

AGENDA

JOINT EDUCATION CONFERENCE 2015

Wednesday, September 2, 2015, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 3, 2015, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Gilbert Great Hall, R. Haze Hunter Conference Center, Southern Utah University

Conference materials available at: <http://le.utah.gov/jec/jec.html>

Please note that paper copies will not be distributed at the conference.

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DAY ONE: Wednesday, September 2

Intended outcome: Develop a common understanding of K-20 competency-based education, and determine high-level changes needed in various settings to achieve desired student outcomes.

Approximate
time frame

8:00

Check-In

8:30

1. Welcome and Introduction to Competency-Based Education

- Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
- Rep. Steve Eliason
- Lt. Governor Spencer J. Cox

9:00

2. National Perspective on Competency-Based Education

Participants will hear about a working definition for competency-based education and about the implementation of competency-based education throughout the country.

- Tom Vander Ark, CEO, Getting Smart
- Karla Phillips, State Policy Director, Competency-Based Learning, Foundation for Excellence in Education

9:30

3. Competency-Based Education in Utah: A Conversation about Current Practices and the Future

Participants will hear a moderated panel discussion about current competency-based education practices in Utah and options for competency-based education moving forward. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions of the panelists.

- Moderated by Sen. Stephen H. Urquhart
- Rob Brems, President, Utah College of Applied Technology
- Eric Heiser, Interim Dean, School of Applied Technology and Professional Development, Salt Lake Community College
- Thalea Longhurst, Director, Career and Technical Education, Utah State Office of Education

- Brad Smith, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Utah State Office of Education

11:00 Stretch Break

11:05 4. Assessing Student Competencies

Participants will hear about current practices in assessments, barriers to assessing competency, and policy implications of moving toward competency-based education.

- Christie Fox, Director, Utah Scholars and Completion Initiatives, Utah System of Higher Education
- Rich Nye, Associate Superintendent, Accountability and Assessment, Utah State Office of Education

12:05 Stretch Break

12:15 5. Working Lunch: Systems Change and Education

What is the education system we need for the economy we have? What is the sense of opportunity where Utah's education system is right now, and where could it be? Participants will hear about how a systems approach and organizational change can influence education policy and student achievement.

- Jaime Casap, Chief Education Evangelist, Google

1:30 6. Preparing and Supporting Teachers for Improved Student Outcomes: A Conversation

Participants will hear a moderated panel discussion about how teacher preparation programs can effectively train teachers for the modern classroom.

- Moderated by Elizabeth Hitch, Associate Commissioner, Academic and Student Affairs, Utah System of Higher Education
- Martin Bates, Superintendent, Granite School District
- Chad Carpenter, Executive Director, Human Resources, Ogden School District
- Peter Ingle, Interim Dean of Education, School of Education, Westminster College
- Allison Riddle, Teacher Leader, Davis School District

2:30 7. Guided Discussion

Participants will have the opportunity to discuss questions about competency based education in Utah in small groups at their tables.

- Facilitated by Sydnee Dickson, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, Utah State Office of Education

4:00 Adjourn for the Day

DAY TWO: Thursday, September 3

Intended outcome: Prioritize a list of actions for K-20 world-class education focused on student outcomes and strategies to measure results.

Approximate
time frame

8:00

Welcome and Introduction of Keynote Speaker

8:10

1. Turning Utah's Education System into a World-Class Education System

Participants will hear about national and international efforts to transform education systems to improve student outcomes with an opportunity for questions and answers.

- Marc Tucker, President and CEO, National Center on Education and the Economy

9:40

2. Table Discussions

Participants will discuss questions related to transforming Utah's education system in small groups to brainstorm strategies for improving student education outcomes in Utah.

- Facilitated by Sen. Ann Millner

10:25

Stretch Break

10:30

3. Kindergarten through Grade 12: Looking Forward

Participants will hear about the future of kindergarten through grade 12 education in Utah.

- Brad Smith, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Utah State Office of Education

11:00

4. Higher Education: Performance Funding and Innovative Practices

Participants will hear about innovative practices and performance funding in higher education.

- Sen. Stephen H. Urquhart
- David Buhler, Commissioner of Higher Education, Utah System of Higher Education

11:40

5. Utah College of Applied Technology: Meeting Employer Needs

Participants will hear about the alignment of Utah College of Applied Technology programs and employer needs.

- Rob Brems, President, Utah College of Applied Technology

12:10

6. Aligning a World-Class Education System with Competency-Based Education

Participants will hear about how creating a world-class education system aligns with competency-based education.

- Tom Vander Ark, CEO, Getting Smart
- Karla Phillips, State Policy Director, Competency-Based Learning, Foundation for Excellence in Education

12:20 **Lunch**

1:00 **7. Prioritization of Strategies**

Based on the discussions throughout the conference, participants will prioritize steps to improve student education outcomes in Utah.

- Facilitated by Sen. Ann Millner

1:30 **8. Wrap-Up and Reflection**

- David L. Crandall, Chair, Utah State Board of Education
- France A. Davis, Vice Chair, Utah State Board of Regents
- Thomas E. Bingham, Chair, Board of Trustees, Utah College of Applied Technology
- Sen. Howard A. Stephenson

2:00 **Adjourn**