

Spring 2024 MPAAA Conference - Grand Traverse Resort

Date	Start	End	Cert Courses	2024 Session	Presenter
Sunday, May 5	4:00 PM	6:00 PM		Early Registration Open	Tracy Clawson, Comstock Public Schools
Monday, May 6	7:00 AM	8:30 AM		Breakfast	
	7:00 AM	10:30 AM		Registration Opens	Tracy Clawson, Comstock Public Schools
	8:30 AM	8:45 AM		General Membership Session	Carrie Haubenstricker & Rob Dickinson
	8:45 AM	9:45 AM		CEPI Update	Joel Thiele, CEPI
	9:45 AM	10:45 AM	PAS/PAA	Pupil Accounting Legal Issues (PAS/PAA)	Jennifer Starlin, Thrun Law
	10:45 AM	11:00 AM		Break	
	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	PAS/PAA	Pupil Accounting Legal Issues (PAS/PAA)	Jennifer Starlin, Thrun Law
	12:00 PM	1:30 PM		Lunch	
	1:30 PM	3:00 PM		Early On & MMSE Reporting	Anne Hansknecht-CEPI, Colleen O'Connor-MiLEAP, Janet Timbs-MiLEAP, Ann Walton-OSE/MDE
				Enhancing State Reporting with MI Data Hub	Melissa Tront & Laura Caballero, MiDataHub
				Virtual Learning - The Basics	Brian Ciloski & Jessica Beagle, MDE
				FERPA 101	Ross Lemke, US Dept. of Education
			PAS/SED	Data Quality 2	Beckie Reed, Calhoun ISD
			PAA/PAS/SED	Intro to CEPI	Becky Korroch (Sowle) & Robert Hovenkamp, CEPI
	3:00 PM	3:15 PM		Break	
	3:15 PM	4:45 PM		Wellness Session	Namrata Rajeev, The Heartfulness Institute
				Pupil Auditing Roundtable	Barbette Lane-WMISD, Julie Ziesemer-WISD
				Pupil Accountants Roundtable	Kelly Ballor & LeAnn Szymanski-OAISD
				Cybersecurity: Make Your Own Luck	Ross Lemke, US Dept. of Education
			PAS/SED (Cont.)	Data Quality 2	Beckie Reed, Calhoun ISD
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Tuesday, May 7	7:00 AM	8:30 AM		Breakfast & Committee Meetings	
	7:30 AM	9:30 AM		Registration Open	Tracy Clawson, Comstock Public Schools
	8:30 AM	9:10 AM		FERPA 201	Ross Lemke, US Dept. of Education
QUICK HIT SESSIONS - 40 minute sessions, repeated				Special Education Topics	Sean McLaughlin-OSE/MDE, Colleen O'Connor-MiLEAP, Nancy Rotarius-OSE/MDE, Ann Walton-OSE/MDE
				Unlock the Magic: Insights with MiDataHub	Laura Caballero & Melissa Tront, MiDataHub
				MSDS Reports	Becky Korroch (Sowle), CEPI
				Audit Findings	Jose Quintero & Gloria Suggitt, MDE
	9:10	9:20		Break to Change Rooms	
	9:20	10:00		FERPA 201	Ross Lemke, US Dept. of Education
				Special Education Topics	Sean McLaughlin-OSE/MDE, Colleen O'Connor-MiLEAP, Nancy Rotarius-OSE/MDE, Ann Walton-OSE/MDE
				Unlock the Magic: Insights with MiDataHub	Laura Caballero & Melissa Tront, MiDataHub
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	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	PAA/PAS	Days and Hours	Jessica Beagle, Brian Ciloski, & Steve Nemeckay, MDE
			PAA	Pupil Accounting Auditing Reporting	Shannon Rea, COOR ISD & Julie Ziesemer, Washtenaw ISD
	10:00 AM	10:15 AM		Break	
	10:15 AM	10:55 AM		Incident Response Best Practices: Bruise Now, So You Don't Bleed Later	Ross Lemke, US Dept. of Education
QUICK HIT SESSIONS - 40 minute sessions, repeated				Testing and Accountability Update	Tina Foote, MDE
				Green Auditing	Barbette Lane, WMISD & Jody Lukins, MPAAA
				EMC Reporting and Requirements	Brandon Baryo-CEPI & CTE staff TBD
				Parchment E-Transcripts	Paul McMorro & Ben Silva, Parchment Technologies
				GSRP Reporting	Kathi Thornton, Kent ISD

