

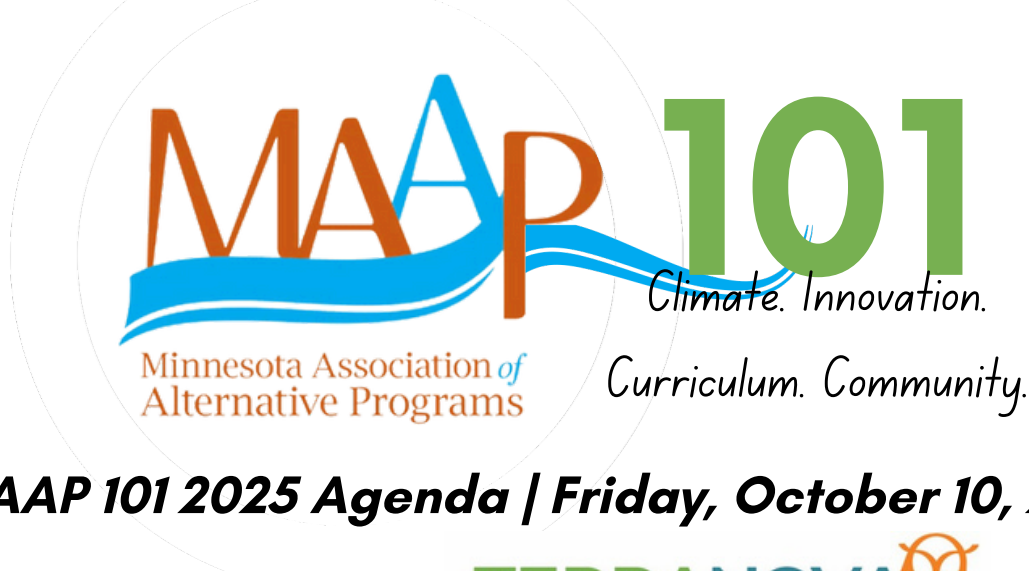
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MAAP 101 is a one day conference designed to support new and relatively new teachers to alternative education. The goal is to provide tools they can quickly add to their toolbox as well as providing training on what teaching in an alternative setting is all about.

On the other hand, MAAP 101 is not exclusively for new teachers! We know that veteran teachers can always use an opportunity to sharpen their horns and remind themselves why they got into innovative, alternative education.

We are delighted to have Dr. Mark Gillen deliver our morning Keynote! Dr. Gillen will focus on beliefs that will impact your work with students and peers, increasing your effectiveness, efficiency and joy for your job.

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MAAP 101 2025 Agenda / Friday, October 10, 2025

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TIME	TITLE
8:20-8:50	Registration and Breakfast
8:50-9:25	Morning Keynote Speaker
9:30-10:30	Break Out Session A
10:30-10:55	Networking Break
10:55-11:55	Break Out Session B
11:55-12:50	Lunch
12:50-1:50	Break Out Session C
1:50-2:15	Networking Break
2:15-3:15	Break Out Session D



