

Arizona's 2026 IDEA Conference

August 18–20, 2026

Grand Hyatt Scottsdale Resort



ADE/ESS is excited to share that Arizona's 2026 IDEA Conference will be held from August 18–20, with Preconference August 17, at the Grand Hyatt Scottsdale Resort.

This year's theme is Stronger Systems, Better Outcomes—for Every Student. This cross-stakeholder event is intended for special education administrative staff, youths and young adults with disabilities, family members and caregivers, state agency staff, educators, related service providers, and community members who share a commitment to student success.

The event will feature numerous professional learning opportunities, including IDEA legal issues, instructional practices, national trends and hot topics, special education compliance, preschool and secondary transition, and content for related service providers.

Registration Information

The conference registration fee for professionals is **\$425** per person and can be paid by credit card, check, or purchase order. ADE/ESS is aware that PEAs may have approaching procurement deadlines related to issuing purchase orders, so please do not delay in registering for the conference. Registration is anticipated to fill quickly.

Please visit the [IDEA Conference Registration web page](#) to learn more about registering, including making a Seat request, Lodging, Registration and Payment Deadlines, and IDEA Registration Support.

Lodging

The conference room block rate for Arizona's 2026 IDEA Conference is \$199/night (not including taxes) for the nights of the conference (Monday, August 17, 2025–Wednesday, August 19, 2026). To make your reservation, [go to the Grand Hyatt Scottsdale Booking Site](#) . The last day to book at the conference rate is July 27, 2026.

The conference room block rate for Arizona's 2026 IDEA Conference of \$199/night (not including taxes) exceeds the state rate of \$113/night. This price may mean your organization will not reimburse the full amount of your lodging expenses unless you request an exception prior to the conference. Participants are encouraged to clarify any lodging reimbursement policies with their respective employer. Typically, when rooms at a conference hotel are contracted at a higher rate than the State allowable nightly rate, supplemental documentation may be necessary to request an exception. Please use this document to support an exception.

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Daily Agenda

Monday, 8/17, Preconference

- 12:00–5:00 p.m. Preconference Activities (Specific Groups Only)
- 5:30–6:30 p.m. Evening Registration
- 5:30–6:30 p.m. Vendor Set-Up

Tuesday, 8/18

- 7:00–8:30 a.m.
Registration and
Breakfast Buffet
- 8:30–9:30 a.m. Opening
Remarks and Welcome
- 9:30–10:30 a.m.
Opening Keynote
- 10:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Concurrent Session 1
- 12:00–1:00 p.m. Lunch
Buffet
- 1:00–2:15 p.m.
Concurrent Session 2
- 2:30–3:45 p.m.
Concurrent Session 3

Evening Events

- 2:30–6:00 p.m.
Youth/Young Adult
Event
- 4:00–6:00 p.m.
Professional Event
- 4:00–6:00 p.m.
Parent/Caregiver Event

Wednesday, 8/19

- 7:00–8:00 a.m.
Registration and
Breakfast Buffet
- 8:00–9:00 a.m.
Opening Remarks and
Presentation of Awards
- 9:15–10:30 a.m. Youth
and Family Keynote,
Professional Keynote,
Early Childhood Special
Education Keynote
- 10:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Concurrent Session 1
- 12:00–1:00 p.m. Lunch
Buffet
- 1:00–2:15 p.m.
Concurrent Session 2
- 2:30–3:45 p.m.
Concurrent Session 3

Evening Events

- 4:00–6:00 p.m.
Networking Reception

Thursday, 8/20

- 7:00–8:00 a.m.
Registration and
Breakfast Buffet
- 8:00–9:15 a.m.
Concurrent Session 1
- 9:30–10:45 a.m.
Concurrent Session 2
- 11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Concurrent Session 3
- 12:15–1:00 p.m. Lunch
Buffet

Visit the [IDEA Conference web page](#) to learn more about the 2026 IDEA Conference.

Questions? [Email the IDEA Conference Inbox.](#)