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	10:55 AM	11:05		Break to Change Rooms	
	11:05	11:45		Incident Response Best Practices: Bruise Now, So You Don't Bleed Later	Ross Lemke, US Dept. of Education
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			PAA (Cont)	Pupil Accounting Auditing Reporting	Shannon Rea, COOR ISD & Julie Ziesemer, Washtenaw ISD
	11:45 AM	1:00 PM		Lunch & Awards	Carrie Haubenstricker-GISD & Roberta Farina-MISD
	1:00 PM	4:15 PM		Pupil Accounting in Infinite Campus	Tina Bowers-Lenawee ISD, Jason Morden- Clinton County RESA & Chris Nelson- Lenawee/Monroe
				Pupil Accounting in MiStar-Q	Dawn Cruz, Oakland Schools & Dan Kresbaugh, Wayne RESA
				Pupil Accounting in PowerSchool	Randi Bassett, Holt Public Schools & Sally Riffle, Marcia Brenner Associates
				Pupil Accounting in Skyward	DeVonna Haskell-Clare Gladwin ISD, Michelle Brancheau-Holly Area Schools, & Terra Kelpinski-Saginaw ISD
				Pupil Accounting in Synergy	Deb Sellers, Wyoming Schools & Valerie Stewart, Edupoint
				Mastering the Art of Feedback: Compassionate Communication	Janell Craig & Grace Rutkowski-Damerow, Oakland Schools
			Cert Class 4a	Overview of State Reporting	Rob Dickinson, MPAAA
	2:30 PM	2:45 PM		Break	
	7:00 PM	11:00 PM		Euchre / Cornhole Tournament & Games	
Wednesday, May 8	7:30 AM	8:30 AM		Breakfast	
	8:30 AM	9:15 AM	ALL	MiLEAP & MDE - The New Reality	Janet Timbs. MiLEAP
	9:15 AM	10:00 AM	All	Legislative Update	Bob Kefgen, MASSP
	10:00 AM	10:15 AM		Break	
	10:15 AM	12:00 PM	PAS/PAA	State Agency Panel (Intro to State Agency Resources - PAS/PAA)	Roberta will read questions
	12:00 PM			Conference Ends	

2024 Spring Conference Session Descriptions

Audit Findings (40 minutes): Join representatives from the MDE Office of Audits to hear about recent updates in both specific and general audit findings. This auditor-focused session is intended to offer insights to the changes in the MSDS Audit Reporting System.

Presenters – Jose Quintero, MDE & Gloria Suggitt, MDE

CEPI Update (1.0 hour): This general session will cover what is new at CEPI and what you need to know about current and upcoming collections. (Certification track PAA, PAS, SED)

Presenter – Joel Thiele, CEPI

Cybersecurity: Make Your Own Luck (1.5 hours): Ever notice how some schools just seem to have bad cyber luck, while others seem to dodge that bullet every time? Well, it may have less to do with luck than you think. In this session, we'll take a look at schools' cybersecurity approaches, trends, and attacker goals to identify things that separate the good, the bad, and the lucky in cyberspace. This session will also have a live demonstration using a simulated school system network where we will show you the tactics hackers use to find that one chink in your armor and lead you to having a very bad day. We will distill security best practices down to a short list of things that your school can do to avoid rolling a 1 on your cybersecurity saving throw. Join us as we take you from WTF to MFA!