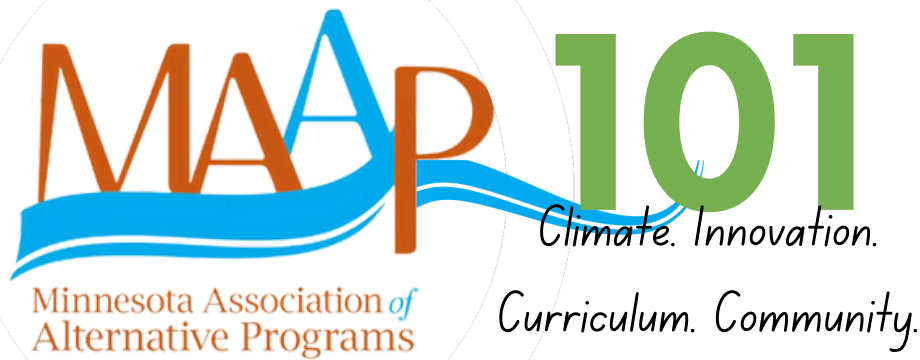
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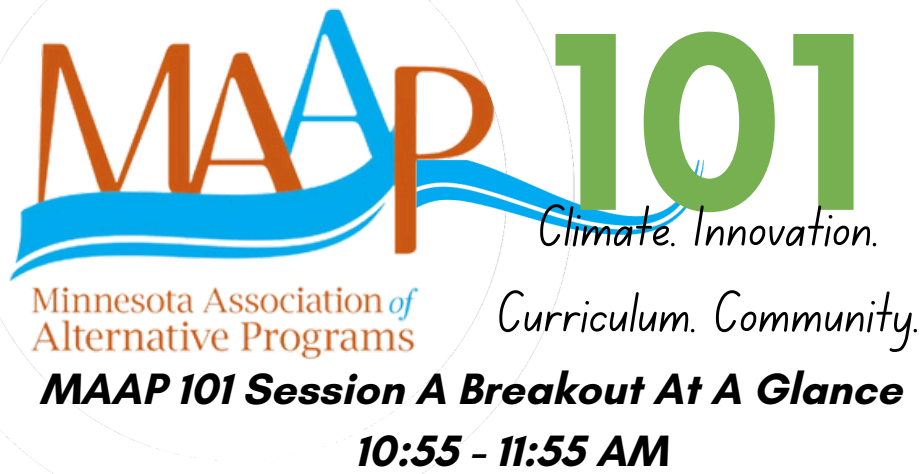
	HIVE	DEN	BAT CAVE	LODGE
8:20-8:50	Registration			
9:50-9:25	Keynote			
A 9:30-10:30	Intro to Restorative Practices -Jen Goephert	Surviving to Thriving -Rod Haenke	AI In Schools -Alex Belilse	
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B 10:55-11:55	Educator and Student Discussion Panel -Craig Wignes	Empowering Change -Dr. Mark Gillen	Brains, Bodies, and Behavior -Marty Conaty	Poetry Out Loud -Mary Hillmann
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C 12:50-1:50	Building Social Capital Through Circle -De Musselman Dave Hagman	Increasing Group Effectiveness -Dr. Mark Gillen	Hidden in Plain Sight -Kaylee Henson -Lily Yang	Hope -Peter Wiecezorek
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D 2:15-3:15	Building Social Capital Through Circle -De Musselman -Dave Hagman	Understanding Personal Bias -Joe Jezierski	What the Heck is MAAP StARS? -Greg Zimmerman	Embracing the Great Outdoors -Erin Anderson -Drew Mossman



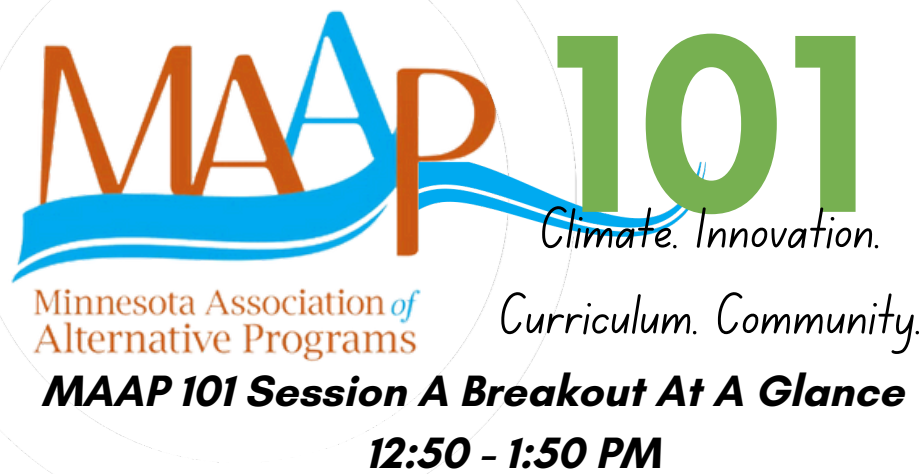
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9:30 - 10:30 AM


<p>Transformative Connections: Getting Acquainted with Restorative Practices</p> <p>Presenter: Jen Goephert</p> <p>Location: HIVE</p>	<p>In today's educational landscape, student behavior is a hot topic, and the Restorative Practices (RP) approach is gaining attention. But why? Is RP just another passing trend? Join us to discover why RP is much more than a temporary fad. This session will cover the fundamentals of Restorative Practices, including its Indigenous roots and the concept of a "restorative mindset." We will discuss how to lay a strong foundation for implementing RP in the classroom. You'll learn about the use of circles, a powerful tool for fostering connections, building community, and repairing harm. We will also explore strategies for depersonalizing student behavior, which helps promote a restorative mindset. By the end of the session, you will leave with ideas to create classroom environments that are radically democratic, where every voice is heard, every presence is valued, and the unique wisdom of each student is acknowledged. Additionally, participants will gain access to a complimentary online course titled "Introduction to Restorative Practices," which can be shared with your educational community.</p>
<p>Surviving to Thriving: What Leaders Value in New Teachers</p> <p>Presenter: Rod Haenke</p> <p>Location: DEN</p>	<p>Awaiting Description</p>
<p>AI in Schools</p> <p>Presenter: Alex Belilse</p> <p>Location: BAT CAVE</p>	<p>The AI models that are out in the world right now are the worst version of AI that our students will use in their lifetime. It is important that we as educators do not remain ignorant of AI and strive to understand its role in our schools, how to keep students out of harm's way while using it, how to use it as a tool supporting student education, and become aware of the costs that come with AI</p>



