

ACET

WHERE CHAMPIONS
ARE MADE

A HYBRID EVENT

FALL 2023 ACET
CONFERENCE PREVIEW GUIDE

OCTOBER 24-27, 2023

OMNI MANDALAY HOTEL
LAS COLINAS, TX

WWW.ACETX.ORG



ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

What is ACET?

Since 1974, the Association for Compensatory Educators of Texas has helped thousands of educators provide programs for educationally disadvantaged children in Texas. The ACET Conference is a bi-annual project of the Association and the premier statewide professional development conference focused on state and federal compensatory programs that support equitable academic student outcomes for all Texas students.

A Hybrid Conference Model

We hope you will join us in Las Colinas, but if travel restrictions, cost or other situations pose barriers to attending in person, you can still participate in the conference! Attendees are able to choose between a virtual or in-person registration option.

Session Formats

Hybrid General Sessions

All three of our general sessions will be presented in-person in Las Colinas, while simultaneously live-streamed to the virtual audience.
These sessions will be recorded.

Hybrid Breakout Sessions

In the event that a TEA presenter is off site, both our virtual audience and our in-person audience will be able to join in on the session. The virtual attendee will log into the app on their device, while the in-person attendees will view the session with peers in a “watch party room” where the presentation will be live-streamed on the big screen.
*These TEA sessions will be recorded. *

In-Person Sessions

These sessions will be just like the sessions you are accustomed to attending at ACET. The presenters will be in-person in Las Colinas with an in-person audience seated at tables in groups.
These sessions will **NOT** be recorded.

Virtual Sessions

Virtual sessions are just that - the presenter and audience are connected virtually through the Acelevents conference app.
These TEA sessions will be recorded.



**Recorded sessions will be available through the Acelevents conference app for 30 days following the conclusion of the conference.*

MORE ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

[Register Here](#)

Pre-Conference: \$100

Main Conference: \$500

Every Registration Includes:

- Concurrent sessions
- Keynote presentations
- Q&A opportunities with presenters
- Networking opportunities
- Downloadable session materials
- Individual attendance certificate
- Exhibit Hall access
- Conference app (Accelevents)

Session Topics

Conference schedule is still in development, but these are the Tentative Topics:

- Title I-A: Improving Basic Programs
- Title I-C: Education of Migratory Children
- Title II-A: Supporting Effective Instruction
- Title III-A: English Learners & Immigrant Education
- Title IV-A: Student Support & Academic Enrichment
- Title V-A and B: REAP and Funding Transferability
- Title VII-B: McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
- Closing the Gaps
- Equity-Minded Leadership
- ESSA Private Non-Profit Equitable Services
- ESSER
- Fiscal/Grant Management and Audits
- Highly Mobile Students
- Instructional Best Practices
- Parent, Family and Community Engagement
- Public Policy & Legislative Issues
- School Culture & Climate
- School Improvement
- School Leadership
- Social-Emotional Learning and Mental Health Supports
- Special Education/IDEA-B
- State Compensatory Education
- State Special Allotment Programs

Note about Parking

The conference hotel parking garage is relatively small. While we anticipate there being plenty of parking spaces for the number of in-person attendees predicted, carpooling is encouraged.

Individuals with a handicap placard will receive complimentary valet parking (please indicate your need for special parking during registration).



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Tuesday, October 24 - Pre-Conference

8:30-11:30	Concurrent Breakout Sessions	{ 8:30-9:55 10:15-11:30
11:30 - 1:00	Lunch on your own	
1:00 - 4:00	Concurrent Breakout Sessions	{ 1:00-2:15 2:45-4:00

Wednesday, October 25

Breakfast & lunch on your own. Meal options available for purchase at lobby kiosk.

8:30 - 10:00	General Session 1 <i>Keynote Speaker: KC Mack</i>	
10:30 - 11:30	Concurrent Breakout Sessions	
11:30 - 1:00	Lunch on your own	
1:00 - 4:45	Concurrent Breakout Sessions	{ 1:00-2:00 2:30-3:30 3:45-4:45

**Afternoon
snacks
provided!**

Thursday, October 26

Breakfast & lunch on your own. Meal options available for purchase at lobby kiosk.

