

2025 KSDE Great Ideas in Education Conference

KSDE continues to work on the agenda for the 2025 Great Ideas in Education Conference, July 28-30, at the Hyatt Regency and Century II, in Wichita. The following is a draft agenda for the conference. Stay tuned to KSDEweekly and other information outlets as the agenda continues to evolve.

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Sunday, July 27

6 – 8 p.m. - Registration opens

Monday, July 28:

Theory of Action and the Four Fundamentals, supports and resources

8 a.m. - Registration opens; no breakfast served.

9:30 - 10:15 a.m. – General Session #1

- Focus on Theory of Action
- Objectives of the conference
- Overview of breakouts, etc.

10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Breakout #1 (Multiple sessions for each area below includes emphasis on early childhood)

- Standards-Alignment toolkits
- Balanced assessments
- Structured literacy
- The New Teacher Project (TNTP) supports for High Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM) and quality instruction

12 - 1:30 p.m. – Lunch and visit vendors

1:40 - 2:20 p.m. General Session(s) #2 – District highlights – supports and resources for the Four Fundamentals

2:20-2:40 p.m. - Break in vendor area

2:45 - 4:15 p.m. - Breakout #2 (Multiple sessions for each area below includes emphasis on early childhood)

- Standards alignment
- Balanced assessments
- Structured literacy
- TNTP supports for HQIM and quality instruction

4:30 – 6:30 p.m. - District Leadership Team (DLT) collaboration and vendor fair

- Finger foods and beverages
- Visit with vendors (sign up for the drawing)
- Discussions with your team for debriefing
- Vendor drawings for giveaways will be held at 6:15 p.m. You must be present to win.

Tuesday, July 29

Focus on structures/lead indicators and measures of progress

7 a.m. - Registration opens; breakfast available; table conversations encouraged

8-8:30 a.m. – Welcome

- Announcements
- Facilitated conversations

8:30 a.m. - Concurrent workshops (you may register for one day if you are only attending one of these sessions on Tuesday, July 29)

- Literacy Summit – 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- KESA School Improvement Days facilitator training – 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Safe and Secure Schools training
- Budgeting information and questions
- Registered Teacher Apprenticeship Program (RTAP) training

8:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. - Vendors open

8:30-10 a.m. – Breakout #3 – District Leadership Team (DLT) collaboration

10 -- 10:15 a.m. - Break in the Promenade

10:20 - 11:50 a.m. – Breakout #4 – DLT collaboration with similar districts

12 - 1:30 p.m. – Lunch and final chance to visit with vendors

1:30-2:45 p.m. – Breakout Session #5 – Measures of Progress (multiple session options)

2:45 – 3 p.m. - Break in the Promenade

3:15 – 4:15 p.m. General Session # 3 – District highlights – Measures of Progress

4 p.m. – Kansas State Superintendents Association (KSSA) meeting

Wednesday, July 30 (Focus on back-to-school kickoff and Year 2 planning)

8 - 9 a.m. – Breakfast and Welcome

- Keynote address - Dr. Randy Watson

9 – 10 a.m. – Breakout #6 – Back-to-school planning with staff – School improvement focus (multiple sessions)

10:15 a.m. – 12 p.m. – General Session #4 - Finale

- Closing speaker