

Fall 2026 MPAAA Conference (Mission Point 9/28-30/26)

****Registration will be on Monday Morning Only - No Pre-Registration on Sunday****

Date	Start	End	Session / Track	Title	Presenter
Monday, 9/28	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Breakfast	Mentor Program Tables at Breakfast	
	7:00 AM	9:00 AM		Registration	Shannon Rea, COOR ISD
	8:00 AM	8:15 AM	General Session	Welcome / General Membership Meeting	Rob Dickinson, MPAAA and Kelly Dumas, Warren Consolidated Schools
	8:15 AM	9:15 AM	General Session	The Power of Collective P.A.C.E.	David Hulings, Hulings and Associates
	9:15 AM	10:15 AM	General Session	State Aid Update	Jessica Beagle, Brian Ciloski and Gloria Suggett, MDE
Monday, 9/28	10:15 AM	10:30 AM	Break		
Breakout Sessions	10:30 AM	12:00 PM	Auditors	MDE Updates for Auditors	Sebastian Alberts, Gloria Suggitt & Jose Quintero, MDE
			Pupil Accountants	The Connection Between Attendance and Pupil Accounting: the True Cost of an Empty Seat	Ingrid Seruga & Robert Evans, Ingham ISD
			Pupil Accountants & Data Specialists	Year at a Glance for Pupil Accountants	Melanie Scheitler, Rochester Schools & Linda DeHooghe, Utica Community Schools
			Pupil Accountants & Data Specialists	Michigan DataHub - Improving Data Quality Before MSDS Submission	Laura Caballero & Melissa Tront, MiDataHub Network
			Pupil Accountants	Early Childhood FTE and Transition	Colleen O'Connor & Mark Kuipers, MiLEAP
	10:30 AM	12:00 PM	Cert Course (PAA, PAS, SED)	Team Leadership	David Hulings, Hulings and Associates
	10:30 AM	12:00 PM	Cert Course (PAA, PAS, SED)	Data Quality 1	Rob Dickinson, MPAAA
Monday, 9/28	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Lunch		
Quick Hits	1:00 PM	1:45 PM	Pupil Accountants	Navigating the PAM: Basic	Leah Cameron, Ingham ISD & Carrie Haubenstricker, Genesee ISD

			Pupil Accountants	Navigating MSDS	Anne Hansknecht, CEPI
			Auditors	Residency Documentation for Auditors	Sebastian Alberts, Gloria Suggitt & Jose Quintero, MDE
			Pupil Accountants & Data Specialists	Teacher Certifications and ECSE	Dana Billings, MDE & Mark Kuipers, MiLEAP
			Pupil Accountants & Data Specialists	Michigan DataHub Student State Reporting Quick Start	Laura Caballero & Melissa Tront, MiDataHub Network
			Pupil Accountants & Data Specialists	ISD Programs: GSRP	Kathi Thornton, Kent ISD
Monday, 9/28	1:45 PM	2:00 PM	Break		
Quick Hits	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	Pupil Accountants	Navigating the PAM: Advanced	Leah Cameron, Ingham ISD & Carrie Haubenstricker, Genesee ISD
			Pupil Accountants	Navigating MSDS	Anne Hansknecht, CEPI
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Tuesday, 9/29	7:30 AM	8:30 AM	Breakfast		
	7:30 AM	8:30 AM	Registration	Registration	Shannon Rea, COOR ISD
Breakout Sessions	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	Pupil Accountants & Data Specialists	Attendance Practices and Techniques	Julie Ziesemer, Washtenaw ISD & Kait Guerra, Livingston ESA
			Pupil Accountants, Data Specialists, and Auditors	Days and Hours	Brian Ciloski & Jessica Beagle, MDE

			Pupil Accountants and Auditors	Practical Guidance for District Success: Understanding Appropriate Placement	Katie Schiedemknecht & Krista Ried, MDE
			Pupil Accountants & Data Specialists	Residency and Schools of Choice	Tasha Speck, Owosso Schools & Tierre Cook-Howell, Oakland Schools
			Pupil Accountants, Data Specialists, and Auditors	Special Education Update	MDE & MiLEAP Staff
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Tuesday, 9/29	11:45 AM	1:00 PM	Lunch		
Quick Hits	1:00 PM	1:45 PM	Pupil Accountants & Data Specialists	Macomb Data Tool Beginner: Fundamentals	Kathi Thornton, Kent ISD
			Auditors	Teacher Certification for Auditors	Sebastian Alberts, Gloria Suggitt & Jose Quintero, MDE
			Pupil Accountants & Data Specialists	CRDC Is Coming This Year	Rob Dickinson, MPAAA

