

06/15/2026

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Montana Reads Grant- Literacy Leaders Network

(Invitation Only)

8:30 AM- 4:30 PM

*Required for Monday ONLY MT Reads Grant Attendees

MT READS GRANT: LITERACY LEADERSHIP NETWORK ⓘ

Administrators Educators ELA Instructional Strategies MTSS
School Improvement Pati Montgomery Rachel Gott NAH 201 - Inspiration Hall
Credit Bearing

8:30 am - 9:30 am

Monday Morning Keynote

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

DR. JASON NEIFFER, MTDA

Monday Keynote: A Cast of Thousands: Reconsidering the Role of Expertise in an AI-Dominated World



Administrators Educators Technology Jason Neiffer Ballroom ABC
Credit Bearing

9:45 am - 4:45 pm

Monday Full Day Workshops

9:45 AM - 4:45 PM



9:45 am - 4:45 pm

FULL DAY: A Practical Guide to Using Restorative Practices and Relationship Building Skills to Promote Student Success.



Administrators Behavior Counselors Culture Educator Wellness
Educators School Safety Youth Voice Matthew Johnson Credit Bearing

9:45 am - 4:45 pm

FULL DAY: CPS-flavored BIPs: Ross Greene’s Plan B Collaborative Discussions as an Alternate Component of a Behavior Intervention Plan



Administrators Behavior Counselors Educators Mental Health MTSS
 School Safety Special Education Youth Voice Daniel Hyson Credit Bearing

9:45 am - 4:45 pm

FULL DAY: From Experience to Insight - Debriefing and Utilizing Mental Health Simulations for Educators



Administrators Counselors Educators Mental Health
 Professional Development Providers School Safety Stacy Stellflug Susanne Hill
 Lee Roberts Credit Bearing

9:45 am - 4:45 pm

FULL DAY: What the Research Says—and What It Looks Like in Writing Instruction



Early Childhood Educators ELA Elementary Instructional Strategies
 Writing Ashlie Buresh Credit Bearing

9:45 am - 12:45 pm

Monday 3-HR Morning Workshops

9:45 AM - 12:45 PM



9:45 am - 12:45 pm

Assessing and Developing Creativity in the Classroom

Arts Educators Gifted & Talented Instructional Strategies Jeb Puryear
 Credit Bearing

9:45 am - 12:45 pm

Literacy Lab: From Systems to Students—Designing and Teaching High-Impact Secondary Literacy Interventions



Educators ELA Instructional Strategies Middle School Secondary
 Faith Howard Credit Bearing

9:45 am - 12:45 pm

Making Sense of the Noise: Using NotebookLM for Professional Thinking



Administrators Counselors Educators Instructional Strategies
 Professional Development Providers Technology Jason Neiffer Credit Bearing

9:45 am - 12:45 pm

MATH: Are We Implementing the Standards... or Just Saying We Are?

Administrators Educators Instructional Strategies Mathematics
 Katrina Engeldrum Credit Bearing

9:45 am - 12:45 pm	<p>MTSS: Tier 1 Overview: Systems, Data, and Practices ⓘ</p> <p>Administrators Behavior Classroom Management Counselors Educators ELA Mathematics MTSS Tier 1 Michelle Trafton Carla Heintz Lynsey Heiken Jenny Jarvis Credit Bearing</p>
9:45 am - 12:45 pm	<p>Special Education from Referral to Graduation: A Roadmap for Quality and Compliance ⓘ</p> <p>Administrators Assessment Counselors Educators Special Education Jillian Bellah Danni McCarthy Crystal Wright Credit Bearing</p>
9:45 am - 12:45 pm	<p>The Great 8: Effective Classroom Practices ⓘ</p> <p>Behavior Classroom Management Counselors Educators Instructional Strategies MTSS Keith Hoyer Joe Moriarty Credit Bearing</p>

