

# IAASE

*Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education*

WINTER CONFERENCE | FEBRUARY 21-23, 2018

Crowne Plaza Hotel | Springfield, IL



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Keynote Speaker



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Keynote Speaker

- Over 30 Hours of Professional Development
- Awards
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- Social Hour
- Administrator Academies
- Legal Panel

**Reaching Higher.  
Going Further.**

**The Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education (IAASE) is a non-profit Special education organization for Administrators that promotes educational opportunities for all students with an emphasis on students with disabilities. IAASE’s action oriented administrative focus leads the special education field in the areas of policy development, finance, and legislation at the local, state, and national levels.**

## **IAASE MISSION**

**The IAASE provides leadership related to special education by delivering: impactful advocacy for students and families, guidance for improving student outcomes, progressive professional development, effective legislative advocacy, dynamic networking opportunities, and statewide guidance on policy development.**

IAASE believes in the following core leadership values . . . .

- Upholding ethical leadership standards with integrity
- Exuding a strong sense of passion and commitment to the profession
- Emulating equity through all of our activities
- Creating solutions through adaptive problem solving
- Improving outcomes for students with special needs through data driven decision making
- Promoting change through innovative practices

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# Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education 19th Annual Winter Conference

## *Reaching Higher. Going Further.*

### GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

This conference features timely topics of interest to IAASE members, special education directors and supervisors, and general education administrators.

#### **Dates and Times:**

**February 21, 2018** – Pre-Conference Workshop (Wednesday)  
Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Pre-conference workshop is from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**February 22-23, 2018** – Winter Conference (Thursday and Friday)  
Conference registration and continental breakfast begin at 7:30 a.m. each day. Conference presentations begin promptly at 8:15 a.m. each day.

#### **Conference Location:**

**Crowne Plaza Springfield**  
3000 South Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, Illinois 62703

#### **Crowne Plaza/Holiday Inn Express Reservations:**

**Rate: \$125 per night plus tax** (Single or Double)  
**Phone: (217) 529-7777**

Please use the code IAASE when booking guest rooms at the IAASE Winter Conference rate. Hotel reservations must be made by Monday, January 22, 2018. After this cut-off date, rooms will be subject to availability and the current hotel rate. Reservation cancellations must be made 24 hours prior to the date of arrival to avoid charges.

#### **Pre-Conference Administrators' Academy**

##### **Registration Fee:**

**\$125 Per Person for registrations on or before February 8**

**\$225 Per Person for registrations after February 8, 2018**

**Online Registration closes on February 15, 2018**

(Administrators' Academy Credit Available)

Register early as the pre-conference workshop is limited to 140 participants. The registration fee includes Administrators' Academy credit fee, continental breakfast, working lunch, and materials. (The pre-conference registration fee is not included in the IAASE Winter Conference registration fee.)

#### **Early-Bird Winter Conference Fees for**

##### **Registrations Received on or before February 2:**

**\$175** – FY 2017-2018 IAASE Members Only

**\$275** – Non-Members

**\$ 75** – Full-Time Student Members Currently Enrolled in Sp.

Educ. Administration (Documentation Required)

**\$ 75** – FY 2017-2018 IAASE Retired Members Only

After February 8 the registration fee for each category increases \$100.

#### **The online registration deadline is February 15, 2018**

Remember to register early!! Registration fee includes official programmed events, continental breakfasts, luncheon on Thursday, "Social Hour" on Thursday evening, and access to Guidebook, the 2018 Winter Conference App. Dress for the IAASE Winter Conference is casual.

**Membership enrollment and conference registration is available online. The online registration process will allow you to pay by credit card, check, or purchase order and you will receive an email confirmation! Simply visit [www.iaase.org](http://www.iaase.org) to access the online registration!**

Please make the check payable to IAASE and mail to:

**IAASE WINTER CONFERENCE**

**P. O. 1733**

**Granite City, IL 62040**

**Contact Person: Lydia Sipes (618) 512-1414**

#### **Special Assistance:**

The Crowne Plaza Springfield is a fully accessible site. Conference staff will be happy to assist you with any special needs (physical, dietary, etc.). Please identify any special needs on your registration form or call (618) 622-8800 before February 8, 2018.