			Pupil Accountants & Data Specialists	Bridging the Gap Between CTE Data,Funding and Pupil Accounting	Jamie Engel, Ingham ISD & Michelle Radcliffe, Livingston ESA
Tuesday, 9/29	1:45 PM	2:00 PM	Break (drinks only)		
Quick Hits	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	Pupil Accountants & Data Specialists	Macomb Data Tool Advanced: Problem Solving	Kathi Thornton, Kent ISD
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	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	Pupil Accountants & Data Specialists	SIS Ask Me Anything	~MiStar - Josie Pike, Wayne RESA ~Powerschool (Randi Bassett, Holt Public Schools & Christina Hay, Kalamazoo RESA ~Skyward (Eppe Wolffis) ~Synergy (Melanie Scheitler, Rochester Schools ~Infinite Campus (Luke Kaiser, Clinton County RESA)
			Pupil Accountants	Spark Session for Pupil Accountants	Topic Tables-Includes Staff from OSE
			Auditors	Idea Exchange for Pupil Auditors	Topic Tables
Wednesday, 9/30	7:30 AM	8:30 AM	Breakfast		

	8:30 AM	9:15 AM	General Session	Legislative Update	Rob Dickinson, MPAAA
	9:15 AM	10:00 AM	General Session	CEPI Update	Joel Thiele, CEPI
	10:00 AM	10:15 AM	Break		
	10:15 AM	12:15 PM	Cert Course (PAA, PAS)	State Agency Panel (Introduction to State Agency Resources)	MDE,CEPI staff
	12:15 PM		Conference Ends		

Fall 2026 Session Descriptions - UP

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) (CEPI 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 Minutes)

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) (CEPI 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.

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.

ISD Programs: GSRP (45 Minutes)

Presenter – 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 – Rob Dickinson, MPAAA

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

MISDmsds – Case Studies in Data Manipulation (45 Minutes)

Present: Kathi Thornton, Kent ISD

Take your skills to the next level by working through realistic State Reporting scenarios that demonstrate the power of the Macomb State Reporting software. Using hands-on case studies, participants will learn techniques for analyzing XML data, performing mass updates, correcting complex reporting issues, and resolving common data problems before submission. This session focuses on practical problem-solving strategies that attendees can immediately apply to improve the accuracy and efficiency of their State Reporting process.

MISDmsds – Getting Started with Macomb (45 Minutes)

Present: Kathi Thornton, Kent ISD

Whether you're new to the Macomb State Reporting software or looking for a refresher, this session will provide a solid foundation for using the application to review and correct State Reporting XML files. Participants will learn how to install and navigate the software, load XML files from their student information system, review data, identify common reporting issues, make corrections, and prepare clean files for submission. By the end of the session, attendees will be comfortable using the software as part of their regular State Reporting workflow.

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.

Michigan DataHub Improving Data Quality Before MSDS Submission (1.5 Hours)

Presenters – Laura Caballero & Melissa Tront, MiDataHub Network

Accurate data begins long before an MSDS collection window opens. This session explores your districts real-time data within MiDataHub through reports to help districts identify and resolve high-impact data issues before submitting data to MSDS. Participants will learn how to review high-stakes data elements for the Fall General Collection, including FTE, Supplemental Nutrition (SNE), and English Learner (EL) data.

Michigan DataHub Student State Reporting Quick Start (45 Minutes)

Presenters – Laura Caballero & Melissa Tront, MiDataHub Network

MiDataHub has made significant improvements to simplify onboarding for districts using Student State Reporting Tools. This session introduces the MiDataHub Student State Reporting Quick Start approach, designed to help districts get up and running with minimal effort. Whether you're implementing these tools for the first time or looking for a smoother process each school year, this session will provide practical guidance and proven best practices to help you get started successfully.

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 make 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.

Practical Guidance for District Success: Understanding Appropriate Placement (90 Minutes)

Presenters – Katie Schmiedeknecht & Krista Ried, MDE

Join experts from MDE's Office of Educator Excellence for a session on appropriate placement, endorsement alignment, permits, and grade-band considerations in straightforward, usable terms. Whether you support staffing decisions, reporting, or compliance, you'll leave with actionable guidance to support your districts make informed, accurate, and student-centered staffing choices.

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 (PAM) and the Pupil Membership Auditing Manual (PMAM).

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*, *Skyward* & *Synergy*.

Spark Session for Pupil Accountants (1 Hour)

Join staff from MDE's Office of Special Education (OSE) along with 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 Connection Between Attendance & Pupil Accounting: The True Cost of an Empty Seat (1.5 Hours)

Presenters – Robert Evans and Ingrid Seruga, Ingham ISD

An empty seat hurts student outcomes and district budgets, but solutions start with understanding the connection between pupil accounting and student engagement. Designed for data personnel, enrollment staff, pupil accountants, and administrators, this session connects MCL attendance laws and audit compliance with MDE's latest attendance guidance. Learn practical MTSS strategies, avoid common audit findings, navigate drop protocols, and discover how every staff member can foster an environment where students show up.

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.

Year-at-a Glance for Pupil Accountants (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.