1:45 pm - 4:45 pm

Monday 3-HR Afternoon Workshops

1:45 PM - 4:45 PM

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1:45 pm - 4:45 pm	<p>"Let Me Put My Glasses on So I Can Hear You!": Improving Outcomes for Students with Sensory Impairments and High Intensity Support Needs ⓘ</p> <p>Administrators Early Childhood Educators Elementary Middle School Secondary Special Education Technology Kerri Norick Alice Anderson Theresa Baldry Kari Tarter Credit Bearing</p>
1:45 pm - 4:45 pm	<p>Comprehensively Addressing Generative AI Use in Education & Making Choices About AI Tools for Schools ⓘ</p> <p>Administrators Counselors Educators Elementary Middle School Secondary Technology Mike Agostinelli Caitlin Byers Credit Bearing</p>
1:45 pm - 4:45 pm	<p>From Exposure to Ownership: Evidence-Based Literacy Practices That Drive Retention, Vocabulary, and Fluency in Secondary Classrooms ⓘ</p> <p>Educators ELA Instructional Strategies Middle School Secondary Faith Howard Credit Bearing</p>
1:45 pm - 4:45 pm	

MATH: Solving Word Problems with Read-Draw-Write & Tape Diagrams in Grades 1-6



Educators Elementary Instructional Strategies Mathematics Becky Berg
Credit Bearing

1:45 pm - 4:45 pm

Patterns, Play, & Purpose: Beadwork as a Gateway for Mathematical Thinking



Culture Educators IEFA Instructional Strategies Mathematics
Katrina Engeldrum Julie Jeffers Credit Bearing

1:45 pm - 4:45 pm

Personalized, Competency Based Education (PCBE): What Is It & Why Are People Talking About It?



Administrators Assessment Counselors Educators ELA
Gifted & Talented Mathematics Sara Cole Credit Bearing

1:45 pm - 4:45 pm

Secondary MTSS Systems

Administrators Counselors Educators Middle School MTSS
Secondary Michelle Trafton Keith Hoyer Credit Bearing

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Tuesday 1-HR Early Bird Sessions

7:15 AM - 8:15 AM



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Strengthening the School-Community Fabric: Reaching Your Goals Through the Community School Strategy



Administrators Behavior Counselors Educator Wellness Educators
Family Engagement Mental Health School Safety Christina Rowland
Sarah Music Credit Bearing

7:15 am - 8:15 am

From Planning to Practice: CommonLit for Everyday Instruction

Educators ELA Elementary Gifted & Talented Instructional Strategies
Middle School Secondary Technology Dana Haring Credit Bearing

7:15 am - 8:15 am

MAST 101: Introduction to MAST

Administrators Assessment Educators ELA Elementary Mathematics
School Improvement Technology Writing Cedar Rose Credit Bearing

7:15 am - 8:15 am	<p>Math Discourse: 4 Talk Moves, Scaffolding & Orchestrating Conversations</p> <p>i</p> <p>Educators Instructional Strategies Mathematics Middle School Secondary Becky Berg Credit Bearing</p>
7:15 am - 8:15 am	<p>Nervous System Reset & Immersive Sound Experience i</p> <p>Administrators Counselors Educator Wellness Educators Mental Health Katie Mayfield Credit Bearing</p>
7:15 am - 8:15 am	<p>Nutrition and Student Health - To Infinity and Beyond! i</p> <p>Administrators Behavior Classroom Management Counselors Educator Wellness Educators Mental Health Molly Stenberg Kate Huston Credit Bearing</p>
7:15 am - 8:15 am	<p>Unsession: Using Online Learning to support Professional Development Plans</p> <p>i</p> <p>Administrators Educators Professional Development Providers School Improvement Technology Kate Gammill Allyson Fraser Credit Bearing</p>

8:30 am - 10:00 am

Tuesday Morning Keynote

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

**SUPERINTENDENT SUSIE HEDALEN
&**

ECS PRESIDENT JOSÉ MUÑOZ

**MONTANA ECS COMMISSIONERS AS SPECIAL
GUESTS**

Tuesday Keynote: Built for Belonging **i**

Administrators Counselors Educators Susie Hedalen José Muñoz
 Credit Bearing

10:15 am - 4:15 pm

***MAST Teacher Leader Cohort
(Invitation Only)**

10:15 AM - 4:15 PM



Administrators Assessment Elementary Instructional Strategies
Middle School School Improvement Technology Marie Judisch

10:15 am - 12:15 pm

Tuesday 2-HR Morning Workshops

10:15 AM - 12:15 AM



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A Comprehensive Approach to School Mental Health: Strengthening Systems, Skills, and Student Outcomes



