

AASPA's 88th Annual Conference

October 12-15, 2026 | Austin, TX

Printable Tentative Agenda

*Events and times are subject to change.

	Start Time	End Time	Event	Description	
Sun. Oct 11	2:30 PM	5:30 PM	Conference Registration Open	Swing by the registration desk to get your name badge and Conference Bag.	
	7:30 AM	5:30 PM	Conference Registration Open	Swing by the registration desk to get your name badge and Conference Bag.	
Monday, October 12	8:00 AM	5:30 PM	Information Desk Open	Do you have questions about the event, wondering where a session room is located or are you wanting to purchase a book? Stop by the Information Desk where an AASPA Staff Member will be there to help you will all of your conference needs.	
	8:30 AM	10:15 AM	AM Pre-Conference Workshops	Dive deeper into topics relating to PK-12 HR with these 3 hour Pre-Conference sessions.	
	10:00 AM	10:15 AM	Networking Break		
	10:15 AM	11:30 AM	AM Pre-Conference Workshops Continued		
	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	Lunch on Own		
	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	PM Pre-Conference Workshops	Dive deeper into topics relating to PK-12 HR with these 3 hour Pre-Conference sessions.	
	2:30 PM	2:45 PM	Networking Break		
	2:45 PM	4:00 PM	PM Pre-Conference Workshops Continued		
	4:30 PM	6:00 PM	New Faces, Familiar Places Reception	New Faces, Familiar Places brings together first-time attendees, new AASPA members and returning participants for a welcoming, connection-focused reception. Meet members of the AASPA Executive Board and staff, build relationships with fellow attendees and make meaningful connections with colleagues from your region.	
	7:00 PM	10:00 PM	Welcome Reception	The Welcome Reception will be a great opportunity to meet and network with other conference attendees.	
	Tuesday, October 13	7:00 AM	4:30 PM	Conference Registration Open	Swing by the registration desk to get your name badge and Conference Bag.
		8:00 AM	4:30 PM	Information Desk Open	Do you have questions about the event, wondering where a session room is located or are you wanting to purchase a book? Stop by the Information Desk where an AASPA Staff Member will be there to help you will all of your conference needs.
7:00 AM		8:00 AM	Grab N Go Breakfast Available		
8:00 AM		9:00 AM	Opening Ceremony & Keynote	Join us in Austin and get ready to put your "Boots On" at our 88th Annual Conference, opening with powerful insights from our first Keynote Speaker.	
9:00 AM		10:15 AM	Exhibit Hall Grand Opening	Swing by the Exhibit Hall to network with over 70 organizations/businesses. See what they can do to support your district, teachers and students.	
9:45 AM		10:15 AM	Networking Break		
10:15 AM		11:30 AM	Clinic & Ignite Sessions	With over 100 sessions related to PK-12 HR it might be hard to pick just one session. Choose from 30 min., 45 min. and 1 hr sessions.	
10:15 AM		4:30 PM	Exhibit Hall Open (Closed During Lunch)		
11:30 AM		1:30 PM	Lunch On Own/ Boots, Bites & Business Lunch	Take advantage of a relaxed, small-group lunch during the conference and connect with fellow attendees and industry partners. These hosted lunches provide an opportunity to network, exchange ideas and learn more about products and services that support PK-12 human resource leaders.	
1:30 PM		2:30 PM	Community Conversations	Join us for "Community Conversations" and be a part of the work that will drive the future of AASPA's initiatives.	
1:30 PM		4:15 PM	Clinic & Ignite Sessions	With over 100 sessions related to PK-12 HR it might be hard to pick just one session. Choose from 30 min., 45 min. and 1 hr sessions.	
2:15 PM		3:00 PM	Networking Break		
4:30 PM		6:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Reception	You won't want to miss the Exhibit Hall Reception! Grab a drink and some appetizers, chat with our amazing business partners and try your luck at winning some terrific prizes.	
7:00 PM		10:00 PM	Austin After Hours	Experience Austin After Hours - an evening of connection, conversation and community. Hosted by our sponsors, these gatherings provide the perfect setting to expand your network while enjoying the culture and charm of Austin.	
7:00 AM		4:00 PM	Conference Registration Open	Swing by the registration desk to get your name badge and Conference Bag.	

Wednesday, October 14				Do you have questions about the event, wondering where a session room is located or are you wanting to purchase a book? Stop by the Information Desk where an AASPA Staff Member will be there to help you with all of your conference needs.
	8:00 AM	4:00 PM	Information Desk Open	
	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Grab N Go Breakfast Available	
	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Keynote Speaker	We will also hear an inspiring presentation from our second Keynote Speaker.
	9:00 AM	9:45 AM	Networking Break	
	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	Exhibit Hall Open	Swing by the Exhibit Hall to network with over 70 organizations/businesses. See what they can do to support your district, teachers and students.
	10:15 AM	11:30 AM	Clinic & Ignite Sessions	With over 100 sessions related to PK-12 HR it might be hard to pick just one session. Choose from 30 min., 45 min. and 1 hr sessions.
	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Business Meeting	
	11:30 AM	12:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Closing, Prize Drawings	
	12:00 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch on Own or Join ESS/Proximity Learning	Enjoy lunch on your own or join ESS/Proximity Learning for lunch and learn what they can do to help support your district.
	1:30 PM	2:30 PM	Clinic & Ignite Sessions	With over 100 sessions related to PK-12 HR it might be hard to pick just one session. from 30 min., 1 hr, and 1.5 hr. sessions.
	2:30 PM	3:00 PM	Networking Break	
	2:45 PM	3:45 PM	State Leaders Meeting	
	2:45 PM	4:15 PM	Clinic & Ignite Sessions	With over 100 sessions related to PK-12 HR it might be hard to pick just one session. Choose from 30 min., 45 min., and 1 hr sessions.
	4:30 PM	6:00 PM	2027 Conference Kickoff Party	Join us as we reveal AASPA's 2027 Annual Conference location!
7:00 PM	10:00 PM	Party With a Purpose!	Enjoy dinner, drinks and dancing at this fantastic event. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!	
Thursday, October 15				Do you have questions about the event, wondering where a session room is located or are you wanting to purchase a book? Stop by the Information Desk where an AASPA Staff Member will be there to help you with all of your conference needs.
	7:30 AM	11:30 AM	Information Desk Open	
	7:30 AM	8:30 AM	Breakfast Buffet Available	
	8:30 AM	10:45 AM	Executive Board Meeting	
	8:15 AM	11:00 AM	Clinic & Ignite Sessions	With over 100 sessions related to PK-12 HR it might be hard to pick just one session. Choose from 30 min., 45 min. and 1 hr sessions.
11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Closing Ceremony & Keynote Speaker	Close out the 88th Annual Conference with meaningful inspiration and a lasting takeaway from our final Keynote Speaker.	