

Breakout by Session | Session 1| 9:45-10:30 am

Location	Name	Description
Bell Foyer	Campus Tours	Take a tour of MNU's campus and learn more about what MNU has to offer!
Metz 228	Football, Farming & Fun: Feeling Welcome in the Classroom	Using agriculture as a backdrop, this interactive session invites participants to explore creative, hands-on activities for building a welcoming classroom community. Through playful activities inspired by teamwork and rural roots, participants will learn how to foster belonging, spark engagement, and create inclusive environments where every young learner feels like part of the team.
Metz 103	Acceptance, Dignity, and Inclusion: A Parent's Perspective	Learn how acceptance, dignity and inclusion for students with special needs can foster growth in all students in your classroom. Dr. Stewart will share her experience as a parent of a child with deafness and sibling to an adult with an intellectual disability. Learn how teachers can have a significant impact on a positive quality of life for those with disabilities through specific examples of how they fostered acceptance, dignity and inclusion. This positive and uplifting story will change the way you meet students with disabilities where they are.
Bell Jones	Public History as a Community Good	Public history connects people and places through meaningful storytelling and shared memory. This interactive session explores how community-based projects such as oral histories, exhibits, and local archives create deeper understanding and stronger connections among people. Participants will learn how public history builds empathy and belonging and will gain hands-on experience on how to conduct an oral history interview to see how personal narratives bring the past to life within their own communities.
Metz 227	Game On: Transforming Math into Hands-On Learning and Fun	Join us for a fun, interactive session featuring math games for elementary students. In this session, we will explore a variety of engaging games and activities that promote mathematical concepts in an enjoyable and hands-on manner. Whether you aspire to teach in a classroom or a tutoring setting, this session will equip you with innovative techniques to foster a love for math in young learners. Let's make math exciting and memorable together!
Smith 123	Empowered Classrooms: Restorative and Trauma-Informed Approaches	Join us as we explore what it takes to create a trauma informed classroom that incorporates restorative practices. This session equips educators to meet the diverse needs of all learners, especially those affected by trauma, while maintaining a safe, effective, and empowering learning environment. Participants will acquire deeper knowledge of how to implement both restorative and trauma informed practices during this session.
Smith 200	Unified Through Specials: How Music, Art, Movement, and Technology Foster SEL, Diversity, and Acceptance	In every school, the Specials team connects with every student, every week. These subjects often transcend language, background, and academic level, making them powerful tools for creating unity within a school community. This session will highlight how Specials teachers serve as key drivers of school culture, using creativity, collaboration, and cross-curricular connections to support Social-Emotional Learning (SEL), celebrate diversity, and foster acceptance. Drawing from our roles as a music teacher, PE teacher, and computer teacher, we'll share concrete strategies and classroom practices that promote inclusivity and emotional well-being.
Metz 117	Stepping Out, Leveling Up: The Power of Connection in Your Teaching Journey	What happens when you step beyond your comfort zone and say yes to new connections? In this session, discover the courage to step out of your comfort zone, build meaningful relationships, and seek mentors who inspire growth. Through stories and reflection, you'll leave empowered to embrace new challenges, create your own professional community, and unlock the next chapter in your own teaching story!

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Breakout by Session | Session 3 | 12:45-1:30pm

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Bell Foyer	Kansas Teacher of the Year Team	The Kansas Teacher of the Year Award recognizes and utilizes representatives of excellent teaching in the elementary and secondary classrooms of the state. Its mission is to build and utilize a network of exemplary teachers who are leaders in the improvement of schools, student performance and the teaching profession. Come hear from the KTOY team and learn what excellence in this era of education looks like
Bell McIntire	Teacher Leader Workshop	All teacher leaders, please join the Teacher Leader Workshop during the 3rd session. This will be a time to learn about the new updates to our Ed Rising Kansas Bylaws, learn about state judging and expectations and share tips and tricks out attending Nationals in Portland, OR.