



# MAEN 2024 Conference Breakout Sessions



## 9:30am-10:30am Breakout Session 1:

### 1. Missouri Option Update - **Granada A**

Representatives from DESE MO- Bring questions you have about the program and suggestions to give DESE.

Presenter: **Mary Werner - Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education of Missouri**

Category: Curriculum

### 2. Speaker Dr. Bryan Pearlman - **Granada B/C**

“Self-Care Doesn’t Make You Selfish”

Presenter: **Dr. Bryan Pearlman, EdD, LMSW, Founder & Head Trainer**

**Most Valuable Professional Development**

Category: Social Emotional

### 3. Making Service Learning a Pillar of Your Program - **Valencia A**

A presentation on the uniqueness of building Service Learning into the curriculum as a class. It is very common for Service Learning opportunities to be sprinkled in other classes but at JCAC we have made it a pillar of our school and incorporated it weekly into our curriculum as a Life Skills class. I will be covering how the program has changed and adapted over time as well as the different opportunities there are to build relationships within the community.

Presenter: **Jerri Groves, At-Risk Teacher, Jefferson City Public Schools**

Category: Advocacy/leadership

### 4. Alternating Potential Opportunities with Edmentum - **Valencia B**

Come find out more about how Edmentum's Digital curriculum for grades K through adult learners can help students reach their education goals and beyond through flexible, personalized first-time credit, credit recovery, and expanded course access. Learn how we can all make a positive impact on students' learning, meet them where they are at, and put them on a journey to success.

Presenter: **Bill Kleinmann & Heather Giovanini - Edmentum Partnership Managers**

Category: Curriculum



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## 10:40- 11:40 Breakout Session 2:

### 1. Missouri Option Roundtable- *Granada A*

This session is for any unanswered question from the Missouri Option Update and to pick up practices and tips from other Missouri Option teachers. If you are new to Missouri Option, this is the place for you.

Presenters: **To be determined**

Category: Missouri Option

### 2. The Six Principles of a Trauma-Informed School/Organization *Valencia A*

This presentation will focus on the Six Principles of a Trauma-Informed School. Participants will have an opportunity to break down each principle and brainstorm ways to utilize the Principles in their schools.

Presenter: **Dr. Robert Lee Jr., Principal, Kansas City Public Schools**

Category: Equity in Education

### 3. How to Handle the Meltdown - Strategies for De-Escalation - *Valencia B*

We have all experienced student meltdowns to varying degrees. How do we handle these situations? Depending on the choices we make can make a situation worse or better. This session will focus on practical strategies to De-Escalate the student meltdown.

Presenter: **Shawn Kelsch - Principal at Jefferson City Academic Center**

Category: Social Emotional

### 4. Project 180 - Student Success in a Traditional Setting - *HK's Club Room*

Project 180 is a unique At-Risk course that is offered in a traditional school setting. The course gives students accountability, SEL lessons, community outreach, volunteer opportunities, academic assistance, and is a support for student's daily lives. The presentation will cover how to implement these ideas in a separate course or in a traditional classroom with ease.

Presenter: **Jennifer Moore - At-Risk/Project 180 Coordinator, Union R-XI**

Category - Advocacy/Leadership

### 5. A Coping Skills Workshop to Nurture Teen Mental Health - *Seville*

Back Pocket is a new school based mental health curriculum that teaches kids tools to help themselves. This interactive, fun, engaging workshop focuses on self-management and self awareness as teens are taught concepts such as accessing "happy hormones", breathing and distraction techniques and a screen time reduction challenge. Back Pocket is being used in Tier 1 and Tier 2 settings across the country including school districts in Missouri.

Presenter: **Shaney Andler, Founder & Chief Impact Officer, Back Pocket**

Category: Social Emotional



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### 1:30 - 2:30 Breakout Session 3:

#### 1. How to Teach an Art Class if you aren't an Art Teacher (and Raise Community Culture!) - **Granada A**

Participants will be given a curriculum for a digital art class that lasts 9 weeks. Topics covered include a free online digital art platform, youtube lessons, and examples. At the end of the course, students will be able to create movie posters using students and teachers as "actors", which can then be printed and put up in the halls. Participants can also create posters with student pictures and bios on them to decorate the hallways.

Presenter: **Dr. Daniel S. Murphy - English and Art teacher, Lindbergh Academy**

Category: Curriculum

#### 2. RISE: A Social/Emotional Learning Approach to Alternative Education - **Valencia A**

RISE is a 9th and 10th grade alternative education program with an SEL focus on academics and mental health. This presentation introduces the RISE program and shares SEL activities that have been successful with our students.

