

## Frequently Asked Questions



# 2024 OSBA Summer BOARD CONFERENCE

Lift student success through the Board Leadership Institute



### **Q: Where and when is the Summer Board Conference taking place?**

A: The Summer Board Conference will be held at the Salem Convention Center in downtown Salem from Friday, Aug. 9, to Sunday, Aug. 11, 2024.

### **Q: Who should attend?**

A: The conference caters to board members of all levels (including newcomers), superintendents, central office staff and school board administrative professionals.

### **Q: Where can I find the agendas?**

A: Access the conference, pre-conference, and administrative professionals workshop agendas on our Summer Board Conference (SBC) event webpage: <https://osba.org/summer-board-conference>.

### **Q: What is included in the pre-conference?**

A: The pre-conference on Friday, Aug. 9, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., priced at \$305, includes lunch and essential workshops for boards pursuing their silver level in the OSBA Leadership Institute program. Please note, breakfast is exclusively provided to overnight guests at The Grand. For further details on the Leadership Institute program, visit: <https://osba.org/board-development>.

### **Q: Is there a pre-conference specifically for administrative professionals?**

A: Yes, administrative professionals can participate in the full-day workshop on Friday, Aug. 9, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., led by OSBA staff and experienced professionals. Like the leadership Institute pre-conference workshop, the cost for the administrative professionals' workshop is \$305 and includes lunch but not breakfast. It features workshops and discussions essential for administrative professionals serving in support roles for boards and leadership.

### **Q: Will there be a virtual option for the conference or pre-conference?**

A: No, there will not be a virtual option available for this year's pre-conference, administrative professionals' workshop or conference.

### **Q: What are registration costs? Are meals included?**

A: The registration cost for this year's pre-conference and administrative professional workshop is \$305 per person, including Friday lunch but excluding breakfast. The conference registration fee is \$385 per person, covering Saturday lunch but excluding breakfast. Breakfast is exclusively provided to overnight guests at The Grand.

### **Q: When will registration for the conference be open?**

A: Registration will open June 6. For additional information and updates, please visit our event website at <https://osba.org/summer-board-conference>.

**Q: When will registration close?**

A: All registration will close on July 19. Please note that a \$100 cancellation fee applies, and no refunds will be accepted after this date. After July 19, you must register in-person, on-site at the event, with an additional \$100 fee for on-site registration.

**Q: Will on-site registration be available?**

A: Yes, on-site registration will be available. But please note that there will be an additional \$100 charge for late registration, and all fees must be paid at the conference.

**Q: What is your cancellation policy?**

A: All registration will close on July 19. Please note that a \$100 cancellation fee applies, and no refunds will be accepted after this date. After July 19, you must register in-person, on-site at the event, with an additional \$100 fee for on-site registration.

**Q: If I bring someone with me, can they join me for meals?**

A: Yes, they can join you for meals at the cost of the meal ticket price. Please note that meal tickets are limited in number and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Cash-only payment will be accepted by our registration staff.

**Q: What do I do if I have special dietary requirements and/or accessibility accommodations?**

A: When registering, there will be a field for you to provide special requests for dietary needs or accessibility accommodations.

**Q: Where can I find hotel information?**

A: Check out the lodging button on the SBC event webpage <https://osba.org/summer-board-conference>.

**Q: Where is the parking located for the Salem Convention Center? How much does it cost?**

A: Parking information can be found on the Salem Convention Center website at <https://www.salemconventioncenter.org/parking-guide>.

**Q: Can I receive Leadership Institute (LI) credit for attending the conference?**

A: Yes, many workshops will be eligible for LI credit, though not all. Please refer to the specific workshops outlined in the conference agenda. Additionally, all workshops in the pre-conference will be eligible for “silver” level LI credit.

**Q: When will exhibitors be on site?**

A: Conference attendees can visit exhibitors on Saturday and Sunday.

**Q: What COVID-19 protocols, if any, will be required?**

A: Currently, neither the state of Oregon nor Marion County requires any specific COVID-19 protocols.