#### **Conference Cancellation Policy:**

A \$25 cancellation fee will be retained by IAASE for conference cancellations which occur on or before February 15, 2018. No refunds will be given for cancellations that occur after February 15, 2018. Registrations received but not cancelled will still be subject to the conference fee.

#### **Administrators' Academy Credit, Administrators' Recertification Professional Development Activity Hours, and CPDU Credit for Teacher Certification:**

Administrators' Academy Credit is available for attendees at the pre-conference workshop: *"Practical Ideas for Supporting and Evaluating Special Education Personnel"* on Wednesday, February 21, 2018.

The pre-conference workshop and the IAASE 19th Annual Winter Conference could serve as possible professional development activities for the required hours for administrators' recertification.

Continuing Professional Development Units (CPDUs) for the teacher certification process will be available at the Winter Conference.

#### **Annual IAASE Membership:**

IAASE Membership Dues are renewable each July 1<sup>st</sup>. Paid membership prior to or in conjunction with the conference entitles registrants to take advantage of the reduced conference rates for IAASE members. The Membership application is available at [www.iaase.org](http://www.iaase.org).

\$130 Individual Membership

\$130 Associate Membership

\$130 Affiliate Membership

\$ 10 Student Membership (*Documentation Required*)

\$ 20 Retired Membership (*For clarification, the IAASE executive board has discussed that the intent of this category is for retired members who are no longer working in the field and who are personally paying their membership dues.*)

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# Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Conference

## ***Reaching Higher. Going Further.***

Pre-Conference Administrators' Academy Workshop & Executive Board Meeting: February 21<sup>st</sup>  
Nineteenth Annual Winter Conference: February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Crowne Plaza Springfield • 3000 South Dirksen Parkway • Springfield, Illinois

## **AGENDA**

### **Wednesday – February 21, 2018**

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

**Pre-Conference Workshop Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Pre-Conference Workshop** (AA Credit Available) Presented by Jason Sm

***"PRACTICAL IDEAS FOR SUPPORTING AND EVALUATING SPECIAL EDUCATION PERSONNEL" AA# 1894***

9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**IAASE Executive Board Meeting** – All IAASE Members Are Welcome

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Conference Registration and Check-in** (Lower floor lobby)

### **Thursday – February 22, 2018**

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

**Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Exhibit Area Open**

8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

**Welcome and Announcements – General Session**

(Prompt Start)

Dr. Kevin Rubenstein, IAASE President-Elect

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

**Introduction of IAASE Slate of Officers – General Session**

Dr. Lea Anne Frost, IAASE President and Melissa Taylor, IAASE Past President

8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

**General Session – Dr. Joe Martin**

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Transition/Beverage Break**

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Concurrent Sessions**

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

**Transition/Beverage Break**

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

**Concurrent Sessions**

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

**Luncheon with Recognition of Retiring IAASE Members**

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

**General Session II – Heather Calomese (ISBE) and Ignite IAASE Presentations**

2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Transition/Beverage Break**

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Regional Meetings**

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

**Transition/Beverage Break**

3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

**Concurrent Sessions**

4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Transition**

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Committee Meetings**

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**Social Hour and SEA-PAC raffle. Sponsored by:**

- Engler Callaway Baasten & Sraga, LLC
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### **Friday – February 23, 2018**

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

**Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:30 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.

**Welcome and Announcements**

(Prompt Start)

Dr. Lea Anne Frost, IAASE President

8:40 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.

**Award Presentations – General Session**

Melissa Taylor, IAASE Past-President

8:55 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**General Session III – Brad Cohen**

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

**Beverage Break**

10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

**Attorney Panel – Legislative Hot Topics** - facilitated by Bennett Rodick, the panel including Andy Eulass, Laura Sinars, Michelle Todd, Scott Uhler, Brandon Wright and Kendra Yoch will discuss key issues in special education law.

