn more about the Missouri OER.

Hot Topic Discussions

Presenters: Various School Leaders

Targeted Audience: Curriculum Directors, Administrators and Teachers

Format: Small Group/Round Table Discussions

A wise teacher once said, “There are no such thing as dumb questions.” Many times, we often have the same questions as others, we are just afraid to ask them. During this part of the Symposium, participants will break into small groups and will get the chance to meet with other Curriculum Directors and Administrators to talk about topics currently scorching the state of Missouri. Tentative topics include CSIP Development, MSIP6-Lessons Learned from Cohort 1, Computer Science, Reading Success Plans, Competency Based Learning. Additional topics may be added based on needs of districts and number of participants. Feel free to contact us about questions you would like added to the discussion.

Regional Meeting Recaps

Presenters: Regional Curriculum Directors

Targeted Audience: Curriculum Directors, Administrators and Teachers

Format: Small Group/Round Table Discussions

Many of our regions have monthly meetings that take place where Curriculum Directors come together and share their thoughts, ideas, struggles, and successes. At the end of day one, we will be giving you all a chance to meet with your regions to discuss with each other what you learned and to use each other as a way to help answer any questions you may have or to get any additional clarification from the day’s presentations. Depending on the number of participants, smaller regions may be grouped together. Room assignments will be shared on the first day of the Symposium.

Friday, March 3rd

Planning for Our Student's Future

Presenters: Roblyn Melton, SMCAA Director of Programs

Targeted Audience: Curriculum Coordinators, Administrators, and Teacher Leaders

Format: Whole Group Session

Are your course offerings and curriculum preparing students for their future? When was the last time vertical discussion around career exploration and planning occurred in your district? What are you offering 6-12 for computer science and for vocational preparation? We need to be considering what students need in basic areas like computer science skills, communication skills and other soft skills. We will discuss and look at research behind the necessary skills students need to be successful in today's world and in the upcoming future. We will also provide resources that can be used in classrooms.

DESE Assessment Updates

Presenter: Shaun Bates, Standards, Curriculum, and Assessment Coordinator, DESE

Targeted Audience: Administrators, Curriculum Directors, and Teacher Leaders

Format: Whole Group Session

MAP Season is just around the corner so come join us as Shaun Bates provides up-to-date information related to assessments. Shaun is always good at sharing lots of important information, so you won't want to miss this!

District Assessment Plan Template

Presenters: Roblyn Melton, SMCAA Director of Programs; Al Richardson, SMCAA Professional Learning Consultant

Targeted Audience: Administrators, Curriculum Directors, Assessment Directors

Format: Whole Group Session

With MSIP6, a rekindled focus has been put on the importance of assessment in districts and their District Assessment Plan. As a way of helping districts, SMCAA has put together a District Assessment Plan template, similar in nature to the Curriculum Handbook template. This District Assessment Plan draft template will be shared with all participants at the Winter Symposium, along with the different components which should be included.