Presenter: **Whitey Wood - Social Emotional Learning Interventionist, New Horizons, Troy R-3**

Category: Social Emotional

#### 3. Individualize Options Instruction with Essential Education - **Valencia B**

Essential Education has revolutionized the way students learn! Discover how our adaptive learning engine makes teaching more efficient and ensures you meet your students exactly where they are in their learning journey.

Presenter: **Rich Palmer - Essential Education Midwest Sales Rep**

Category: Curriculum

#### 5. ROAR Academy( - HEAR US ROAR! - **HK's Club Room**

We are Reimagining Alternative Learning Environments! While we aren't experts, what we're doing at University City High School is working. We want to share how we wrap our arms around our most vulnerable students while holding them accountable as well. We will share our Monday Morning Meeting Protocols, how we incorporate SEL into our academic spaces and the overall environment we've created to increase and improve student outcomes.

Presenters: **Nikole Shurn, Alternative Learning Experience Coordinator, Ebonie Davis, Darlene Donegan, and Melissa Rainey, Teachers, University City High School**

Category: Social Emotional

#### 6. Effective Questioning Strategies and Problem-solving Techniques for the HiSET - **Seville**

Students struggling with answering questions? Teachers of Missouri Options students need to instill good questioning and test-taking strategies in their students for them to be successful on the HiSET tests. I will apply adult education techniques to high school students preparing for their high school equivalency tests.

Presenter: **Steven McEntee - Missouri Option Teacher, Mehlville School District**

Category: Missouri Option



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## 2:40 - 3:40 Breakout Session 4:

### 1. KCPS Middle College Program - We started from the bottom now we're here! - **Granada A**

This presentation will provide an overview of Community Partnerships/SOPs/Program Expectations-both Academic and Behavioral/Curriculum Guide on how this small, but mighty program has come from 5 graduates in May 2018 to 54 graduates @ the December '23 ceremony. Plenty of handouts and how to's will be gladly shared.

Presenter: **Annette McDonald -Middle College Program Coordinator,  
Kansas City Public School District #33**

Category: Curriculum

### 2. Roundtable with Alternative Education Admin and District Leadership - **Granada B/C**

Roundtable discussion for teacher leaders, alternative ed admin, district leaders. Join us to talk about best practices in attendance, vaping, data, etc. Come share what has worked best for you or come with your questions.

Presenter: **Jonathan White, Principal New Horizons H.S. and  
Aaron Burton, Principal Mark Twain School**

Category - Advocacy and Leadership

### 3. Free Digital Courses for Real World Learning - **Valencia A**

Come explore and learn about EVERFI, a no cost digital course provider specializing in the areas of Financial Literacy, Health and Wellness, Character Education and more! Walk away with turn-key resources that can be used with your students in all education settings.

Presenter: **Collin Lane - Education Success Specialist with EVERFI**

Category: Curriculum

### 4. Identifying Foundation Skills, Closing Gaps, and Gauging High School Equivalency Success - **Valencia B**

How does TABE fit into the Missouri Option Program? How can this widely used assessment help your students achieve their high school diploma and success beyond the classroom?

This session will focus on how TABE is used to identify deficient foundation skills and gauge student success to help them prepare for their high school equivalency exam. See a live demo of the TABE workforce portal used to compare student TABE scores to more than 1,000 careers in the U.S.

Department of Labor's O\*NET Online database. Because TABE is aligned to the college and career-ready standards you can be sure that this assessment will prepare your students for their high school equivalency exam and whatever their plans and goals are after high school

Presenter: **Jon Weiss, M.Ed. Assessment Solutions Consultant**

Category: Missouri Option



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## **2:40 - 3:40 Breakout Session 4: Continued**

### **5. Kansas Online Learning - *HK's Club Room***

This presentation will share information about virtual schools and how Kansas wrangled them into improving outcomes for students.

Presenter: **Robyn Kelso, Coordinator, Career Standards and Assessment Services Team, Kansas State Department of Education**

Category: Curriculum

### **6. Missouri Job Centers: How we can help you and your students - *Seville***

Learn about the services offered at Missouri job centers, designed to assist individuals in securing employment opportunities or advancing their education. Learn how customers, including youth, can access Coursera, an online learning platform, to enhance their career development and educational goals. Discover the benefits of the QUEST grant for dislocated workers. Time for questions at the end.

Presenter: **Bria Arnel, Virtual Learning Unit Team Lead, Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development**

Category: Equity/Curriculum