



***Welcome to the 2025 Winter Symposium
“Bringing Our Curriculum to Life”***

Monday, February 17

7:00 - 4:00	Registration	Hearth Room
7:30 - 8:15	Breakfast	Hearth Room
8:20 - 8:40	Welcome/Introductions Symposium Focus	Grand Ballroom
8:40 - 9:40	<i>Shifting Classroom Practices to Lead to Mathematical Proficiency</i> Traci Gardner, DESE Content Director: Math	Grand Ballroom
9:40 - 10:10	Regional meetups	Grand Ballroom
10:10 - 10:20	Break	
10:20 - 11:20	<i>Q&A on Competency Based Learning</i> Panel Discussion	Grand Ballroom
11:30 - 12:30	Lunch	Hearth Room
12:40 - 2:10	<i>Bringing Leadership to Life</i> Alex Demczak	Grand Ballroom
2:10 - 2:20	Break	
2:20 - 3:30	<i>Using Primary/First-Hand Sources of Missourians to Bring ELA Non-Fiction to Life</i> Kayla Stewart, DESE Content Director: ELA	Grand Ballroom
3:20 - 3:30	Wrap-Up/Closing	Grand Ballroom
5:00 - 5:45	Social Time	Hearth Room
5:45 - 7:45	Symposium Networking Dinner	Hearth Room



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7:30 - 8:15	Breakfast Welcome/Announcements	Hearth Room
8:20 - 9:20	<i>Addressing the Needs of Secondary Teachers & Students</i> Olivia Apsher, DESE Directory of Early Literacy	Grand Ballroom
9:20 - 10:20	<i>Using Missouri Museums to Enhance Your Social Studies Experience</i> Rhett Oldham, DESE Content Director Social Studies	Grand Ballroom
10:20 - 10:35	Break	
10:35 - 11:30	<i>DESE Assessment Updates</i> Shaun Bates, DESE Coordinator of Standards, Curriculum, and Assessment	Grand Ballroom
11:30 - 11:40	Conference Wrap-Up Al Richardson, SMCAA Professional Learning Coordinator	Grand Ballroom