

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**
Dominique 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**