8:30 - 10:00	General Session 2 <i>Keynote Speaker: Haley Turner</i>	
10:30 - 11:30	Concurrent Breakout Sessions	
11:30 - 1:00	Lunch on your own	
1:00 - 3:30	Concurrent Breakout Sessions	{ 1:00-2:00 2:30-3:30

**Afternoon
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3:45 - 4:30 Regional Meetings

4:30 - 5:45 Tailgate Reception

All conference attendees are welcome! Join us for heavy hors d'oeuvres, beverages, door prizes, student entertainment and tons of fun!

Friday, October 27

8:30 - 12:00	General Session 3 <i>Keynote Speaker: Cory Green & TEA Staff</i>	
12:00 - 12:30	Closing & Door Prizes	

**Exhibit Hall
Open W-Th
8:00 -5:00**

PRE-CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 24  **8:30-4:00**

**\$100
ADD-ON**

The Fall 2023 Pre-Conference offers attendees an opportunity to learn fundamental information that will help enhance their experience at the main conference through an **individually customizable** pre-conference format. Think of it as a warm up before the big game. In our Pre-Season Warm Up, our presenters will go a little deeper, explain a little more, about topics without assuming you already know the basics. These sessions are presented by experts from TEA, ESCs and LEA staff who have a wealth of combined knowledge to offer. Our goal is to provide context that will support your learning during the main event. Though you may register for the pre-conference as a stand-alone event, our hope is that you combine it with the main conference to build your capacity as a leader in compensatory educational programs.

Hybrid: Attendees may join us in person at the conference site, or for the first time in ACET history, the Pre-Conference is offered as a hybrid model! Attendees may now join us from the comfort of your own work space at home/office, too!

Pre-Conference: Tuesday, October 24

Session 1 8:30-9:55	Session 2 10:15-11:30	Session 3 1:00-2:15	Session 4 2:45-4:00
Getting Started in Federal Programs Mercedes Rassi & Elizabeth Garza	10 Things I Wish I Knew as a Federal Program Director Elizabeth Garza	How Did You Pay for that Hotdog? Federal Funds 101 Leslee Schauer & Rickey Santellana	Title III: Let's Tackle The Basics Rickey Santellana
State Allotments Game Plan Jamie Bryson	SCE Kick-Off: Starting with the Basics Angela Clark	SCE At-Risk Indicators: Serving Up Support for Students Vickie Ansley	SCE Policies & Procedures: What's in your Playbook? Dahlinda Alaniz
The EDGAR Experience Lauren McKinney	EDGAR: Do My Policies Measure Up? Sherry Harris	ESSER – Fourth Quarter Planning (Rookies) Sherry Harris	How to Get Your Parents Off the Sidelines and Into the Game Ellen Hogan
Title I, A Schoolwide Elements: Roster, Playbook, and Gameday Film Michele Mangrum	A Rookie's Playbook to School Finance Basics Henri Gearing	A PNP Introduction: The Fundamentals Amber Reed	You Can't Pour From an Empty Cup: Self Care Amber Reed

Virtual Sessions

School Finance Basics Henri Gearing RECORDED	"How Did You Pay for that Hotdog? Federal Funds 101 Leslee Schauer & Rickey Santellana" RECORDED	EDGAR Overview Lauren McKinney RECORDED	EDGAR: Do My Policies Measure Up? Sherry Harris RECORDED
SCE Kick-Off: Starting with the Basics Angela Clark RECORDED	SCE At-Risk Indicators: Serving Up Support for Students Vickie Ansley RECORDED	SCE Policies & Procedures: What's in your Playbook? Dahlinda Alaniz RECORDED	10 Things I Wish I Knew: Fed Director Elizabeth Garza RECORDED

PRE-CONFERENCE STARTING LINEUP



Dahlinda Alaniz
TEA



Vickie Ansley
ESC Region 16



Jamie Bryson
Humble ISD
(retired)



Angela Clark
ESC Region 7



Elizabeth Garza
Midland ISD



Henri Gearing
ESC Region 15



Sherry Harris
ESC Region 13



Ellen Hogan
ESC Region 12



Michele Mangrum
ESC Region 7



Lauren McKinney
Int'l Leadership
of Texas



Mercedes Rassi
ESC Region 15



Amber Reed
ESC Region 10



Rickey Santellana
TEA



Leslee Schauer
Calallen ISD

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

KC MACK: TEACHER/COMEDIAN/PUBLIC SPEAKER

WEDNESDAY



Keynote Focus: Bringing You Out of the Burnout

Bio: KC Mack is a former Dallas Special Education Teacher, Screenwriter, and Professional Comedian. KC Mack has been featured in *Bored Teachers* and *The Teachers Only Comedy Tour*. KC's Teacher Life with Mr. Mack has gained over 50 million views over all social media platforms. KC wrote the script for "Summer Break", the first feature film written by a teacher, for teachers, and starring teachers. The film touches on the subject of teacher burnout. The film will star KC Mack along with a host of other teacher celebrity entertainers.