Administrators Counselors Educators Family Engagement Mental Health
School Safety Jennifer Reed Courtney Sommer Nate Musser Credit Bearing

10:15 am - 12:15 pm

Attendance Matters 2.0: Monitoring, Measuring, and Sustaining Attendance Gains



Administrators Behavior Counselors Data Educators Elementary
Middle School School Improvement Secondary Lindsay Mahoney
Tammy Hall Michelle Clawson Terica Schaumloeffel Credit Bearing

10:15 am - 12:15 pm

Best Practices for Early Literacy Instruction

Early Childhood Educators ELA Elementary Instructional Strategies
Jackie Ronning Credit Bearing

10:15 am - 12:15 pm

Different by Design: Honoring Student Strengths While Building Belonging



Behavior Counselors Culture Educators School Safety
Special Education Youth Voice Sara Cole Credit Bearing

10:15 am - 12:15 pm

Building Belonging in Action: Supporting Montana's Safe Schools and Healthy Students Initiative



Administrators Counselors Educators Isaiah Torres José Muñoz Erin Ellis
Credit Bearing

10:15 am - 12:15 pm

From ACEs to HOPE: Understanding and Supporting Students with Internalizing Behaviors



Administrators Assessment Behavior Classroom Management
Counselors Data Educators Elementary Mental Health Middle School
MTSS Secondary Brooke Hathaway Angst Wendy Ekegren Credit Bearing

<p>10:15 am - 12:15 pm</p>	<p>From Hub Courses to Collective Practice: Elevating Online Professional Learning Through In-Person Discussion & Professional Goal Setting <i>i</i> Administrators Counselors Educators Professional Development Providers Allyson Fraser Kate Gammill Credit Bearing</p>
<p>10:15 am - 12:15 pm</p>	<p>Math as a Lens for Our Stories: Cultivating Curiosity with Data (K-5) <i>i</i> Educators Elementary Instructional Strategies Mathematics Katrina Engeldrum Credit Bearing</p>
<p>10:15 am - 12:15 pm</p>	<p>MAST Tech Lab: Hands-On Training for NEW System Test Coordinators <i>i</i> Assessment Elementary Middle School Technology Tressa Graveley Cedar Rose Erin de Graw Credit Bearing</p>
<p>10:15 am - 12:15 pm</p>	<p>MTSS Intervention Pathways <i>i</i> Administrators Assessment Behavior Counselors Educators ELA Mathematics MTSS Tier 2 Tier 3 Carla Heintz Sandy Elmore Michelle Trafton Credit Bearing</p>
<p>10:15 am - 12:15 pm</p>	<p>Simple Writing Protocols That Work Across the Curriculum (Grades 5-12) <i>i</i> Elementary Instructional Strategies Middle School Secondary Writing Dana Haring Credit Bearing</p>
<p>10:15 am - 12:15 pm</p>	<p>Special Education Series: Writing Present Level of Academic Achievement & Functional Performance (PLAAFPs) and Measurable Annual Goals (MAGs) <i>i</i> Assessment Behavior Data Educators ELA Instructional Strategies Mathematics Special Education Crystal Wright Jillian Bellah Credit Bearing</p>

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Tuesday Lunch & Learn Sessions

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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<p>1:00 pm - 2:00 pm</p>	<p>An Introduction to Montana's 2027 ELA and Literacy Content Standards <i>i</i> Educators ELA Elementary Middle School Secondary Writing Aimee Konzen Credit Bearing</p>
<p>1:00 pm - 2:00 pm</p>	

Collaborate Mathematically via Collaboration Stations - A Simple, Yet Powerful Engagement Routine

i Educators Elementary Instructional Strategies Mathematics
Middle School Special Education Becky Berg Credit Bearing

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Introducing the MAST Science Pilot for Grades 6-8 **i**

Assessment Middle School Science Marie Judisch Credit Bearing

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Leveraging the Early Identification System (EIS) to Strengthen Tiered Mental Health and Behavior Supports in Montana Schools

i Administrators Assessment Behavior Classroom Management
Counselors Educators Mental Health MTSS School Safety
Wendy Ekegren Karlee Tchida Credit Bearing

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

MAST 101: Introduction to MAST **i**

Administrators Assessment Counselors Educators ELA Elementary
Mathematics School Improvement Cedar Rose Credit Bearing