10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

**Breakout Session** – presented by Brad Cohen

**The Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education  
in cooperation with the  
Illinois Special Education Leadership Academy (ISELA)  
and the Sangamon County Regional Office of Education #51  
invite special education and general education administrators  
to attend a pre-conference workshop...**

***"PRACTICAL IDEAS FOR SUPPORTING AND  
EVALUATING SPECIAL EDUCATION PERSONNEL"***

**Administrator Academy #1894**

**Presented by  
Candice Hartranft, Cindy D'Ambrosio, and Sheila Arad  
Niles Township District for Special Education (NTDSE)**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018**

**Registration: 8:00 am to 8:30 am ♦ Workshop: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm  
Crowne Plaza Springfield – Sapphire Ballroom, 3000 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL**

**\$125 per Person** – Includes Administrators' Academy Credit Fee,  
Continental Breakfast, Lunch, and Materials

(The pre-conference workshop fee is **NOT** included in the IAASE Winter Conference registration fee.)  
(Registration fee after February 8, 2018 will be \$225)

**Administrators' Academy Credit and CPDU Credit  
are available for this workshop.**

Evaluating and supporting special education staff poses a unique challenge for administrators. The full range of responsibilities of a special educator may not always be reflected in the educator evaluation rubric. In addition, many practices that are best designed to support the needs of diverse learners may not be familiar to all school administrators. This academy will provide administrators with tools to effectively evaluate special educators which should ultimately lead to better student outcomes.

**Register early as this workshop is limited to 140 participants.**

*Participants should be prepared to sign in giving either their social security number or their IEIN number  
in order to receive Administrator Academy credit.*

# **IAASE WINTER CONFERENCE**

## **BREAKOUT TOPICS AND PRESENTERS**

**Thursday, February 22, 2018**

- ✓ **Accommodating Transgender Students (LEGAL)**  
By Brian R. Bare
- ✓ **Absenteeism and the IDEA: A School District's Obligations when Students with Known or Suspected Disabilities Miss School (LEGAL)**  
By Cynthia M. Baasten
- ✓ **Update from the Federal Courts: Recent Special Education Decisions from the Supreme Court and the Seventh Circuit (LEGAL)**  
By John W. Borkowski and Aleksandra Ostojic Rushing
- ✓ **I've Tried Everything (RTI)**  
By Dr. Bobb Darnell
- ✓ **Curriculum Supports for International Families on Disability and Special Education (CURRICULUM)**  
By Dr. Andrea Dinero and Marzouq Alsharani
- ✓ **Inclusion, Outcomes, and Transition Indicators from Early Childhood (EARLY CHILDHOOD)**  
By Kristy Doan and Ann Kremer
- ✓ **Residential Placements: Handling Legal Issues Once Your Decision is Made (LEGAL)**  
By Teri E. Engler
- ✓ **Significant Disproportionality – Changes for the Future (LEGAL)**  
By Sue Gamm
- ✓ **ESSA & Evidence Based Funding – bringing it Together for Special Education (ADMINISTRATION)**  
By Ralph Grimm
- ✓ **Reducing Suspensions and Expulsions of Students with Disabilities: Linking Law, Research, and Practice (BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT)**  
By Miranda Johnson, Cassandra Black, and Rachel Shapiro
- ✓ **Supports for Struggling Readers and Writers with Free/Low Cost Google Chrome Apps (TECHNOLOGY)**  
By Maureen Joy
- ✓ **Managing Student Records Requests (LEGAL)**  
By Jennifer Mueller and Kaitlin Atlas
- ✓ **Just What the Doctor Ordered: Responding to Increasing Requests for Homebound Instruction (LEGAL)**  
By Caroline A. Roselli
- ✓ **DLM: Creating an Instructional Plan Utilizing the Assessment Tool (ASSESSMENT)**  
By Emily Shields and Bonnie Jordan
- ✓ **Current Trends Related to Placement and LRE: A Review of Recent Guidance from the Courts (LEGAL)**  
By Laura M. Sinars and Zaria Udeh
- ✓ **The ECERS 3 – A Quality Improvement Tool in Inclusive Early Childhood Classrooms (EARLY CHILDHOOD)**  
By Kathy Slattery and Connie Shugart
- ✓ **ADHD Hot Topics (LEGAL)**  
By Courtney N. Stillman
- ✓ **The 504 You Don't Expect (LEGAL)**  
By Kathleen Terese and Mallory Milluzzi
- ✓ **Effectively Addressing the Needs of Students Who Engage in Escape and Avoidance Behavior (BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT)**  
By Dr. Richard Van Acker and Kim Warma
- ✓ **Trends in the Schoolyard: Hot Topics in School Law (LEGAL)**  
By Brandon K. Wright
- ✓ **Ignite IAASE (LEADERSHIP)**  
By various presenters