HALEY TURNER: WALSH GALLEGOS LAW FIRM

THURSDAY



Keynote Focus: Providing state legislative updates from the 88th session

Bio: Haley Turner comes from three generations of public educators – teachers, counselors, nurses, coaches, and administrators – and grew up hearing about every aspect of the issues facing public schools.

Haley prides herself in providing practical, results-driven counsel, and believes the most effective way to assist public schools is to help build relationships between Superintendents, Boards, and the communities they serve. Haley is a highly sought-after speaker at school law conferences and frequently provides training in all areas of school law.

CORY GREEN: TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY

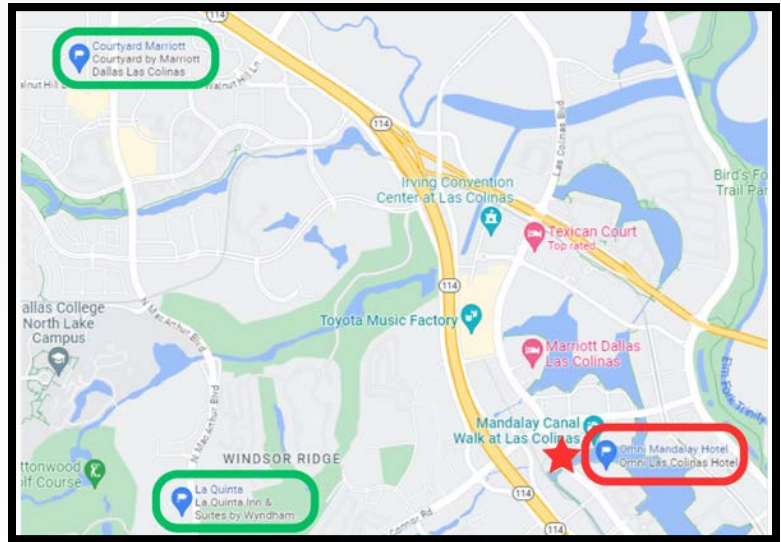
FRIDAY



Keynote Focus: Hot topics from Grants, Compliance and Administration

Bio: Cory Green is the Associate Commissioner and Chief Grants Officer at TEA. He has worked at TEA since 1995. He has spent his career at TEA in federal grant program administration and compliance. In his current role, he oversees five divisions and a department staff that administers all state and federal grant programs. Responsibilities include grant funding, application development and approval, fiscal compliance, reporting, fiscal and program compliance monitoring, and program implementation.

LODGING



Conference Hotel

Omni Mandalay Hotel

221 Las Colinas Blvd. E

Irving, TX 75039

Conference room rate: \$164/night (+tax/fees)

Complimentary self-parking for hotel guests

Valet parking is \$25 per night



***Most convenient option
for lodging!***



OVERFLOW HOTELS



Courtyard by Marriott

1151 West Walnut Hill Lane

Conference room rate: \$151/night (+tax/fees)

Complimentary self parking

(4.2 miles from conference hotel)



La Quinta

4225 N. MacArthur Blvd.

Conference room rate: \$129/night (+tax/fees)

Complimentary self parking

(2.3 miles from conference hotel)



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September

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Registration Opens

Please provide payment within 10 days of registration if paying by check or EFT.
(Reminder: POs are not a form of payment)

September

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Full Refund Available

Written request must be received in ACET office on/before September 19.

Sept. Oct.
20 - 9

Partial Refund Available

Partial refund of \$250 available. Written request must be received in ACET office on/before October 9 @ midnight.

October

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and after

No refunds for cancellations

October

23

starting
@ 5 pm

Check in @ registration booth!

Your badge is your ticket to everything ACET has to offer! Swing by, say hi to our team and receive the info you need to make the most of your ACET experience.

Note: To avoid errors in bookkeeping and challenges in accessing the conference app, no substitutions are allowed. Instead, please cancel your registration and have your replacement initiate a new registration.