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

My Student is turning 18! Supports for Decision Making **i**

Administrators Counselors Family Engagement Secondary
Special Education Theresa Baldry Isaac Baldry Credit Bearing

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Whispers of Harm: Unmasking the Exploitations and Trafficking Epidemic

i Administrators Counselors Educators Mental Health School Safety
Tina Hayes Credit Bearing

2:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Tuesday 2-HR Afternoon Workshops

2:15 PM - 4:15 PM

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Anticipation Guides: An Effective Pre-reading Strategy that Engages Students' Curiosity about Guiding Questions and Text Sets

i Educators ELA Instructional Strategies Middle School Secondary
Beverly Chin Credit Bearing

2:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Attendance Tracking & PEAK Attendance Project Data Overview ⓘ

Administrators Behavior Counselors Data Family Engagement
School Improvement Lindsay Mahoney Paige Sedahl Credit Bearing

2:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Early Literacy Skills for Lifelong Learning ⓘ

Early Childhood Educators ELA Elementary Family Engagement
Nanci Red Bird Credit Bearing

2:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Leading with HEART: Building Trauma-Informed, Culturally Responsive Classrooms



Behavior Classroom Management Counselors Culture Educators
Instructional Strategies Mental Health School Safety Sarah Ruff
Julie Alexander-Ruff

2:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Evidence-Based Behavior Management Strategies for Today's Classroom



Administrators Behavior Classroom Management Counselors Educators
School Safety Special Education Tier 2 Tier 3 Ashley Campbell

2:15 pm - 4:15 pm

MATH: K-5 Number Sense Routines ⓘ

Educators Elementary Instructional Strategies Mathematics Becky Berg
Credit Bearing

2:15 pm - 4:15 pm

MTSS: Leveraging Implementation Science & Data-Based Decision Making for Systems Change- A Professional Learning Model



Administrators Behavior Educators ELA Mathematics MTSS
Professional Development Providers School Improvement Special Education
Tier 1 Tier 2 Tier 3 Michelle Trafton Jenny Jarvis Lynsey Heiken
Credit Bearing

2:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Parents as Partners: Promoting Collaboration in Special Education ⓘ

Administrators Early Childhood Elementary Family Engagement
Middle School Secondary Special Education Mandi Gibbs Annette Gorton
Marvin Williams Kathleen Nerison Linda Maass Credit Bearing

2:15 pm - 4:15 pm

The School Vibe Check: A Data-Driven Roadmap for School Climate Data



Administrators Behavior Culture Data Mental Health MTSS
School Improvement School Safety Youth Voice Sarah Music Credit Bearing

2:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Thinking Through MAST Score Reports to Improve Student Achievement (for Teachers)



Administrators Assessment ELA Elementary Mathematics
Middle School School Improvement Technology Tressa Graveley
Cedar Rose Erin de Graw Credit Bearing

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

BEST PRACTICES EXPO

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Best Practices Expo ⓘ

Career/Technical Classroom Management ELA Elementary
 Family Engagement Gifted & Talented IEFA Instructional Strategies
 Mathematics Mental Health Middle School MTSS School Improvement
 School Safety Special Education Technology Youth Voice Expo

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7:15 am - 8:15 am

Wednesday 1-HR Early Bird Sessions

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7:15 am - 8:15 am	<p>Chaos to Calm: Make Prep Time Count ⓘ</p> <p>Educators Elementary Middle School School Improvement Secondary Tammy Hall Credit Bearing</p>
7:15 am - 8:15 am	<p>Diving Deep into Threat Assessment ⓘ</p> <p>Administrators Behavior Counselors Educators Mental Health School Safety Tina Hayes Credit Bearing</p>
7:15 am - 8:15 am	<p>Building Career Pathways with Purpose: Using Clearinghouse Resources to Expand CTE and Career Readiness Options ⓘ</p> <p>Administrators Career/Technical Educators Gifted & Talented Middle School Secondary Technology Marcella Flannigan Credit Bearing</p>
7:15 am - 8:15 am	<p>Gentle Yoga Practice for ALL ⓘ</p> <p>Educator Wellness Mental Health Katie Mayfield Credit Bearing</p>
7:15 am - 8:15 am	<p>Mastering the MAST: Bridging Assessment and Instruction with EdReady ⓘ</p> <p>Administrators Assessment Elementary Mathematics Middle School Technology Jacquie Teasdale Virg Hale Cedar Rose Credit Bearing</p>
7:15 am - 8:15 am	

