

Frequently Asked Questions

GENERAL QUESTIONS

What are the official dates of the Coast2Coast Federal Advocacy Trip (C2C)?

Monday, April 13 – Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

Where will the C2C Federal Advocacy Trip be held?

The CSBA & ACSA 2026 Coast2Coast Federal Advocacy Trip will be in Washington, D.C., at The JW Marriott (1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20004).

How many people will be at the conference?

Between 200-300 attendees are anticipated.

Where can I find directions to the JW Marriott?

To view the directions to the hotel, please [click here](#).

Is transportation to/from Capitol Hill provided?

Transportation options are provided to and from Capitol Hill. Further details will be provided closer to the event.

What is the conference dress code for C2C?

Business attire is recommended for all meetings and events. Please note that visits to Capitol Hill involve a significant amount of walking, including through the halls of Congress and between buildings. We strongly suggest comfortable, professional shoes and layers, as temperatures can vary between indoor and outdoor settings.

Where can I find information on the city of Washington, D.C.?

We recommend you review the Washington, D.C. travel website for any city specific information, <https://washington.org/visitors-guide>.

Where can I find sponsorship information?

To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, please visit <https://csba.org/coast2coast> or email Nicole Delos Reyes at sponsor@csba.org.

What accommodations are available to people with disabilities in attendance at C2C?

We are committed to providing an accessible and inclusive experience for all attendees. Please note that many hotels in Washington, D.C. are historic properties and may have structural limitations despite efforts to meet accessibility standards. The following services are available to ensure full participation in the event:

- **Wheelchair Accessibility:** The venue is fully accessible, including wheelchair access to seating areas, restrooms, and entrances. If additional assistance is needed, please inform us prior to the event.
- **Reserved Seating:** Accessible seating for individuals with mobility impairments can be provided. Requests for reserved seating should be made ahead of time to ensure availability.
- **Dietary Needs:** If you have any food allergies or special dietary needs, please contact us to determine whether special arrangements can be made.

REGISTRATION QUESTIONS

Who can attend the Capitol Hill meetings?

- Participation in Capitol Hill meetings is designed for board members, superintendents and senior leaders to engage directly with policymakers.
- Final participation in Capitol Hill meetings will be determined by space availability and the size of each local educational agency's delegation.

CSBA encourages all attendees to take advantage of the full program, recognizing that Capitol Hill meeting participation may vary depending on circumstances.

How do I register for the C2C Federal Advocacy Trip?

Online: <https://csba.org/coast2coast>

Registration Rates & Deadlines

Early: \$799 from Oct. 7, 2025 – Feb. 26, 2026

Regular: \$949 from Feb. 27, 2026 – March 19, 2026

Late: \$1,199 from March 20, 2026 – on-site or until sold out

Can my spouse/partner attend C2C with me?

Yes. A spouse/partner is defined as a significant other who is not affiliated with or employed by a California school district or county office of education (including board members, administrators, teachers, or staff). Co-workers or associates are not eligible to use the spouse registration category. If this

registration category is used by someone other than a spouse, the registrant will be charged a full conference registration rate for that person.

The registration rate for a spouse/partner is \$199.

Can minors attend C2C?

No individuals under the age of 18 are permitted to attend any C2C events. C2C programming is designed for adult audiences only. Please review the [Notices](#) if you have any questions.

What is included in the spouse/partner registration fee?

The spouse/partner registration fee includes a spouse/partner's ability to enjoy the welcome reception, breakfast, and break offerings throughout the conference, as well as admittance to the Tuesday evening reception. This does not include access to the program in the general session room, any breakout sessions, or ability to attend any Congressional Hill meetings.

What food and drinks are included with registration?

Day	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Included with registration	Appetizers and no-host bar	Breakfast and lunch	Breakfast, limited boxed lunches, and appetizers	Breakfast

All other meals will be on your own.

I have a dietary restriction or food allergy. Will there be options available for me?

If you have any food allergies or special dietary needs, please contact us at coast2coast@csba.org to determine whether special arrangements can be made.

How do I pay for my registration?

Payments may be made via credit card or check. CSBA accepts the following credit cards: Visa, Mastercard, American Express, and Discover.

Can I pay for my C2C registration with a Purchase Order?

No. CSBA does not accept purchase orders. Please see CSBA's Payment Policy [here](#).

How do I register a pending board member or superintendent?

Please contact the CSBA Registrar at register@csba.org to request a pending contact record.

Can I add the pre-conference tour to my registration at a later time?

Yes. Please contact the CSBA Registrar at register@csba.org to update your registration.

How do I update my district roster?

Please contact the CSBA Registrar at register@csba.org to update your roster.

I am an individual who would like to register and need a Member or Company ID to register. Who should I contact?

Please email the CSBA registrar at register@csba.org to obtain your CSBA member ID or CSBA company ID.

