

Fall 2026 Tentative Session Descriptions

Attendance Practices & Techniques (1.5 Hours)

Presenters – Kait Guerra, Livingston ESA & Julie Ziesemer, Washtenaw ISD

What processes does your District use to record student attendance and ensure that the information is available to your auditors? Discuss several options during this session and learn more about the current requirements and reporting upon which your District's FTE relies.

Bridging the Gap Between CTE Data/Funding and Pupil Accounting(45 Minutes)

Presenters – Jamie Engel, Ingham ISD & Michelle Radcliffe, Livingston ESA

This session provides an overview of Federal and State CTE funding stream structures, CTE delivery models across Michigan, and essential CTEIS reporting requirements. Attendees will examine the critical intersections and common pitfalls between CTE reporting and pupil accounting, concluding with Q&A to discuss specific district challenges.

CEPI Update (1 Hour) (Certification tracks: PAA, PAS, SED)

Presenter – Joel Thiele, CEPI

This general session provides updates on current and upcoming CEPI collections, along with key information districts need to remain compliant with state reporting requirements.

CRDC Is Coming This Year (45 Minutess)

Presenter – Rob Dickinson, MPAAA

The 2025-26 Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) will be happening this fall or winter. This session will prepare you for your part in the process and what you can do in your district to get ready.

Data Quality 1 (3 Hours)(Certification tracks: PAA, PAS & SED)

Presenter – Rob Dickinson, MPAAA

Establishing a culture of data quality is essential to effective school operations. This foundational session covers key components of data quality, contributing factors, collaboration strategies, data security, confidentiality, and the elements of a comprehensive data audit.

Days & Clock Hours (1.5 Hours)

Presenters – Jessica Beagle & Brian Ciloski, MDE

This session provides an overview of requirements related to instructional time, including calculating clock hours, accounting for passing time, and understanding district calendar compliance.

Early Childhood FTE and Transition (1.5 Hours)

Presenters – Collen O'Connor and Mark Kuipers, MiLEAP

Join experts from MiLEAP to discuss the requirements for ECSE students as well as the transition process for these students as they move from one program to another.

Foster Care (45 Minutes)

Presenter – To be Determined

Learn the specifics of what services are required for students in Foster care situations, and how that status can affect their reporting.

Idea Exchange for Pupil Auditors (1 Hour)

Join Auditors from the MPAAA Board and bring your questions, ideas, and learn from others what ideas may work for your district as well as others.

Immunizations & MICR (1.5 Hours)

Presenters – To Be Determined

A new system is being introduced to record and distribute students' immunization records. Join this session to learn how the requirements have changed.

ISD Programs: GSRP (45 Minutes)

Presenters – Dawn Kalkman, MiLEAP and Kathi Thornton, Kent ISD

This session is geared towards those ISD staff who support GSRP programs. Learn the requirements and reporting that is needed, and the timelines involved.

Legislative Update (1 Hour)

Presenter – Bob Kefgen, MASSP

Receive an update on recently passed and pending legislation impacting pupil accounting, auditing, and data reporting.

Macomb Data Tool Advanced: Problem Solving (45 Minutes)

Presenter – Kathi Thornton, Kent ISD

This Quick Hit session demonstrates how MISDmsds (Macomb) can help you troubleshoot your data, combine or supplement data from multiple sources, isolate problem populations, apply controlled corrections, and confirm that the final submission is complete and reasonable.

Macomb Data Tool Beginner: Fundamentals (45 Minutes)

Presenter – Kathi Thornton, Kent ISD

This Quick Hit session provides an introduction to installing and using the MISDmsds (Macomb) program to prepare and validate data for state submission. Participants will learn how to import an XML file, navigate student records, review errors and warnings, run essential reports, and export a clean file for submission to MSDS.

MDE Updates for Auditors (1.5 Hours)

Presenters – Sebastian Alberts, Jose Quintero, and Gloria Suggitt, MDE

Join staff from MDE's Office of Audits to discuss the recent Auditor General determination of current Pupil Auditing processes, and how that determination may affect future audits.

Navigating MSDS (45 Minutes)

Presenter – Anne Hansknecht, CEPI

Attendees who are new to MSDS would benefit from this explanation of how the system is organized as well as the numerous reports and functionality that makes submitting and understanding the data in the system easier to manage.

Navigating the PAM – Advanced (45 Minutes)

Presenters - Leah Cameron, Ingham ISD & Carrie Haubenstricker, Genesee ISD

Learn how to move beyond basic searches and uncover answers more efficiently by following cross-references, utilizing supporting resources, and applying proven research techniques within the PAM. This workshop also introduces AI-powered tools that can simplify complex research tasks.

Navigating the PAM – Basic (45 Minutes)

Presenters – Leah Cameron, Ingham ISD & Carrie Haubenstricker, Genesee ISD

Designed for new pupil accounting professionals, this presentation breaks down the structure of the PAM and provides practical tips for finding compliance answers quickly. Attendees will leave with a stronger understanding of the manual's foundation, specialized sections, and supporting resources.