<p>Educator and Student Discussion Panel</p> <p>Presenter: Craig Wignes</p> <p>Location: HIVE</p>	<p>It may not always feel like it, but we are on the same side. Join us for a panel discussion to answer your questions and find out, from both staff and student perspectives, what is and isn't working today in education. Learn about building healthy, meaningful relationships with your students. Hear why students value educational choice and how our programs should benefit them every single day. Get advice on how to connect with your students while learning how you can truly empower them in the learning process</p>
<p>Empowering change: Building Solution-focused beliefs to work more effectively</p> <p>Presenter: Dr. Mark Gillen</p> <p>Location: DEN</p>	<p>This workshop will assist you in expanding your knowledge of Solution Focused mindsets and how to integrate these into work. We will discuss current practices and review the foundations of SF while focusing on how to effectively utilize SF beliefs in schools.</p>
<p>Brains, Bodies, and Behavior</p> <p>Presenter: Marty Conaty</p> <p>Location: BAT CAVE</p>	<p>Brains Bodies and Behaviors provides educational personnel to use a holistic approach to understanding student behaviors and needs as well as providing strategies which may be used to intervene with behaviors in the school setting. Marty incorporates her training, knowledge and skills to assist educational team members identify and use information from comprehensive evaluations including communication, sensory needs when observing and intervening with student behaviors. This training will also provide attendees information on the use of Trauma Informed Practices as well as Secondary Trauma and Compassion Fatigue.</p>
<p>Poetry Out Loud</p> <p>Presenter: Mary Hillman</p> <p>Location: LODGE</p>	<p>Bring language to life through poetry! Develop youth voices using the works of great classic and contemporary poets through Poetry Out Loud's FREE resources that align to standards and can complement any curriculum. A robust anthology of poetry allows students to express themselves while building public speaking skills and self-confidence. Optional free competitions are available at the local, regional, state and national levels where students can win scholarships and poetry materials for your school!</p>



<p>Building Social Capital Through Circle</p> <p>Presenter: De Musselman & Dave Hagman</p> <p>Location: HIVE</p>	<p>Circle is a communication process focusing on speaking and listening skills. Circle provides an opportunity to experience the power of the collective mind and heart. The Circle allows everyone safe expression of ideas and emotions. You will be actively engaged in this session.</p>
<p>Increasing Group Counseling Effectiveness Through Group Theory and Experiential Activities</p> <p>Presenter: Dr. Mark Gillen</p> <p>Location: DEN</p>	<p>This presentation will include experiential group activities blended into a review of the use and effectiveness of group theory.</p>
<p>Hidden In Plain</p> <p>Presenter: Kaylee Henson & Lily Yang</p> <p>Location: BAT CAVE</p>	<p>This presentation shares the latest drug trends for youth, along with signs adolescents may be using drugs or alcohol. This presentation includes tips and tricks for searching electronic devices and what resources are available.</p>
<p>Hope</p> <p>Presenter: Peter Wieczorek</p> <p>Location: LODGE</p>	<p>Hope is the belief that the future can be brighter and better than the past and that we have a role in making it happen." Northwest Passage HS has embarked on a journey to improve student outcomes and support staff by focusing on the Psychology of Hope.</p>



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2:15 - 3:15 PM

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<p>Understanding Personal Bias and Relationship Building</p> <p>Presenter: Joe Jezierski</p> <p>Location: DEN</p>	<p>In this session participants will learn specifics about personal bias, how to begin to identify their own personal biases, and how to use this understanding in creating better relationships with their students and families</p>
<p>What the Heck is MAAP STARS?</p> <p>Presenter: Greg Zimmerman</p> <p>Location: BAT CAVE</p>	<p>MAAP STARS is 30 years old and it makes a difference! Want to know more about it? Come to this session to find out how to start a STARS Chapter, learn about potential resources that are available to help you, hear how others have incorporated STARS into their school and find out what extraordinary life-changing experiences it offers for you and your students</p>
<p>Embracing the Great Outdoors: Unlocking the Benefits of Outdoor Learning for Student Success</p> <p>Presenter: Erin Anderson</p> <p>Location: LODGE</p>	<p>Explore the many benefits of outdoor learning for students and discuss practical strategies for designing effective outdoor education programs with school leaders doing this work daily. Research shows that learning in natural environments can enhance academic performance, improve mental health, and foster a sense of environmental stewardship among students. By incorporating outdoor learning experiences into school curricula, you can engage students in active and meaningful ways, promote creativity, and build teamwork and problem-solving skills. Make the most of nature's classroom in a way that is safe, accessible, and standards aligned!</p>

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