Peer Encouragement Effects on High School Student Wellbeing and Academic Performance: Research ad Application



Administrators Behavior Counselors Mental Health School Safety
Youth Voice Kimberly Parrow Credit Bearing

7:15 am - 8:15 am

Writing Coaches of Montana: How Community Volunteers Support Students as Writers and Thinkers in Your Classrooms



ELA Middle School Secondary Writing Youth Voice Beverly Chin
Credit Bearing

8:30 am - 4:15 pm

*MAST Teacher Leader Cohort (Invitation Only)



Marie Judisch

8:30 am - 10:00 am

Wednesday Morning Keynote

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

DR. JOHN SOMMERS-FLANAGAN, UM CAPE

Wednesday Keynote: How to Grow Well-Being in Teachers and in Schools



Administrators Counselors Educator Wellness Educators Elementary
Mental Health Middle School MTSS School Improvement School Safety
Secondary John Sommers Flanagan Credit Bearing

10:15 am - 12:15 pm

Wednesday 2-HR Morning Workshops

10:15 AM - 12:15 AM



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**(K-3): When the Science of Reading Meets the Science of Learning:
Instructional Decisions That Support Early Readers**



Early Childhood ELA Elementary Instructional Strategies MTSS
Genevieve Thomas Craig Buscher Elizabeth Lincoln Jackie Ronning
Credit Bearing

10:15 am - 12:15 pm	<p>An Introduction to Strengths-Based Suicide Assessment ⓘ</p> <p>Administrators Assessment Behavior Counselors Mental Health School Safety John Sommers Flanagan Credit Bearing</p>
10:15 am - 12:15 pm	<p>Engage Your Students in Meaningful Mathematics Through Modeling (Secondary 6-12)</p> <p>ⓘ</p> <p>Instructional Strategies Mathematics Middle School Secondary Megan Wickstrom Credit Bearing</p>
10:15 am - 12:15 pm	<p>English Language Learners: WIDA Assessments and Score Reports ⓘ</p> <p>Administrators Assessment Culture ELL/Linguistics Andrea Mercado Credit Bearing</p>
10:15 am - 12:15 pm	<p>Indian Education for All (IEFA) in the Content Areas ⓘ</p> <p>Elementary IEFA Instructional Strategies Middle School Secondary Mike Jetty Carrie McNab Julie Jeffers Brooke Gondara Credit Bearing</p>
10:15 am - 12:15 pm	<p>Implementing Montana's New ELA Standards with Clarity & Purpose ⓘ</p> <p>Educators ELA Elementary Instructional Strategies Middle School Secondary Aimee Konzen Credit Bearing</p>
10:15 am - 12:15 pm	<p>Kratom Awareness - Preventing an Emerging Public Health Threat in Montana</p> <p>ⓘ</p> <p>Mental Health School Safety Melissa Henderson Jenna Solomon</p>
10:15 am - 12:15 pm	<p>Moving on with the Montana Early Learning Standards: PK-3 implementation</p> <p>ⓘ</p> <p>Early Childhood Elementary Family Engagement Christine Lux Allison Wilson Credit Bearing</p>
10:15 am - 12:15 pm	<p>MTSS: Implementing Systemic Interventions (A Guide for Secondary School Teams)</p> <p>ⓘ</p> <p>Joe Moriarty Keith Hoyer Kathy Kidder</p>
10:15 am - 12:15 pm	<p>Team Time - CSI Schools (Invite Only) ⓘ</p> <p>School Improvement Lindsay Mahoney Tammy Hall Michelle Clawson Brent Harlen Terica Schaumloeffel Credit Bearing</p>

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The Road to Adulthood Starts Early: Using Montana's Family Guidance Tools to Support Successful Transitions



Family Engagement Secondary Special Education
 Montana Empowerment Center Credit Bearing

10:15 am - 12:15 pm

Using MTSS to Leverage the Graduate Profile

Administrators Behavior Elementary Family Engagement
 Instructional Strategies MTSS Tier 1 Tier 2 Tier 3 Youth Voice
 Barbara Forrester-Frank Credit Bearing