## Step-by-Step Directions for Online Membership Registration

**Membership enrollment and conference registration is available online. The online registration process will allow you to pay by credit card, check, or purchase order and you will receive an email confirmation!**

1. To begin the online registration process, go to [www.iaase.org](http://www.iaase.org)
2. Click on the words "Online Membership and Conference Registration" This link is located along the upper left margin.  
*(Note: do not click on the blue tab that says "Member Portal" This is the member benefit link you will use to access information that is only available to 2017-2018 paid members. Once you have completed your FY18 membership application you will receive an email with the username and password to access information on this link)*
3. You will see an informational paragraph about online registration. Once you have read it, click on the words "**click here**"
4. You will be taken to a page that has multiple registration links. **Remember, by paying your IAASE membership first, you become eligible for the discounted conference registration fees!**
5. You will then be connected to a page that describes the option you have chosen to register for. If this is correct, click on the words near the bottom of the message that says "**Register Now...**"
6. ARE YOU NEW TO IAASE? If you were not an IAASE member after the 2011-2012 year and did not attend a conference you will need to create a new account. Click on the red words "**Click Here to Create a New Account.**" You will then be taken to a blank information form that you will need to complete and submit. If you are creating a new password it must be 8 characters long and contain at least one numeral.
7. RETURNING IAASE MEMBERS: If you were an IAASE member or attended any of the conferences since the fall of 2011 you already have an account with your own specific username and password. Your username will always be your email address. If you do not remember what your registration password was you can click on the words: "**Click Here for Lost Password**" and your password will be emailed to you. **PLEASE do not create a new account if you already have one.** If you remember your password, you can fill in the blanks and click to login. This will take you to a page that tells you if you are eligible to renew your membership or if it has already been renewed. If eligible, click on the words "Click to Register." IMPORTANT: This is where you have the opportunity to revise any information that may have changed. Please check it carefully and make any appropriate revisions. If you need assistance please call 618-622-8800 or 618-512-1414.
8. If you are not certain about which region you work in, click on the words {**View Details**} where you will see the counties that are included in each of the separate regions.
9. Once you have completed the form and made any appropriate revisions click "**Submit Membership**" at the bottom of the page
10. You will be given the option at this point to register another individual for the same event, see a list of events to register for another event, or click to complete the registration and proceed to the checkout.
11. When you decide to checkout you will be given several payment options. You can enter your credit card information or select the option to pay by check or purchase order.
12. Once you complete the checkout you will receive a confirmation message that your membership application has been processed. This message will also include the IAASE member username and password to access the members' portion of the website.
13. If you have selected the option to pay by check please print your confirmation message and submit it, along with your payment to: IAASE, P.O. Box 1733, Granite City, IL 62040. If you are paying by purchase order, please email a copy of the PO to [lsipes@iaase.org](mailto:lsipes@iaase.org) or fax a copy to 618-931-0463.

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## Step-by-Step Directions for Online Conference and Workshop Registrations

**IMPORTANT: Remember, by paying your IAASE membership first, (see above) you become eligible for the discounted conference registration fees!**

**If you are registering your membership and registering for an event at the same time you can continue from step #10 above.**

**If you are not registering your membership, and have not been an IAASE member, you will need to begin with step #1 above and proceed to step 6 (NOTE: There are no membership discounts for pre-conference workshop registrations and you do not need to be a member to attend a pre-conference workshop.) Complete the form and submit. This will take you to step 10 above**

- You will be given the option at this point to register another individual for the same event, see a list of events to register for another event, or click to complete the registration and proceed to the checkout.
- When you decide to checkout you will be given several payment options. You can enter your credit card information or select the option to pay by check or purchase order.
- Once you complete the checkout you will receive a confirmation message that your registration has been processed.

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**If you are already a member for FY18, if you attended an IAASE pre-conference workshop, or conference since the fall of 2011 your information will automatically appear once you have entered your email address and password. Please check the information for accuracy and make any appropriate revisions. Once you are certain the information is correct click on submit registration at the bottom of the page. This will take you to step 10 above. PLEASE do not create a new account if you already have one.**

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