Implementing competency-based education strategies:  
From research to practice  
Wednesday, May 6, 2020  
3:00–4:30 p.m. Central Time

Webinar Agenda

3:00–3:05 p.m.  Welcome and overview  
Dominque Bradley, PhD, and Susan Burkhauser, PhD, researchers,  
Regional Educational Laboratory (REL) Midwest  

*Dr. Bradley and Dr. Burkhauser will provide an overview of the RELs, REL Midwest, and the goals of the webinar.*

3:05–3:40 p.m.  Looking under the hood of competency-based education  
Kristina Zeiser, PhD, senior researcher, American Institutes for Research (AIR)  

*Dr. Zeiser will present an overview and key findings from a study that examined the relationship between competency-based education practices and students’ learning skills, behaviors, and dispositions. Following the presentation, Dr. Burkhauser will facilitate a question-and-answer session with Dr. Zeiser.*

3:40–4:05 p.m.  School leader perspective on implementing competency-based instructional strategies  
Lisa Balata, director of curriculum and instruction, Ridgewood High School  

*Ms. Balata will share her firsthand experience using competency-based education strategies to support at-risk students. Following the presentation, Dr. Bradley will facilitate a question-and-answer session with Ms. Balata.*

4:05–4:25 p.m.  State-level perspective on supporting competency-based education in alternative and online learning programs  
Jeff Plaman, online and digital learning specialist, Minnesota Department of Education  
Sally Reynolds, alternative and extended learning specialist, Minnesota Department of Education  

*Mr. Plaman and Ms. Reynolds will share how the Minnesota Department of Education is supporting state-approved alternative and online learning programs implementing competency-based education. Following the presentation, Dr. Bradley will facilitate a question-and-answer session with the presenters.*
4:25–4:30 p.m.  **Wrap-up and closing remarks**
*Dr. Bradley and Dr. Burkhauser will thank participants for attending the event and provide links to relevant REL Midwest and Institute of Education Sciences resources.*

4:30 p.m.  **Adjourn**