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Wednesday Lunch & Learn Sessions

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Creating a Culture of Safety with the Standard Response Protocol

Administrators Behavior Mental Health School Safety Nancy Berg
 Credit Bearing

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Give Us an Hour, and We'll Share How 45 Minutes a Week can Transform Student Success (Geared toward MS/HS teams)



Administrators Educators Instructional Strategies Middle School MTSS
 School Improvement Secondary Tier 2 Tier 3 Kathy Kidder
 Hollee Goody Credit Bearing

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Introduction to Early Learning Programs (Literacy & Numeracy) & Reporting Requirements



Administrators Assessment Early Childhood ELA Elementary
 Mathematics Kimberly Evans Credit Bearing

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Non-Evaluative Walkthroughs: For Teachers & Administrators

Administrators Data Professional Development Providers
 School Improvement Brent Harlen Michelle Clawson Credit Bearing

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Removing College and Career Barriers for Foster and Homeless Youth

Administrators Career/Technical Family Engagement School Improvement
 School Safety Tier 3 Justine Guthrie Marisa Britton-Bostwick
 Kimberly Rebich Credit Bearing

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Special Education and English Language Learning in Montana ⓘ

Administrators Assessment ELL/Linguistics Special Education Jillian Bellah
Credit Bearing

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Supporting Students on the MAST Performance Task: Writing ⓘ

Administrators Assessment ELA Elementary Writing Aimee Konzen
Credit Bearing

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Using Improv with Youth to Cultivate Strengths and Navigate Anxiety ⓘ

Arts Behavior Mental Health School Safety Secondary Youth Voice
Dylan Wright Tammy Tolleson Knee Credit Bearing

2:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Wednesday 2-HR Afternoon Workshops

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(Grades 4+): When the Science of Reading Meets the Science of Learning: Instructional Decisions That Support Upper-Grade Readers

ELA ELL/Linguistics Middle School Secondary Special Education
Writing Genevieve Thomas Craig Buscher Elizabeth Lincoln Jackie Ronning
Credit Bearing

2:15 pm - 4:15 pm

"If You Only Knew: Teens Explain Anxiety to Adults" A Teen-Led Mental Health Presentation for Teachers

Administrators Behavior Mental Health Middle School MTSS
School Safety Secondary Special Education Youth Voice Andrea Savage
Marla Hauser GFPS L.I.F.T. Teen Panel Credit Bearing

2:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Career-Connected Learning for Every Learner ⓘ

Administrators Career/Technical Educators Elementary Gifted & Talented
Instructional Strategies Middle School Secondary Special Education
Abraham Ewing Amanda Bastoni Credit Bearing

2:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Cell Phone Conundrum: How to implement a school-wide policy ⓘ

Administrators Behavior Classroom Management Family Engagement
School Improvement School Safety Technology Youth Voice Burke Wallace
Credit Bearing

2:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Cultivating Well-being Across the MTSS Tiers ⓘ

Administrators Educator Wellness Mental Health MTSS School Safety
Tier 1 Tier 2 Tier 3 Youth Voice Tammy Tolleson Knee Dylan Wright
Credit Bearing

2:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Engage Your Students in Meaningful Mathematics Through Modeling (Elementary K-5)

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Elementary Instructional Strategies Mathematics Megan Wickstrom

2:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Gifted and Talented Refresher: New Inspiration for the What, Why, and How of Gifted Education

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Administrators Elementary Gifted & Talented Instructional Strategies
Middle School School Improvement Secondary Jenny Jarvis Credit Bearing

2:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Overview of Local School District Early Childhood Special Education Requirements

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Administrators Assessment Early Childhood Family Engagement
Special Education Lucy Beltz Credit Bearing

2:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Native Language and Culture Inclusion ⓘ

Culture ELL/Linguistics IEFA Instructional Strategies Matt Bell
Credit Bearing

2:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Safe Learning Spaces for All: Various Methods to Address Youth Behaviors and Teacher/Staff Skill Sets to Maximize Youth Outcomes

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Administrators Behavior Kristine Jolivette Sara Sanders Hank Richards
Teagan Stanley Credit Bearing

2:15 pm - 4:15 pm

WIDA English Language Development (ELD) Standards Implementation

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Administrators Assessment Culture ELL/Linguistics
Instructional Strategies Andrea Mercado Credit Bearing

