

## **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**  
Susan Burkhauser, PhD, researcher, Regional Educational Laboratory (REL) Midwest  
*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-level perspective on implementing competency-based instructional strategies**  
Lisa Balata, director of curriculum and instruction, Ridgewood High School  
Eric Lasky, STEM division head, Ridgewood High School  
*Ms. Balata and Mr. Lasky will share their firsthand experiences using competency-based education strategies to support at-risk students. Following the presentation, Dr. Burkhauser will facilitate a question-and-answer session with the presenters.*
- 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. Burkhauser will facilitate a question-and-answer session with the presenters.*

**4:25–4:30 p.m.**

**Wrap-up and closing remarks**

*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**