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JW Marriott Austin | July 15-17



Agenda

Sunday, July 14

- ⌚ 3:00 – 7:00 pm
Exhibitor Registration Open
- ⌚ 3:00 – 7:00 pm
Attendee Registration Open

Monday, July 15

- ⌚ 7:30 am
Registration Open
- ⌚ 7:30 – 8:30 am
Breakfast with Exhibitors
- ⌚ 8:30 – 11:30 am
Pre-Conference Sessions
Advance Registration Required
- ⌚ 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Lunch on Your Own



Session 1:

The Legal Panel

Presented by Amy Foster, Eichelbaum Wardell Hansen Powell & Muñoz, P.C., Pam Kaminsky, Rogers Morris & Grover, L.L.P., Eric Rodriguez, Walsh Gallegos Kyle Robinson & Roalson P.C., Kendra Yoch, Thompson & Horton LLP

This ever-popular panel of attorneys will dissect some of the hot legal issues special education leaders are facing right now.

Sponsored by TASB Student Solutions

Session 2:

Creative Budgeting

Presented by Cindy Moses, TCASE Services by Design

With school district budgets being stripped left and right, it is vital to find creative ways to develop and maintain your budget. How do you ensure your budget supports the strategic plan for your district? How do you make sure you are seen, and included, as a part of the solution to a budget crisis? What are some tips and tricks for maximizing the funding you have available to you? Learn strategies you can use to ensure you have the money needed to keep your special education program humming. A panel of directors will also share some of their creative budgeting techniques.

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Session 3:

Specially Designed Instruction

Presented by Heather Jarboe, New Braunfels ISD, Vanessa Showman Kosar, North East ISD, Veronica Mechler, Northside ISD, Moderated by Kimberly Baumgardner, ESC Region 20

Hear from a panel of district leaders as they share ways to improve SDI for students with disabilities.

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:: 1:00 – 2:15 pm
**Welcome & Opening
 General Session**

:: 2:15 – 3:00 pm
 Break with Exhibitors

:: 3:00 – 4:00 pm
 Learning Lab Sessions

:: 4:00 – 4:30 pm
 Break with Exhibitors

:: 4:30 – 5:30 pm
 Learning Lab Sessions

:: 8:00 – 11:00 pm
TCASE Together Evening Event
 Come together and unwind from the day
 with your TCASE community for connections,
 music and dessert.



Infinite Influence:

Communicate and Connect with
 Anyone, Anytime in a Multi-
 Generational World

Presented by Alyson Van Hooser, Van Hooser Leadership

People everywhere are struggling to figure out how to communicate, connect, and influence in today's diverse world. It's been a struggle for decades and the challenge is increasing! Is there a practical solution? Absolutely! And it starts with a perspective shift on leadership – how to best lead yourself and the people around you. To lead and influence others, an authentic connection must be made with your people -- those you like and those you don't, those you understand, and those who confuse you most. This authentic connection is the foundation for success! Using the "Stories, Not Just Statistics" strategy will show you that it's in an individual's personal stories where you will find an unfailing compass pointing to exactly what to say and do to effectively engage and influence people of any generation, background, or professional level. This high-energy, incredibly relatable session will inspire, hit home, shift your mindset, and uncover a new paradigm in which to see yourself and everyone you know going forward. With this new perspective, you hold the power to build infinite influence, transformational impact, and achieve unlimited success!



Tuesday, July 16

:: 7:30 – 8:30 am
Breakfast with Exhibitors

:: 8:30 – 9:45 am
General Session

:: 9:45 – 10:30 am
Break with Exhibitors

:: 10:30 – 11:30 am
Learning Labs

:: 11:30 – 1:00 pm
Lunch on Your Own


:: 1:00 – 2:00 pm
Learning Labs

:: 2:00 – 2:30 pm
Break with Exhibitors

:: 2:30 – 3:30 pm
Learning Labs


:: 3:30 – 4:00 pm
Break with Exhibitors

:: 4:00 – 5:00 pm
Learning Labs



TEA State of the State
Presented by Bayes Achievement Center

Join Kristin Mcguire of the Texas Education Agency for a conversation discussing the latest updates on the state of special education in Texas.




Wednesday, July 17

:: 8:00 – 9:00 am
Breakfast

:: 9:00 – 10:15 am
General Session

:: 10:15 – 10:30 am
Break with Exhibitors

:: 10:30 – 11:45 am
Closing General Session

Status Check on the Texas Legislature

Presented by Dr. Andrea Chevalier, TCASE, Dr. Michelle Smith, Raise Your Hand Texas, Rep. James Talarico, HD Chambers

Hear from a panel of legislative insiders as they discuss how the legislative landscape impacts education and what to watch for in the upcoming election.

General Session: Monitoring

Presented by Ed O'Neill, Laurie Merrell, Texas Education Agency

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