Personal Curriculum (1.5 Hours)

Presenters – To be Determined

Learn the reporting requirements for those students that have a personal curriculum, and the scope and limits of these adjustments to graduation requirements.

Pupil Accounting: Year-at-a Glance (1.5 Hours)

Presenters – Linda DeHooghe, Utica Community Schools, & Melanie Scheitler, Rochester Community Schools

This session for Pupil Accounting Specialists provides important information needed for planning your year of pupil accounting duties. Learn about regulated due dates and the pre-work needed to meet those deadlines.

Pupil Accounting Legislative Primer (3.0 Hours)

 Certification tracks: PAA/PAS/SED)

Presenters – Linda DeHooghe, Utica Community Schools, & Kelly Dumas, Warren Consolidated Schools

Understanding the processes and procedures of pupil accounting requires a basic understanding of school funding, including knowledge of the State School Aid Act, the School Code, and Administrative Rules and how these elements intertwine and provide the cornerstone that drives the content of the Pupil Accounting Manual and the Pupil Auditing manual.

Residency & Schools of Choice (1.5 Hours)

Presenters – Tierre Cook-Howard, Oakland Schools and Tasha Speck, Owosso Schools

This session provides a comprehensive review of residency requirements and Schools of Choice processes, including timelines, approvals, and compliance considerations.

Residency Documentation for Auditors (45 Minutes)

Presenters – Sebastian Alberts, Jose Quintero, and Gloria Suggitt, MDE

Auditors will want to attend this session to learn what is required to audit students' residency and document that process for your own QCR processes.

SIS Ask Me Anything (1 Hour)

Join software experts in this opportunity to get questions answered as well as share with others your ideas for efficiency and accuracy in your system, including experts on Infinite Campus, MiStar, PowerSchool, and Synergy.

Spark Session for Pupil Accountants (1 Hour)

Join MPAAA Board members who are Pupil Accountants and bring questions or ideas to share. You never know what great ideas can come from a little spark.

Special Education Update (1.5 Hours)

Presenters – MDE & MiLEAP Staff

Review recent updates in Special Education along with discussion of critical topics impacting reporting and compliance.

State Agency Panel (Introduction to State Agency Resources) (2.0 Hours)

( Certification tracks: PAA/PAS (1 Hour towards Certification/2 Hours for Renewal))

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 staff, ISD staff or contracted auditors.

State Aid Update (1 Hour)

Presenters – Jessica Beagle & Brian Ciloski, MDE

Hear about the latest updates and any new regulations and rules that may affect your district.

Teacher Certifications for Auditors (45 Minutes)

Presenter – Sebastian Alberts, Jose Quintero, and Gloria Suggitt, MDE

With the rules changing on how teacher certifications are to be audited, and the new penalty structure being put into place, auditors will want to make sure and attend this session.

Teacher Certifications and ECSE (45 Minutes)

Presenters – Dana Billings, MDE & Mark Kuipers, MiLEAP

Join MiLEAP on this important session that reviews teacher certification requirements in connection with ECSE programs.

Team Leadership (3.0 Hours) (Certification tracks: PAA/PAS/SED)

Presenter – David Hulings, Hulings & Associates

Learn how to match your leadership style with the culture of the organization. Matching leadership style to the cultural landscape will allow you to increase your productivity, decrease communication problems and strengthen your conflict management skills.

The Auditor's Year (3.0 Hours) (Certification Track: PAA)

Presenters – Leah Cameron, Ingham ISD and Carrie Haubenstricker, Genesee ISD

New pupil accounting auditors are guided through an entire calendar year. Learn about regulated due dates and the pre-work needed to meet those deadlines. All state-level reporting and auditing work will be covered to ensure a thorough understanding of how the various audits intermesh during the year.

The Power of Collective P.A.C.E. (1.0 Hour)

Presenter – David Hulings, Hulings & Associates

The Power of Collective P.A.C.E... PACE stands for Purpose, Attitude, Care and Energy. The theme is based upon the thought that if we are working in our Purpose with the right Attitude and have great balance of Caring for others and ourselves (I call it Care-Munity ... caring for myself in order to care for my community), I will have an Energy unmatched by anything or anyone. When I lose Energy, it is typically because one of the other three (PAC) is out of whack.

Truancy (1.5 Hours)

Presenters – Robert Evans and Ingrid Seruga, Ingham ISD

This session will provide attendees an opportunity to discuss challenges in student truancy and discuss some of the methods and processes that are currently in use.

Verifying XML Files with Notebook++ (45 Minutes)

Presenters –Christian Anderson and Dan Kresbaugh, Oakland Schools

This session will review how to validate a XML file using Notepad++ or a similar tool. Options will be discussed as well as the great compare plugin tool option that allows you to compare XML files and explain the benefits of that.