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Thursday 1-HR Early Bird Sessions

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7:15 am - 8:15 am	<p>"Watch Your Language": Common Language and Strategies Across MTSS Behavior Interventions and Programs</p> <p>i</p> <p>Administrators Behavior Classroom Management Instructional Strategies MTSS Professional Development Providers School Safety Tier 2 Tier 3 Joe Moriarty Credit Bearing</p>
7:15 am - 8:15 am	<p>"From Funding to Futures: Making the Most of the Montana Advanced Opportunities Grant"</p> <p>i</p> <p>Administrators Career/Technical Gifted & Talented Krystal Smith Credit Bearing</p>
7:15 am - 8:15 am	<p>Mindfulness Practice and Soothing Immersive Sound Experience i</p> <p>Educator Wellness Mental Health Katie Mayfield Credit Bearing</p>
7:15 am - 8:15 am	<p>Pioneering Math Success: Montana's Bridge to Algebra Readiness i</p> <p>Instructional Strategies Mathematics Middle School Secondary Technology Virg Hale Jacquie Teasdale Credit Bearing</p>
7:15 am - 8:15 am	<p>Removing Barriers to Success and Achievement for Students Experiencing Homelessness</p> <p>i</p> <p>Justine Guthrie Credit Bearing</p>
7:15 am - 8:15 am	<p>Student Safety and Wellness: A Listening Session i</p> <p>Administrators Behavior Educator Wellness Family Engagement MTSS School Improvement School Safety Special Education Sarah Music Credit Bearing</p>
7:15 am - 8:15 am	<p>Supporting Proficiency-Based Learning with Clearinghouse Resources i</p> <p>ELA Gifted & Talented Instructional Strategies Mathematics Middle School School Improvement Secondary Technology Marcella Flannigan Credit Bearing</p>

8:30 am - 10:00 am

Thursday KEYNOTE Session

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

DR. MATTHEW BURNS, UFLI

Thursday Keynote: What to Do When the Interventions Didn't Work ⓘ

Assessment Behavior Data Educators Elementary
 Instructional Strategies Mathematics Middle School MTSS
 School Improvement Secondary Special Education Tier 2 Tier 3
 Matthew Burns

10:15 am - 12:15 pm

Thursday 2-HR Morning Workshops

10:15 AM - 12:15 AM



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Building Better Behavior in the Classroom ⓘ

Classroom Management Educator Wellness Elementary
 Instructional Strategies Middle School MTSS School Improvement
 School Safety Secondary Special Education Lacey Cole Credit Bearing

10:15 am - 12:15 pm

Building a High School - Sponsored Pre-Apprenticeship Program ⓘ

Administrators Career/Technical Secondary Amber Lamb Darbi Linder
 Credit Bearing

10:15 am - 12:15 pm

Creating a K-8 Career Connected Learning Plan ⓘ

Career/Technical Elementary Instructional Strategies Middle School
 Courtney George Julissa Bencia-Hensel Credit Bearing

10:15 am - 12:15 pm

Educational Achievement and Success for At Risk Youth: Collaboration, Programming, and Federal Funds ⓘ

Administrators Family Engagement School Safety Special Education
 Tier 2 Tier 3 Marisa Britton-Bostwick Justine Guthrie Kimberly Rebich
 Credit Bearing

10:15 am - 12:15 pm

From Fragmented to Focused: How to Build a Coherent Middle School/Junior High MTSS Instructional Model That Actually Improves Literacy Outcomes ⓘ

Administrators ELA Instructional Strategies Middle School MTSS
 School Improvement Debbie Hunsaker Credit Bearing

10:15 am - 12:15 pm

Increasing Tribal Student Attendance: Successful Strategies and Lessons Learned in South Dakota



Administrators Behavior Culture Family Engagement IEFA
 School Improvement Michele Henson Matt Bell Jen Murphy Credit Bearing

10:15 am - 12:15 pm

Introduction to Data Based Individualization (DBI) ⓘ

Sheila Lovato Credit Bearing

10:15 am - 12:15 pm

Math: Using Contexts and Models to Promote Students' Meaningful Sense Making of Ratios and Rates