Presenter – Ross Lemke, US Department of Education

Data Quality II (3 hours)- A culture of data quality is the belief that good data is an integral part of teaching, learning, and operating your school. Data Quality II provides the initial foundational building blocks related to creating a culture of data quality. Identify the components of data quality, factors affecting data quality, collaboration opportunities, security and confidentiality, and the elements of a data audit. (Certification track PAA/PAS/SED).

Presenter – Beckie Reed, Calhoun ISD

Days & Hours (1.5 hours)- What counts? How do you handle passing time? How do you calculate hours? This session is both nuts and bolts of the basics of Days and Hours and includes an opportunity for auditors and district staff to hear how "the other half lives". An overview of current requirements as they relate to the school district calendars is also included. (Certification track PAA/PAS)

Presenters – Jessica Beagle, Brian Ciloski, & Steve Nemeckay, MDE

Early On® and MMSE Reporting (1.5 hours): Hear from MDE and MiLEAP regarding the reporting requirements of Early On® students in regard to MMSE (Michigan Mandatory Special Education) Reporting.

Presenters – Anne Hansknecht, CEPI, Colleen O'Connor & Janet Timbs, MiLEAP, & Ann Walton, MDE

EMC Reporting & Requirements (40 minutes): Early Middle College (EMC) can be a tricky road to navigate. Join this session to learn more about the requirements for managing and reporting students in an EMC.

Presenters: Brandon Baryo, CEPI & CTE Staff

Enhancing State Reporting with Michigan Data Hub & CEPI Connectivity (1.5 hours): In this session, we'll delve into the relationship between your district's Student Information System (SIS), the Michigan Data Hub, and CEPI, uncovering key components to streamline and enhance your state reporting experience, such as real-time MSDS Error Checks, MSDS File Extractor, and more. Discover how to leverage MiDataHub

and MSDS integration effectively and gain direct resources for integrating UIC Services, Snack Pack, and Direct Certification with your SIS. Don't miss out on optimizing your reporting process!

Presenters – Laura Caballero & Melissa Tront, MiDataHub

FERPA 101 (1.5 hours): Do you have questions about student privacy? Need to understand what your responsibilities are? Well, we're here to help! Join the U.S. Department of Education's Privacy Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) for an introductory presentation on the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the principal federal law protecting student privacy. This presentation will introduce you to the fundamentals of FERPA and provide depth and clarity on its application to the school system! This session is intended as an introduction to the law and seeks to balance providing the legal background of the statute with real-world scenarios to which this law applies.

Presenter – Ross Lemke, US Department of Education

FERPA 201 (40 minutes): Think you know everything there is to know about the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)? The U.S. Department of Education's Privacy Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) is issuing a challenge to all attendees to apply their knowledge to the test! In this session, we will explore a variety of real-world scenarios that concern student privacy and ask you, the audience, to help us work through them. This session provides an excellent forum for discussion of complex issues regarding FERPA and a great space to have your questions answered. Do you think you have what it takes? To that we say, "It depends!"

Presenter – Ross Lemke, US Department of Education

Green Auditing (40 minutes): Auditing with less paperwork...Believe it or not! Take a look at what the MPAAA Green Auditing System could offer your schools in cost savings and more efficient auditing.

Presenter – Barbette Lane, Wexford-Missaukee ISD & Jody Lukins, MPAAA

GSRP Reporting (40 minutes): Join our past president Kathi Thornton as she explains what the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) is, what it looks like at the county level, and how to complete the Early Childhood Collection requirements to receive funding for this program.

Presenter: Kathi Thornton, Kent ISD

Homebound/Hospitalized – A Combined Approach (1.5 hours): An examination of best practices for reporting homebound/hospitalized students to ensure that they count for your district. The particular auditing requirements for these students will also be addressed.

Presenters – TBD

Incident Response Best Practices: Bruise Now, So You Don't Bleed Later (40 minutes): It's not a matter of if you will be involved in a cybersecurity incident, it's a matter of when. Come to PTAC's session on incident response and learn about best practices to help ensure your organization is ready when the moment comes. The bad guys train hard, and you should too.

