

IDEA Conference Update



April 2026 SPED Professionals Check-In



Conference Details

Location

Grand Hyatt Scottsdale Resort



Highlights

- August 18–20, 2026 with
Preconference sessions on August 17
- Evening events
- National speakers
- Breakout sessions

Exciting Opportunities

Youth and Family Scholarship

- Youth and young adults with disabilities ages 14–26, and/or their family member/personal assistant.
- In partnership with:
 - Arizona Department of Health Services, Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program
 - Arizona Rehabilitation Services Administration/Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program
- Deadline to apply is **May 29**.

Student Artwork

- Showcase student talent on-site and digitally.
- Deadline to submit artwork is **May 8**.

Secondary Transition Services

Awards

- Nominate a youth/young adult, community member, or educator
- Deadline to nominate is **May 8**.



Registration: What's New

- Jotform platform for applications and seat requests
- APLD Learner ID **required** for seat requests
- Supplemental forms
- Virtual Office Hours
- Bundled Registration Prices



Conference Registration Pricing

Professional Registration

\$425 for full conference

[Submit Professional Registration seat request.](#)

Note: Annual registration fees are subject to budget costs. We encourage you to register promptly—spots are expected to fill quickly.

Leadership Preconference

- \$150 for Preconference Only
- \$500 for Preconference and Professional Registration (\$75 discount)

If applying for the preconference, do not submit a standard professional seat request.

[Submit an application for IDEA Leadership Preconference.](#)



How to Register

1. Submit a **seat request or application** for review by the IDEA Conference Committee.
2. If approved for payment, you will receive instructions to **complete registration by submitting payment** through the Arizona Professional Learning and Development System (**APLD**).
3. **If notified** by email, submit the Arizona's 2026 IDEA Conference **Supplemental Form** to complete registration.

Deadline to complete all steps: July 27, 2026



Grand Hyatt Resort Scottsdale Room Block

Check-in: Monday, August 17 (after 4:00 PM)

Check-out: Thursday, August 20 (by 11:00 AM)

Conference Room Block Rate: \$199 per night (excluding taxes)

Reservations must be made through the [ADE/ESS IDEA Conference Grand Hyatt Scottsdale booking site](#).

Last Date to Book at Conference Rate: **July 27, 2026**

Note: The conference room block rate for Arizona's 2026 IDEA Conference is \$199/night (not including taxes), which exceeds the state rate of \$113/night. . Participants are encouraged to clarify any lodging reimbursement policies with their respective employer.



For More Information

[Visit the IDEA Conference web page](#) or scan the QR code

We hope to see you in August!

