



2024  
A/CAPA  
Fall  
Conference

Hotel Hershey  
November 6-8, 2024




Wednesday Sessions-November 6, 2024

Session	Speaker	Location
8:00 AM-9:00 AM	Registration and Light Continental Breakfast in the Fountain Lobby	
9:00 AM-10:00 AM	A/CAPA Orientation and Welcome in the Garden Terrace Special Guest Marcus Delgado, PDE Deputy Secretary of Administration	
10:10 AM-11:00 AM	Breakout Sessions	
<b>Safe Schools-Reports, Supports and Resources for Creating a Safe Learning Environment:</b> Review of the reporting requirements and highlighting the collaborative agency partnerships focusing on creating a system-wide approach to creating a safe and healthy learning environment.	Scott Kuren Joe Loccisano Jay Wasser Russ Alves	Garden Terrace East
<b>Gender/Gender Identity-What are the Obligations of Schools?:</b> Principles that we have learned from statutes and cases involving issues of gender identity.	Elizabeth Kelly, Esquire	Garden Terrace West
<b>ABCs of Child Accounting:</b> Overview of the basics of Child Accounting	Lori Sieber	Castilian
<b>Implement, Integrate, Document, Repeat:</b> Do you wish everyone else could “see” and understand everything you do? Learn how one district has automated various systems through integration while focusing on documenting the process and creating standard operating procedures that reveal the scope of their accomplishments.	Eric Forsyth Carissa Johnson Ann Bauer	Starlight
<b>Student Use and Abuse of Drugs and Alcohol:</b> What are the current trends in student drug and alcohol abuse? What are the effects on students of D&A use and abuse?	Sgt. Bogart	Blue Mountain
11:00 AM-11:10 AM	Refreshment Break	
		
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<b>Student Discipline-Due Process and Investigation Basics:</b> A general overview into due process requirements and investigation tips. Best practices when engaging in suspensions and expulsions of students.	Paige Gross, Esq. Alyssa Hicks, Esq.	Garden Terrace West
<b>Identifying Resident and Non-Resident Membership:</b> Keys to identifying the different types of resident and non-resident students including 1302, 1305, and 1306.	Lori Sieber	Castilian
<b>Title 9:</b> What is Title 9 and how does it impact your school beyond the Athletic Opportunities Act?	Peg Pennepacker	Starlight
<b>Narcan Training:</b> Learn about the lifesaving effects of Narcan, how it works and what happens when it is administered.	Sgt. Michael Bogart	Blue Mountain
<b>Officer Interest:</b> Are you interested in becoming an A/CAPA officer? Meet with current board members and learn about the associated responsibilities and tasks.	Dr. Brian Pipech	Tea House
Noon-1:30 PM	Lunch (Tickets provided to commuters and hotel guests) Scholarship Committee Meeting in the Catherine Hershey Suite	



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1:30 PM-2:20 PM	Breakout Sessions		
<b>Online Testing and Benchmarking:</b> This presentation will outline the Governor’s plan and steps for implementation of a new plan that will reduce the state’s reliance on standardized testing and will implement online testing, adopting question types that allow students to use methods they are familiar with, and developing a free, optional benchmark assessment tool for schools to help educators better understand whether students are on track to succeed.		Brian Campbell	Garden Terrace East
<b>Legal Issues: Attendance:</b> Special Issues in Enrollment and Attendance		Rebecca A. Young, Esq.	Garden Terrace West
<b>Child Accounting Templates:</b> Review of the template fields and requirements associated with the School Calendar and Student Calendar Fact templates.		Scott Cole	Castilian
<b>Athletic Opportunities Reporting:</b> Why does the data on this report matter? What data is being looked at and why?		Peg Pennepacker	Starlight
<b>De-Escalation Techniques:</b> Learn how law enforcement is trained in De-escalation, its effects and struggles. See a live taser deployment demonstration.		Sgt. Michael Bogart	Blue Mountain
<b>HELP! My PIMS Person Just Quit!:</b> Have you recently lost your PIMS admin? This session is designed to help you on your path of maintaining accurate data records while searching for a replacement PIMS admin.		Doug Ferraro	Tea House
2:20 PM-2:30 PM	Refreshment Break 		
2:30 PM-3:20 PM	Breakout Sessions		
<b>New Career Education and Work Standards:</b> Review of the process and implementation for the updated Career Education and Work Standards with a connection to workforce development.		Brian Campbell Laura Fridirici	Garden Terrace East
<b>Legal Issues: 504s and IEPs:</b> An overview of Special Education Laws and IEPs		Kristine Roddick, Esq.	Garden Terrace West
<b>Child Accounting PIMS Reports:</b> Review of the reports that accompany the CA collection and tips on what to look for when analyzing the reports.		Lori Sieber	Castilian
<b>Exploring Special Education State Reporting and Funding:</b> Explore best practices to get your data organized for Special Ed PIMS reporting and provide a deeper dive on how Special Ed reporting impacts Special Ed Funding.		Kendra Shockley	Starlight
<b>Conducting Searches:</b> Demonstration of the challenges of searching a student or parent and the importance of being thorough.		Sgt. Michael Bogart	Blue Mountain

Do you have a topic for the Spring Virtual Conference? An idea for a webinar? Let us know!