Presenter – Ross Lemke, US Department of Education

Intro to CEPI (3 hours): The Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) staff provide an in-depth overview of submissions impacting a variety of CEPI application. These include the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS), the School Infrastructure Database (SID), Financial Information Database (FID), Educational Entity Master (EEM), Graduation and Dropout Application (GAD) and Registry for Personnel (REP). (Certification track PAA/PAS/SED).

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Presenters – Robert Hovenkamp & Becky Korroch (Sowle), CEPI

Legislative Update (1 hour): This session will provide an update on legislation that passed and/or is pending this year that affects pupil accounting, auditing, and data submissions.

Presenter – Bob Kefgen, MASSP

Mastering the Art of Feedback: Compassionate Communications (3.0 hours): Communications during the audit process can be difficult. Bad news is often being communicated, and even the most professional colleague can be susceptible to taking things personally. Spend the afternoon learning techniques that allow these difficult conversations to be had in a non-confrontational way.

Presenters – Janell Craig & Grace Rutkowski-Damerow, Oakland Schools

MiLEAP & MDE – The New Reality (1 Hour): This session will discuss the changes local district staff should see in the coming years from the new MiLEAP department (Michigan Lifelong Education, Advancement, & Potential), and how data reporting and pupil accounting, in particular, may be affected.

Presenter: Janet Timbs, MiLEAP

MSDS Reports (40 minutes): This session will help you find the best reports in the CEPI library to meet your needs. Existing and new reports will be shown and discussed.

Presenter – Becky Korroch (Sowle), CEPI

Overview of State Reporting (3.0 hours): Participants will look at state reporting requirements and resources from the birds-eye view. Participants will review important connections and deadlines related to the Michigan School Data System (MSDS). (Certification track PAS)

Presenter – Rob Dickinson, MPAAA

Parchment E-Transcripts (40 minutes): The E-Transcript system (hosted by Parchment Technologies) allows student transcripts to be electronically stored and sent to students' chosen colleges. Come to this session to learn about the Parchment system and the ways in which it can save time and energy for your students and your district staff.

Presenter – Paul McMorrow & Ben Silva, Parchment Technologies

Pupil Accountants Roundtable (1.5 hours): This session for Pupil Accounting Specialists provides critical information needed to implement, maintain, and support a strong, thoughtful pupil accounting department within a public-school district or a public-school academy. This is a roundtable, interactive format and not a formal presentation. Your experience, input, and participation are welcome here!

Presenters – Kelly Ballor & LeAnn Szymanski, Ottawa Area ISD

Pupil Accounting Auditing Reporting (3 hours): The well-rounded pupil accounting auditor will be exposed to many issues affecting funding for the districts under their auditing umbrella. These two sessions provide information related to both CEPI applications/processes (GAD, TSDL, General Collection, SRM) and the implementation of the Pupil Accounting Auditing Manual.

(Certification track PAA)

Presenters – Shannon Rea, C.O.O.R. ISD, & Julie Ziesemer, Washtenaw ISD

Pupil Accounting in Infinite Campus (3 hours): Learn the tips and tricks to successfully managing your District's Pupil Accounting functions and reports specific to users of Infinite Campus. Discuss setup specifics and how Infinite Campus can make your job easier, or harder!

Presenters - Tina Bowers-Lenawee ISD, Jason Morden-Clinton County RESA, & Chris Nelson-Lenawee/Monroe Tech. Consortium

Pupil Accounting in MiStar-Q (3 hours): MISTAR-Q SIS offers fully comprehensive and efficient processes and reports to successfully manage your District's Pupil Accounting functions and reporting needs. In this session, we will review and discuss specifics and how the MISTAR-Q solution creates efficiencies while ensuring accuracy in Pupil Accounting Reporting.

