REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
93rd Annual Virginia Middle and High School Principals Conference & Exposition
June 23-26, 2020

For the past 92 years, meeting planners have been rethinking and implementing new ideas for leadership learning and believe the annual state conference is one of the best on how to improve principal performance at scale. The Virginia Middle and High School Principals Conference & Exposition is based on a statewide needs assessment conducted every January by the Virginia Department of Education and VASSP. In addition, a committee of principals, assistant principals, and VDOE staff agree on topical presentations sent from the field using a statewide Call for Presentations. Successful principal professional development requires new ways of supporting school administrators in a partnership role with the central office, leading by teaching and learning in an atmosphere of mutual accountability.

The annual conference supports instructional leadership growth as its primary responsibility. The conference’s approach to training principals and assistant principals is contextualized to meet the unique needs of Virginia public schools. To determine the best learning design, the State Conference Planning Committee uses not only the results of the annual needs assessment, but relies on conversations with stakeholders and an analysis of existing school division structures to support principals. In addition, other surveys and feedback from division superintendents are used to design the learning plan.

For 2020, the statewide conference will have pre-conference events that will include a School Law Clinic and a leadership learning workshop to be announced. The conference itself will have five General Sessions featuring well-known state and national leaders, an all-day Department of Education Colloquium, an all-day Professional Practices Symposium, plus Distinguished Lectures, Roundtable Discussions and EdCamp. (See Conference At-A-Glance.) The DOE Colloquium features Learning Labs developed and presented by specialists from the Virginia Department of Education. These Learning Labs will be vetted by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to ensure appropriateness and timeliness. The Symposium offers best practices on topics deemed important to administrators throughout Virginia. Roundtables encourage broader discussions on relevant issues. EdCamp is used to be sure the conference addresses topical issues determined by participants – presentations that they specifically want to hear. As you might know, EdCamp is the “unconference model of participant-driven sharing.”

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS ONLINE FORM
You are invited to submit a proposal to share your experience and expertise!

Dates to remember:
You are invited to submit a presentation proposal for a Learning Lab or Roundtable Discussion that addresses important issues facing today’s middle and high school administrators.

Submit your program idea by March 20, 2020
Selections made by April 10, 2020
Notified of acceptance by April 26, 2020
Submit your presentation proposal to:
Summer Conference Committee
VASSP
4909 Cutshaw Avenue
Richmond, Virginia 23230
FAX: 804-355-4262

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For more conference information, click here

The Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa / Short Pump has a block of conference rooms at a special rate for the state conference. You must be registered to attend the state conference before making hotel accommodations. Thank you!

Conference registration and hotel accommodation information NOW AVAILABLE

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE MAY 25, 2020

$440 - VASSP Members $545 - Nonmembers
(school team discounts available)

Hotel Accommodations:

SPECIAL CONFERENCE RATE
$139 Single or Double
(plus state and local taxes, currently 13.3%)
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Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa
12042 W. Broad St., Richmond, VA 23233 (Short Pump)

VASSP, VDOE, and VFEL are currently planning the commonwealth’s largest gathering of middle and high school administrators. The annual state conference provides innovative learning formats — general sessions, learning labs, roundtable discussions, EdCamp — that foster engaging knowledge exchanges and allow you to tailor the experience to your own personal learning level, needs, and interests.

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