The mission of the Central Regional Professional Development Center is to build the capacity of the entire school community to maximize student performance through high quality professional development.

The Central Regional Professional Development Center is one of nine Regional Professional Development Centers established by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Funding for the Central RPDC is through an annual grant from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education with monies generated by Senate Bill 380 and with support from the University of Central Missouri. Membership fees from participating school districts also support the Central RPDC.

The Central RPDC is located on the campus of the University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg. The Central Region is comprised of the following fourteen Missouri counties:

- Benton
- Bates
- Carroll
- Cass
- Henry
- Hickory
- Johnson
- Lafayette
- Morgan
- Pettis
- Ray
- St. Clair
- Saline
- Vernon

The state Regional Professional Development Centers provide a wide range of services to meet the needs of teachers, administrators, and school districts.

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