

2024 SAM Administrators Institute Schedule at a Glance

Sunday, July 21		2024 SAM Administrators Institute		
4:00 - 6:00 PM		SAM Business Partners Exhibitors - Ballroom		
Monday, July 22		2024 SAM Administrators Institute		
11:00 AM - 12:45 PM		SAM Business Partners Exhibitors Set Up - Ballroom		
7:30 - 8:15 AM		Continental Breakfast & Conference Registration - Oriental Ltd.		
8:15 - 9:00 AM		Pre-Conference: Jason Neiffer, Next Gen Teacher's Assistant, Putting AI at Your Service in the Classroom		
Room Location	Oriental LTD	Empire Builder	Western Star	
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM	Clarifying Engagement, A Tangible Breakdown for Classroom Success: Brian Miller	Every Student a Reader: Genevieve Thomas	IEFA Implementation: Jenny Combs & Devon Flamm	
10:30 AM - 11:15 AM		Pre-Conference: Kim Bearden, Talk to Me - find the right words to inspire, encourage and get things done.		
11:15 AM - Noon		Pre-Conference: Troy Kemp, Move the Crowd - managing change.		
11:45 AM - 12:45 PM		Conference Registration		
12:45 - 2:15 PM		Welcome - SAM President Carol Phillips Opening General Session -Ballroom - <i>Keynote with Ron Clark</i>		
2:15 - 2:45 PM		Network and Visit SAM Business Partners		
Focus Zones	SAM AI Focus Zones - Innovation	SAM AI Focus Zones - Inclusion	SAM AI Focus Zones - Inspiration	
Room Location	Oriental Ltd.	Empire Building	Western Star	
Focus Zone 1 2:45 - 3:45 PM	Creating Administrator Digital Warriors - Jon Konen & Bea Kaleva	Options for Out-of-School time with 4-Day School Weeks - Rachel Wanderscheid (& Panel of School Leaders?)	Innovative Solutions for Transforming Educational Environments: A Focus on Whole Child Learning and Safety Erin Liplind & Jessica Johnson	
3:45 - 4:00 PM		Network and Visit SAM Business Partners		
Focus Zone 2 4:00 - 5:00 PM	Proficiency-Based Education: Shift Toward a Student-Centered Model - Genevieve Thomas	Threat Assessments - Emily Salle, Tina Eblen, Tammy Tolleson-Knee	Innovative Retention Strategies--Reducing Teacher and Leader Isolation in Medium- and Small-sized Districts in Montana - Jeff Liberty BetterLesson	
5:00 - 6:30 PM		Reception -		
		Dinner on your own		

Tuesday, July 23	2024 SAM Administrators Institute		
7:00 -8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast & Conference Registration - Ballroom		
8:00 - 9:45 AM	Welcome - SAM President Carol Philips Opening General Session -Ballroom - <i>Lead Like a Pirate</i> -Beth Houf		
9:45 - 10:00 AM	Network and Visit SAM Business Partners		
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Focus Zone 3 10:00 - 11:00 AM	<i>Para Pathways Project</i> - Patrick Cates & Danni McCarthy	<i>Building Safe, Inclusive, & Supportive Environments with Montana's Whole Child Competencies</i> - Melissa Tovaas	<i>Growing Teacher Leadership Through Collective Efficacy</i> - Barbara Frank
11:15 - 11:30 AM	Network and Visit SAM Business Partners		
Panel Discussion 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	K12 Education Priorities for 2025: A Panel Discussion with MT Constitutional Players Committee		
12:30 - 1:30 PM	Lunch		
1:30 - 1:45 PM	Break to set the room		
Focus Zone 4 1:45 AM - 2:45 PM	<i>The Next Education Workforce: Team-based Staffing Models for Better Educator & Student Outcomes</i> - Jan Vesely	<i>Disability Rights Montana</i> - Michelle Weltman	<i>Lead in the Water</i> - Brian Miller
2:45 - 3:00 PM	Break to set the room		
3:00 - 4:30 PM	School Sims - Ken Spero		
4:45 - 6:30 PM	Reception - "SAM Story Hour" - SAM awards/years of service		
	Dinner on your own		

Wednesday, July 24	2024 SAM Administrators Institute		
7:00 - 8:00 AM	Hot Breakfast & Conference Registration		
8:00 - 8:15 AM	Welcome - Carol Phillips, SAM President		
8:15 - 9:45 AM	<i>Becoming a Literacy Leader</i> - Danielle Thompson, Maria Pace: MT Reading League		
9:45 - 10:15 AM	Network and Visit SAM Business Partners		
Focus Zones	SAM AI Focus Zones - Innovation	SAM AI Focus Zones - Inclusion	SAM AI Focus Zones - OPI Innovation
Room Location	Oriental Ltd.	Empire building	Western Star
Focus Zone 7 10:15- 11:15 AM	<i>Department of Labor and Industry</i> - Sarah Swanson	<i>School Sims</i> - Ken Spero	<i>Data Modernization</i> - Christine Bushnell & Ashley Perez
11:15 - 11:30 AM	Network and Visit SAM Business Partners		
Focus Zone 8 11:15 AM- 12:15 PM	<i>Teacher Crisis</i> - Andrea Meiers & Jenny Combs	<i>The Indigenous Whole Learning Framework & Strategies to Create Inclusive, Indigenous Environments</i> - Michele Henson	<i>K-12 Accreditation 2024-25</i> - Crystal Andrews, Michelle Price and Ellery Bresler
Closing Speaker 12:15- 12:45 PM	Closing Speaker: Mike Jetty, IEFA Specialist OPI, Reaffirming our Commitment to IEFA		
12:45 - 1:00 PM	Closing Remarks and Prize Drawings - <i>Carol Phillips, SAM President</i>		