

AGENDA

Friday, April 25, 2025

Time	Event	Location
6:00 PM	Registration	Crystal Ballroom
6:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Welcome: Dr. Victoria Rice Campbell	Crystal Ballroom
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Keynote: Dr. Carole Clancy	Crystal Ballroom
8:30 PM – 8:45 PM	BREAK	
8:45 PM – 9:30 PM	Special Education Board Meeting	Crystal Ballroom

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Time	Event	Location
7:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast (grab-n-go)	Crystal Ballroom
8:15 AM – 8:30 AM	Morning Kick-off	Crystal Ballroom
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Breakout Sessions	*See Session Descriptions
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	BREAK	
10:15 AM – 11:45 AM	Legal Update	Crystal Ballroom
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM	Lunch	Courtyard
12:45 PM – 2:15 PM	Breakout Sessions	* See Session Descriptions
2:15 PM – 2:30 PM	BREAK	
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Special Education Issues & Challenges	Crystal Ballroom
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	PACE & Silent Auction	Crystal Ballroom
4:00 PM	Adjourn: After each session, please complete the electronic evaluations using the QR code(s) to receive Act 48 or Chapter 14 hours.	

LARGE GROUP SESSIONS

Friday Keynote (7:00 – 8:30 pm):

- ***Bureau of Special Education Updates from the Pennsylvania Department of Education***
Dr. Carole Clancy will provide the most current topics and issues occurring at the local, state, and federal levels in the field of Special Education.

Presented by Dr. Carole Clancy

Saturday Large Group Sessions (10:15 – 11:45 am):

- ***Special Education Legal Updates 2024-2025***
PSEA staff attorney Taylor Baublitz will review the 2024-2025 special education legal updates.

Presented by Taylor Baublitz

- ***Special Education Issues & Challenges***
PSEA President Aaron Chapin and PSEA Special Education Board Chair Victoria Rice-Campbell will share members' thoughts and experiences concerning special education issues garnered from this winter's five regional special education roundtable events. Attendees will be invited to share their own experiences.

Presented by Aaron F. Chapin & Dr. Victoria Rice-Campbell

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Saturday Breakout Sessions (8:30 – 10:00 am):

- ***Did We Ever Anticipate This?***

So many issues face us as we want to meet the needs of the students we serve: educator shortages, behavioral supports, mental health, funding, resources, leadership, and many more. But 50 years ago was a historic time...as we celebrate 50 Years of PL 94-142. We will take a “THEN” and “NOW” look at many successful and challenging components. A sense of humor is required to attend. I look forward to your participation.

Presented by Dr. Gina Scala

- ***Regulation Before Expectation: Safe, Practical, and Evidence-based Sensory Strategies for Various Populations in the School Setting***

We will complete a brief overview of the sensory system's connection to other systems and functions in the brain and body. The categories of sensory differences acknowledged in the field of sensory integration will be used as a framework for choosing and using appropriate strategies.

We will discuss how sensory interventions can fit into behavior plans for our students. Practical and safe implementation of sensory strategies, including tools, activities, and environmental modifications for general and special education settings, will be presented. Case studies will be used to guide learning.

Presented by Karen Myers, M.S. Ed. OTR/L and Tara Lyons, MS. OTR/L

- ***Yikes, Our District is Involved with the Office for Dispute Resolution: How Do I Prepare?***

In this session, we will discuss services provided by the Office for Dispute Resolution, data and outcomes from the Office for Dispute Resolution, and how to prepare for participation in a Due Process Hearing.

Presented by Judith Petruzzi, M.Ed.

- ***Intro to Canva: Bring a Device and Make a Printable***

Intro to Canva will teach you the basics of utilizing the Canva app or website to unlock your creativity. You will familiarize yourself with the FREE program features that will help you create useful flyers for your local to engaging lessons for your classroom. So, bring your laptop, tablet, or smartphone and start creating today!

Presented by Jamie Schisler

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Saturday Breakout Sessions (12:45 – 2:15 pm):

- ***Dyslexia: What Your Professor Forgot to Tell You***

Dyslexia is the most common learning disability, impacting one in five students. Yet, most teachers are unfamiliar with the learning disability at the heart of PDE's decision to change the school code to include structured literacy competencies and the state legislature's push to include early screenings and evidence-based literacy programs.

Presented by Hollie Woodard

- ***De-Stigmatizing Epilepsy Through Education, Advocacy, and Support***

This session will review the history of stigma, current stigma, and the challenges children with epilepsy may face. Additionally, training on seizure recognition, first aid, and treatments will be discussed.

Presented by Rena Loughlin

- ***Experience Dyslexia: A Simulation***

This session demystifies the myths associated with dyslexia by providing the most current information, including neurological basis, demographics, warning signs, identification, and interventions. Presented by a passionate dyslexic individual who sits on the Pennsylvania Branch of the International Dyslexia Association Board and shares her experiences throughout this simulation. This session will leave you with a true appreciation of the hurdles students face with dyslexia.

Presented by Dr. Denise Morelli

- ***Transforming Education: The Impact of Technology on Student Achievement***

Discover how universally designed technology is transforming education by enhancing engagement and achievement for all students, especially those with special needs. This interactive session will highlight technology tools and strategies to integrate into your teaching practice, focusing on accessible materials and assistive technology to create inclusive learning environments.

Presented by Greg Gerhart & Tammy Thompson-Cooke