I have already registered but I am no longer able to attend C2C; can I transfer my registration?

There will be no refund for any cancellation received after March 26, 2026. However, substitution of another individual in registrant's LEA is permitted if made by April 12, 2026.

What is the cancellation policy?

Please [click here](#) to view the cancellation policy.

What is the nearest airport to the JW Marriott?

The nearest airport to the JW Marriott is Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport

Distance from Property: 4.3 Miles

[Visit Website](#)

Washington Dulles International Airport

Distance from Property: 26.5 Miles

[Visit Website](#)

Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport

Distance from Property: 34 Miles

[Visit Website](#)

How soon should I book my flight back to California?

We strongly discourage attendees from booking a flight back to California earlier than 6:00 p.m. ET on Wednesday, April 15, 2026. Congressional District meetings may be scheduled up until 4:00 p.m. ET on April 15, and therefore we do not want our registrants to miss an opportunity to meet with their representatives should their meetings get scheduled on Wednesday afternoon.

PROGRAMMING QUESTIONS

Where can I find the schedule?

A schedule of the 2026 C2C conference can be found on the [website](#). Registrants can access all program information on the C2C app beginning in early-April.

Are there additional opportunities for first-time attendees to learn about advocacy?

Yes. We are enhancing our First-Time Attendee session to include expanded content focused on the purpose of the event and foundational advocacy strategies. This session is designed to help new participants gain a deeper understanding of the conference's goals and feel more prepared to engage in effective advocacy throughout the event.

How do you ensure political balance during the event?

We are committed to maintaining a balanced and inclusive dialogue by approaching the event from a bipartisan perspective. Speakers are selected with the goal of representing diverse viewpoints across the political spectrum, particularly as they relate to education policy. We encourage constructive discussion focused on shared goals and practical solutions, rather than partisan rhetoric.

If you have any suggestions for speakers or topics that would enhance the diversity of perspectives at the event, we welcome your input. Please contact us at coast2coast@csba.org.

How do you ensure appropriate attendee behavior during the conference?

We are committed to providing a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for all conference participants. All attendees, speakers, exhibitors, and staff are expected to adhere to our **Code of Conduct** and related event policies throughout the duration of the conference.

By registering for the event, attendees agree to uphold the standards outlined in these policies, which prohibit harassment, discrimination, and disruptive behavior in any form.

For more information, please review our full **Code of Conduct** and **Notices** or contact us directly at coast2coast@csba.org with any questions or concerns.

Are there more networking opportunities at the event?

Yes! We have several networking opportunities, including networking lunches and receptions. We also have informal meetups for specific groups like CSBA regions and other affinity groups. This year, we are expanding these options to ensure everyone has ample time to connect with peers.

How are the Issue Briefing sessions structured?

Our Issue Briefing sessions are designed to be focused, relevant, and engaging. We've streamlined the format to ensure that each session follows a clear structure, with defined objectives and guidelines to promote meaningful dialogue and minimize disruptions.

To support a more organized and inclusive Q&A experience, we will implement a moderated microphone system, allowing all participants an equal opportunity to ask questions and engage with speakers.

How can I access the C2C app?

The app will be available starting in early-April. All registered attendees will receive an email with download instructions and access details. To ensure you receive this information, please double-check that your email address is entered correctly during registration.

How do I access breakout session handouts?

All session handouts will be available via the C2C app. The app will be available to attendees in early-April.

What are the pre-conference activities this year?

Optional Pre-Conference Activity: The Mount Vernon Experience is available for purchase immediately preceding the Federal Advocacy Trip on Sunday, April 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET. You may purchase a ticket during the registration process. Space is limited.

HOUSING QUESTIONS

Does CSBA/ACSA have special room rate for C2C participants?

Hotel accommodation can be booked online through a dedicated website. The single/double rate is \$349, plus taxes and fees. Please make your reservation as soon as possible. Saturday, March 21, 2026, is the reservation cutoff date. After the cutoff date, rooms may be given on a space-available basis, and the special group discount may not be available. The hotel requires a valid credit card to guarantee the reservation at the time of booking.

What is the hotel cancellation policy?

Cancellation policies may vary depending on the rate and dates of your reservation. Please refer to your reservation confirmation to verify your cancellation policy.

Housing Pirates – What are they and what you should do about it?

A housing pirate is a company other than the JW Marriott that improperly solicits hotel reservations for this trip. The JW Marriott is the Official Housing Provider for this event. Reservations made by unaffiliated organizations may appear to have lower rates, however, they may be illegitimate, not have the rooms to sell, have unreasonable cancellation or change penalties, or be completely non-refundable. Please be aware of and report any unauthorized solicitation to coast2coast@csba.org.

For any housing related questions, who do I contact?

Please contact coast2coast@csba.org.