2025 IDM Institute Agenda

IDM Institute 2025: Designing the Future of Inquiry

Day 1: IDM and Building Block Inquiries (BBI) in Action

Date: July 24, 2025
Time: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM ET

Focus: Practical strategies for designing and using Building Block Inquiries (BBIs) within the IDM framework

Part I: Framing, Filling and Framing with IDM (10:00 AM – 12:30 PM)

Time	Session	Format
10:00 – 10:30	Welcome & Our Shared Work on Inquiry	Whole Group
10:30 – 11:30	Framing an Inquiry: Content Angle and Compelling Questions	Structured Design Time – Exercises 1 & 2
11:30 – 12:30	Framing an Inquiry: Supporting Questions	Structured Design Time – Exercises 3 & 4

LUNCH BREAK (12:30 – 1:30 PM)

Part II: Exploring with BBIs (1:30 PM – 4:00 PM)

Time	Session	Format
1:30 – 3:00	Making Inquiry Possible Filling and Finishing an Inquiry: Tasks and Sources	Structured Design Time – Exercises 5, 6 & 7
3:00 – 3:30	*Writing up* the Inquiry	Individual / Small Group
3:30 – 4:00	Reflections + What Comes Next	Whole Group

Day 2: Inquiry Innovation Lab

Date: July 25, 2025
Time: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM ET

Focus: Exploring and integrating new frontiers in inquiry—curriculum, tradebooks, AI, and elementary adaptations

Part I: Building Blocks of Inquiry (10:00 AM – 12:30 PM)

Time	Session	Format
10:00 – 10:45	Our Starting Place with BBI	Structure Design Group – Exercise 3
10:45 – 11:15	*building up* the BBI	Individual / Small Group
11:15 – 12:30	Reflections + What Comes Next	Whole Group

LUNCH BREAK (12:30 – 1:30 PM)

Part II: AI (1:30 PM – 4:00 PM)

Time	Session	Format
1:30 – 2:00	The Role of AI in Inquiry Design	Whole Group
2:00 – 3:00	Working with AI tools	Team Sessions
3:00 – 3:30	Sharing with AI tools	Team Sharing
3:30 – 4:00	Closing Reflections & Looking Ahead to the Academy	Whole Group