



# 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL CURRICULUM, RESEARCH, AND INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERS CONFERENCE

**JULY 9-12, 2024**

Westin Michigan Avenue | Chicago, IL

**REGISTRATION BROCHURE**



**Council of the Great City Schools**  
**Curriculum, Research, and Instructional Leaders Conference**  
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<https://cvent.me/QPolRZ>

**REGISTRATION & SPONSORSHIP FEES**

**School Districts/Colleges of Education**

- ❖ **\$300** Council Member School District
- ❖ **\$300** College of Education Member
- ❖ **\$450** Nonmember School Districts
- ❖ **\$75** Late Fee if registering after June 28, 2024

**Sponsorships (please refer to [Sponsorship Guidelines](#))**

*Must be a sponsoring company/organization to attend*

- ❖ **\$15,000** - Diamond Level Sponsor
- ❖ **\$10,000** - Platinum Level Sponsor
- ❖ **\$7,500** - Gold Level Sponsor
- ❖ **\$5,000** - Silver Level Sponsor
- ❖ **\$1,000** Additional Paid Sponsor Attendee (3 maximum) **\*Must be from a sponsoring company**

**REFUND & CANCELLATION POLICY**

All cancellations and substitution requests must be made in writing and emailed to Gregory Bacon at [gbacon@cgcs.org](mailto:gbacon@cgcs.org). Registrations cancelled on or before June 17, 2024, will receive a full refund. Cancellations received from June 17- June 28 will receive a 50% refund of the registration fee. Cancellations made after **June 28 and no-shows on July 12 will not receive a refund** and will be billed the full amount. Purchase orders will not be accepted on-site. An additional \$75 late registration fee will be added for registrations received after June 28, 2024.

**HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION**

Call the Westin Michigan Avenue Chicago directly to book your room at 312-943-7200. Ask for the CGCS or Council of the Great City Schools meeting rate.

Room rates are \$214 per night, single or double, plus 17.4% tax. The cut-off date for the group rate is Friday, June 14, 2024. You may also make reservations online by clicking [here](#).



# Council of the Great City Schools

## Curriculum, Research, and Instructional Leaders Conference

*From Reality to Results: Driving Improvements in Urban Student Outcomes*

This conference will focus on how urban districts leaders can utilize high-quality curriculum, research, and instruction as schools and districts continue to dismantle inequities in schooling and outcomes in urban education. The meeting will highlight strategies that help improve school culture and climate, re-engaging students in rigorous high-quality instruction, scale promising innovations, connect American Rescue Plan (ARP) investments to increased student outcomes, and demonstrate the strategic use of data in addressing the persistent inequities within urban schools. It is an opportunity to network across instructional roles within and across districts that share common goals and challenges. Invited district leaders include:

- Chief Academic Officers
- Chief Performance/Accountability Officers
- Chiefs of Schools
- Chief Innovation Officers
- Equity Officers
- Curriculum Directors/Instructional Leaders
- Research and Accountability Directors
- Principal Supervisors
- Special Education Directors
- Social Emotional Learning, Restorative Justice, and Mental Health Leaders
- English Language Directors
- Early Learning Leaders
- Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Leaders

Participants will work collaboratively with their peers and invited speakers to learn about programs and processes that have been successful in Council member districts. **Districts are welcome to submit presentation proposals for the conference by following this [link](#). Proposals are due no later than May 1st. Presenters will be notified no later than May 29th.**

### AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

	Tuesday, July 9	Wednesday, July 10	Thursday, July 11	Friday, July 12
7:30 am	Breakfast on your own	Registration (7:30 am – 4:00 pm)	Registration (7:30 am – 4:00 pm)	
8:00 am		Breakfast (8:00 am – 8:45 am)	Breakfast (8:00 am – 8:45 am)	Breakfast (8:00 am – 8:45 am)
8:30 am				
9:00 am		Keynote Speaker & Cross-District Reflection Time (8:45 am – 9:45 am)	District-Led Presentations (8:45 am – 12:00 pm)	Problem of Practice Using Dashboards Artificial Intelligence (AI) Session Cross-District Reflection Time (8:45 am – 12:00 pm)
9:30 am		Break: Transition to Sessions		
10:00 am		Role-Alike Sessions (10:00 am – 12:00 pm)		
10:30 am				
11:00 am				
11:30 am	Registration (11:00 am – 4:00 pm)			
12:00 pm	Lunch (12:00 pm – 1:00 pm)	Lunch (12:00 pm – 1:00 pm)	Awards Luncheon (12:00 pm – 1:30 pm)	Lunch: Grab & Go (12:00 pm – 1:00 pm)
12:30 pm				
1:00 pm	Opening Kickoff & Icebreaker (1:00 pm – 2:00 pm)	Keynote Speaker & Cross-District Reflection Time (1:00 pm – 2:00 pm)	Keynote Speaker & Cross-District Reflection Time (1:30 pm – 3:00 pm)	
1:30 pm				
2:00 pm	District-Led Panel (2:00 pm – 2:45 pm)			
2:30 pm	Break			
3:00 pm	Role-Alike Sessions (2:00 pm – 5:00 pm)	District-Led Presentations (3:00 pm – 5:00 pm)	Role-Alike Session (3:00 pm – 5:00 pm)	
3:30 pm				
4:00 pm				
4:30 pm				
5:00 pm	On-site Reception (5:00 pm – 6:30 pm)	On-site Cocktail Reception (5:00 pm – 6:00 pm)	On Your Own	
Evening				

## ABOUT THE COUNCIL

The Council of the Great City Schools brings together the nation's largest urban public school systems in a coalition dedicated to the improvement of education for children in the inner cities. The Council and its member school districts work to help our schoolchildren meet the highest standards and become successful and productive members of society. The organization also helps to build capacity in urban education with programs to boost academic performance and narrow achievement gaps; improve professional development; enhance the opportunity to learn; and strengthen leadership, governance, and management. The Council accomplishes its mission by connecting urban school districts from coast to coast who work under similar conditions.

## COUNCIL DISTRICT MEMBERS

Albuquerque, Anchorage, Arlington (Texas), Atlanta, Aurora (Colorado), Austin, Baltimore, Birmingham, Boston, Bridgeport, Broward County, Buffalo, Charleston, Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Chicago, Cincinnati, Clark County (Las Vegas), Cleveland, Columbus, Dallas, Dayton, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, Duval County, East Baton Rouge, El Paso, Fayette County (Lexington), Fort Worth, Fresno, Guilford County (Greensboro, N.C.), Hawaii, Hillsborough County, Houston, Indianapolis, Jackson, Jefferson County (Louisville), Kansas City, Little Rock, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Memphis-Shelby, Miami-Dade County, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Nashville, New Orleans, New York City, Newark, Norfolk, Oakland, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Orange County (Florida), Palm Beach County, Philadelphia, Phoenix Union, Pinellas County, Pittsburgh, Portland, Providence, Puerto Rico, Richmond, Rochester, Sacramento, San Antonio, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Ana, Seattle, St. Louis, St. Paul, Toledo, Tulsa, Washington, D.C., Washoe County (Reno), Wichita, and Winston Salem/Forsyth County