Instructional Strategies Mathematics Middle School Secondary
 Frederick Peck Credit Bearing

10:15 am - 12:15 pm

Restorative Practices for a Safe and Healthy School Community ⓘ

Administrators Behavior Classroom Management Culture
 Family Engagement School Safety Rachel Wanderscheid Credit Bearing

10:15 am - 12:15 pm

The Culture Climb of Success- Are You Ready? ⓘ

Administrators Behavior Classroom Management Culture Mental Health
 Capturing Kids Hearts Credit Bearing

10:15 am - 12:15 pm

Thinking Through MAST Score Reports to Drive School and District Improvement (For Instructional Leaders)



Administrators Assessment ELA Elementary Mathematics
 Middle School Marie Judisch Erin de Graw Credit Bearing

10:15 am - 12:15 pm

Using Data at Tiers 1 and 2 ⓘ

Assessment Behavior Data Educators ELA Elementary
 Mathematics Middle School MTSS School Improvement Secondary
 Tier 1 Tier 2 Matthew Burns

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Thursday Lunch & Learn Sessions

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM



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Access for All An Overview of Effective Inclusive Practices for Students with Significant Disabilities



Administrators Instructional Strategies School Improvement
 Special Education Lacey Cole Credit Bearing

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Foster Care Students 101: Points of Contact, Supports and Expectations



Administrators Family Engagement Marisa Britton-Bostwick Justine Gutherie
 Kimberly Rebich Credit Bearing

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

From Curiosity to Careers: Work Based Learning for Montana's Grades 5-8



Administrators Career/Technical Middle School Kaitlin Trutzel
 Shannon Boswell Ethan Ego Credit Bearing

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Media Mavericks: The Power of Youth Media

Arts Career/Technical ELA Gifted & Talented Instructional Strategies
 Middle School Secondary Technology Writing Youth Voice Ann Bernard
 Credit Bearing

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Morphology.. Strategic Approach to Improve Literacy Outcomes

ELA Elementary ELL/Linguistics Instructional Strategies Middle School
 Special Education Writing Tammy Hall Terica Schaumloeffel Brent Harlen
 Credit Bearing

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Suicide Among the Young

Administrators Mental Health School Safety Karl Rosston Credit Bearing

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Turning Plans into Action: Supporting College, Career & Life Readiness Through Student Follow-Through



Administrators Career/Technical Middle School Secondary
 Stephen Guillette Credit Bearing

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Thursday 2-HR Afternoon Workshops

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Career Development: Best Practices for Middle School ⓘ

Administrators Career/Technical Instructional Strategies Middle School
Laurie Gorence Credit Bearing

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Designing and Delivering Effective Specially Designed Instruction with Data-Based Individualization ⓘ

Assessment Behavior Data ELA Mathematics MTSS
Special Education Tier 2 Tier 3 Sheila Lovato Credit Bearing

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Durable Skills Aren't "Soft": Teaching What Graduates Actually Need ⓘ

Administrators Behavior Elementary Instructional Strategies
Middle School MTSS School Improvement Secondary Special Education
Burke Wallace Credit Bearing

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High Ceilings, Solid Foundations: Reimagining MTSS to Challenge and Support High-Ability Learners ⓘ

Gifted & Talented Instructional Strategies MTSS Jenny Jarvis Credit Bearing

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How Do You Know if the Intervention Aligns to the Science? ⓘ

Assessment Behavior Data Educators ELA Elementary
Mathematics Middle School MTSS Secondary Tier 2 Tier 3
Matthew Burns

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Mathematics as Disciplined Creativity ⓘ

Instructional Strategies Mathematics Frederick Peck Credit Bearing

2:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Nurturing Hearts, Growing Minds ⓘ

Administrators Behavior Classroom Management Educator Wellness
Instructional Strategies School Safety Morgan Ator Credit Bearing

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PREPARED for Complex Text: Putting Complex Text at the Center of Teaching and Learning ⓘ

ELA Elementary Instructional Strategies Middle School Writing
Debbie Hunsaker Credit Bearing

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The BEST Classroom Management Plan ⓘ

Behavior Classroom Management Nichole Pieper Credit Bearing

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Transforming Historical Harm into Community Healing and Power ⓘ

Crystal Hickman Jen Murphy Michele Henson Matt Bell Brooke Gondara
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