Presenters – Dawn Cruz, Oakland Schools & Dan Kresbaugh, Wayne RESA

Pupil Accounting in PowerSchool (3 hours): Learn the tips and tricks to successfully managing your District's Pupil Accounting functions and reports specific to users of PowerSchool. Discuss setup specifics and how PowerSchool can make your job easier, or harder!

Presenters – Randi Bassett, Holt Public Schools & Sally Riffle, Marcia Brenner Associates

Pupil Accounting in Skyward (3 hours): Learn the tips and tricks to successfully managing your District's Pupil Accounting functions and reports specific to users of Skyward. Discuss setup specifics and how Skyward can make your job easier, or harder!

Presenters – DeVonna Haskell- Clare Gladwin ISD, Michelle Brancheau, -Holly Area Schools & Terra Kelpinski-Saginaw ISD

Pupil Accounting in Synergy (3 hours): Learn the tips and tricks to successfully manage your District's Pupil Accounting functions and reports specific to users of Synergy. Discuss setup specifics and how Synergy can make your job easier.

Presenters – Debra Sellers, Wyoming Public Schools & Valerie Stewart, Edupoint

Pupil Accounting Legal Issues (2 hours): Jennifer Starlin with Thrun Law Firm will share the legal perspective on current educational issues. You will be exposed to an introduction to the legal issues facing Pupil Accounting, Pupil Auditing, and State Reporting staff related to educational issues; enrollment issues, FERPA, student records, teacher certification, etc., as well as data quality and data collections. This session will fulfill the MSBO Pupil Accounting Legal Issues requirement for Pupil Accounting Specialists and Pupil Accounting Auditors (Certification track PAA/PAS).

Presenter – Jennifer Starlin, Thrun Law Firm, P.C.

Pupil Auditing Roundtable (1.5 hours): Discuss recent developments in the field with fellow Pupil Auditors. Ask the questions you have recently come across and share your recent successes with your colleagues. This is a roundtable, interactive format and not a formal presentation. In addition, Teacher Certification for auditors will be addressed.

Presenters – Barbetta Lane, WMISD & Julie Ziesemer, Washtenaw ISD

Special Education Topics (1.5 hours) – Join a panel of experts who will review the basics of Special Education. This is a roundtable, interactive format and not a formal presentation.

Presenters – Sean McLaughlin-OSE/MDE, Colleen O'Connor-MiLEAP, Nancy Rotarius-OSE/MDE, & Ann Walton-OSE/MDE

State Agency Panel (Intro to State Agency Resources) (1.25 hours): Receive an introduction to state agency personnel from CEPI and MDE (including Office of the Audits, Office of State Aid and School Finance, etc.), who create and/or implement the business rules, administrative rules and other processes affecting district, ISD staff or contracted auditors. (Certification track PAA/PAS)

Testing & Accountability Update (40 minutes): The session will contain information on how student data from MSDS is used by the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA), what and when it is pulled, and how it is used in assessment and accountability reporting.

Presenter – Tina Foote, MDE

Unlock the Magic: Discovering Insights with MiDataHub (40 minutes): This session presents a hands-on session tailored for data enthusiasts. Navigate the intricate landscape of District Reports in the Cockpit, refine the art of detecting data quality issues, and elevate proficiency in utilizing dashboards for meticulous data verification. Join us for an immersive experience in unlocking the true potential of MiDataHub.

Presenters – Laura Caballero & Melissa Tront, MiDataHub

Virtual Learning – The Basics (1.5 hours): Even before the Pandemic, virtual learning was an integral part of public education. This session will help attendees understand the intricacies of managing and reporting virtual classrooms and students.

Presenter – Jessica Beagle & Brian Ciloski, MDE

Wellness Session (1.5 hours) – This session focuses on YOU. Learn how to find a better balance between the various aspects of your professional and personal lives, and manage your time, energy, and sanity to make all the various hats you wear fit a bit better and make you more comfortable in them!

Presenter – Namrata Rajeev, The Heartfulness Institute