



FAQs

Where and when is the 2026 OSBA Annual Convention?

The Annual Convention will be held at the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront on Friday, Nov. 13 (7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.) and Saturday, Nov. 14 (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), with a full-day preconference on Thursday, Nov. 12, at the same location.

Who should attend the convention?

The convention is designed for board members at all levels, superintendents, central office staff and school board administrative professionals. Whether you have attended before or are a first-time attendee, you'll leave motivated, with new ideas and a renewed commitment to help your board accomplish the crucial work ahead to improve student achievement.

Can you provide details about the preconferences?

On Thursday, Nov. 12, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., there will be two concurrent preconferences. The preconference fee is \$315, which includes breakfast and lunch.

Administrative Professionals Preconference: Presented by Keynote Speaker: Sarah E. Merkle, Civility founder/attorney/parliamentarian • will cover important topics for administrative professionals, executive assistants and board clerks.

Education Leaders Preconference: A COSA and OSBA Collaboration • will feature sessions co-led by OSBA and COSA.

How can attendees know which workshops are best suited for their work and interests?

The event app will help attendees identify relevant sessions by using role-specific tags and color coding. Workshops will be labeled to indicate the roles they align with, making it easy for attendees to quickly find sessions that best match their responsibilities and/or interests. These tags are only suggestions; attendees can attend whichever sessions they wish.

Is there an administrative professionals convention strand?

Yes. In addition to the all-day preconference for administrative professionals, there are workshops in the main conference dedicated to them. In the event app, these sessions will be clearly identified with a dedicated tag and color coding so attendees can easily find workshops that align with administrative work.

Can board members attend administrative professionals track workshops during the main conference?

Yes, board members are welcome to attend. However, these sessions are specifically designed for board clerks, secretaries and executive assistants. Although board members may gain insight into these support roles, the content is not focused on board responsibilities and may not offer tools directly relevant to their role.

Will there be a virtual option for the conference or preconference?

No, there will be no virtual or hybrid option.

Will any sessions be recorded?

No sessions will be recorded.

What are the preconference and convention registration cost per person?

SCHOOL LEADER PRECONFERENCE

Nov. 12

\$315 per person

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS PRECONFERENCE

Nov. 12

\$315 per person

COUNCIL OF SCHOOL ATTORNEYS WORKSHOP

Nov. 13

\$150 (*member*)

\$300 (*nonmember*)

CONVENTION

Nov. 13-14

\$645 per person

When does registration open and close?

Registration opens Sept. 15 and closes Oct. 19. For more details, please visit our event website. Onsite registration will incur an additional \$100 fee.

What is the cancellation policy?

Cancellations are subject to a \$100 fee. No refunds will be issued after Oct. 19. After this date, registration prices will increase by \$100, and attendees must register onsite.

Can I substitute another attendee in my place?

No attendee substitutions are permitted.

How do I register student board representatives?

If you plan to bring student board representatives, please email Meghan at mpeterson@osba.org.

Can additional guests join for meals?

No individual meal tickets are available for guests. Meals are included only for registered attendees.

What should I do if I have dietary restrictions or need accessibility accommodations?

Please specify any dietary needs or accessibility requirements during the registration process. There will be a server stationed near the buffet to answer any dietary questions you may have.

Where can I find hotel information?

Hotel details are available on the [lodging information page](#).

Can I receive Leadership Institute (LI) credit for attending?

Some workshops may be eligible for LI credit, though not all. Please refer to the specific workshops outlined in the conference agenda. If you need to check your credits to date, please log into your OSBA/PACE *Membership Portal* [here](#). For further details on the Leadership Institute program, visit: <https://osba.org/board-development>.

When will exhibitors be available?

Exhibitors will be present Thursday evening and all day Friday and Saturday.

Is valet parking available for attendees?

Valet parking is guaranteed for overnight guests. Day-use attendees may also use valet parking, based on availability.



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