



Connecting Research to Practice: Competency-Based Education

**December 8, 2011
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Agenda

- 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**
Jason Glass, Ed.D., Director, Iowa Department of Education
Circe Stumbo, President, West Wind Education Policy
Sara Wraight, Senior Policy Analyst, REL Midwest
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Framing the Conversation: What Is Competency-Based Education?**
Elizabeth Jones, Ph.D., Holy Family University
Susan Patrick, President, iNACOL
Kevin Fangman, Administrator, K-12 Education, Iowa Department of Education
Paul Leather, Deputy Commissioner of Education, New Hampshire Department of Education
Ron Fielder, Clinical Professor, Education Policy and Leadership Studies, University of Iowa
- 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Break**
- 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **Implementing Competency-Based Education in K-12 Education**
Panel discussion featuring school districts that are implementing competency-based reforms
- 12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. **Break to Collect Lunch**
- 12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. **Working Lunch in Topical Breakouts**
1. Getting Started: Talking with Researchers about Competency-Based Education

2. Advancing the Work of Design: Research-Based Lessons Learned
3. Going Deeper Into Iowa District Practices: Muscatine and Spirit Lake Districts
4. Competency-Based Reforms in the Classroom: Teachers from the Chugach District in Alaska and the Kettle Moraine District in Wisconsin
5. Issues of Student Matriculation

2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Break

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Planning for Next Steps in Your Districts and Evaluating Results of Reforms

Sandra Dop, Ph.D., Consultant, Iowa Department of Education

Jim Lindsay, Ph.D., Senior Researcher, REL Midwest

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Reflections and Concluding Remarks

3:45 p.m.

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