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Session		Location
3:30 PM-4:20 PM	SIS Alike Groups	
<b>PowerSchool</b> 		Garden Terrace East
<b>Sapphire</b> 		Garden Terrace West
<b>Skyward</b> 		Castilian
<b>Alma</b> 		Starlight
From 5:00 PM	Dinner (Make reservations on your own. Restaurant availability TBA). Tickets are provided to registered overnight guests.	
8:00 PM-11:00 PM	Casino Night in the Garden Terrace	



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Thursday Sessions-November 7, 2024

Session	Speaker	Location
8:00 AM-8:30 AM	Registration and Light Continental Breakfast in the Fountain Lobby	
8:30 AM-9:00 AM	Business Meeting and Election Speeches in the Garden Terrace	
9:10 AM-10:00 AM	Breakout Sessions	
<p><b>Enhancing Student Support: Identifying, Tracking and Coding Students Experiencing Education Instability</b>                      This session will explore the unique academic and non-academic needs of highly mobile students and key federal laws that address these needs. Attendees will learn effective strategies for accurately identifying and tracking students to ensure both student success and fulfillment of LEA obligations. Gain a deeper understanding of this critical aspect of education to foster a more inclusive and supportive learning environment for all students.</p>	<p>Matthew Butensky                      Diane Meck</p>	<p>Garden Terrace                      East</p>
<p><b>Preliminary Summary of Child Accounting:</b> See the results of the PIMS CA collection and how a school district’s average daily membership (ADM) is calculated.</p>	<p>Lori Sieber</p>	<p>Garden Terrace                      West</p>
<p><b>Ward of State:</b> Learn what goes into making the determination of the student status to be a Ward of State.</p>	<p>Fianne Van Schaaik                      Tom Dubbs</p>	<p>Castilian</p>
<p><b>Special Education Overview:</b> An overview of Special Education reporting and updates for 2024-25, including December 1, Act 16 and exiting.</p>	<p>Dan Ficca                      Jodi Rissinger</p>	<p>Starlight</p>
<p><b>You Matter-Minding Your Mind and Body:</b> You have a lot - your work, your family, etc. - what about yourself? Self-care is highly important to support your health in the physical and psychosocial sense. Self-health promotion is real, and worthy of your time and investment. We will explore how you can better take care of yourself in a holistic context to better seek work-life balance and wellness.</p>	<p>Todd Hastings</p>	<p>Blue Mountain</p>
<p><b>Artificial Intelligence (AI) in K-12 Education: Transforming Learning and Operational Efficiency:</b> Explore the growing impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on K-12 education. This session will delve into AI-driven tools that support student engagement, differentiated instruction, and predictive analytics, offering insights into how schools can leverage AI to improve attendance, academic performance, and administrative processes. Attendees will gain a practical understanding of AI applications in education and discuss ethical considerations, privacy concerns, and strategies to prepare schools for the future of AI integration.</p>	<p>Mohamed Hassan</p>	<p>Tea House</p>





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10:10 AM-11:00 AM	Breakout Sessions		
<b>Learn About Act 1 of 2022: Assisting Students Experiencing Education Instability</b> In this session, participants will explore the law's provisions, practical strategies for implementation, and how the Act fosters more equitable educational environments. Participants will be equipped to begin applying Act 1 effectively and promoting educational continuity and success for all students.		Matthew Butensky Benjamin Simmons	Garden Terrace East
<b>Instructional Time and Calendars:</b> Understanding the calculation of instructional time and the use of calendars.		Lori Sieber	Garden Terrace West
<b>Enrollment Basics:</b> Learn the ins and outs of the minimum required documentation described in the BEC.		Fianne Van Schaaik Tom Dubbs	Castilian
<b>Special Education Discipline:</b> Discussion of the Special Education Discipline collection with Safe Schools and Table 9A including data discrepancies between collections.		Dan Ficca Jodi Rissinger	Starlight
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<b>Cybersecurity Insurance:</b> This session will highlight data security, network access controls, and other technical infrastructure operational considerations school systems should focus on when considering acquiring or renewing cyber security insurance protection plans.		Dr. Byron McCook	Tea House
11:00 AM-11:10 AM	Refreshment Break		



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11:10 AM- Noon	Breakout Sessions		
<b>Unlocking the Power of PVAAS: A Beginner's Guide:</b> Join us for a foundational session on the Pennsylvania Value-Added Assessment System (PVAAS) and discover how this powerful tool can transform your educational practice. In this engaging session, we'll explore two key areas. What is PVAAS and why PVAAS Matters.		Kristen Lewald	Garden Terrace East
<b>Tracking Resident Students:</b> Learn what questions to ask when your student is educated by another entity. Test your knowledge of who reports whom for child accounting.		Lori Sieber	Garden Terrace West
<b>Enrollment Deep Dive:</b> Discussion of the enrollment process for both resident and non-resident students, including 1302 students.		Tom Dubbs Fianne Van Schaaik	Castilian
<b>Special Education Fiscal Considerations:</b> Learn how your Special Education data impacts subsidy and your LEA's bottom line.		Janette Fulton	Starlight
<b>You Matter-Minding Your Mind and Body:</b> You have a lot - your work, your family, etc. - what about yourself? Self-care is highly important to support your health in the physical and psychosocial sense. Self-health promotion is real, and worthy of your time and investment. We will explore how you can better take care of yourself in a holistic context to better seek work-life balance and wellness.		Todd Hastings	Blue Mountain
<b>CTC Handbook Development:</b> Join the team that is developing the next A/CAPA Publication targeted toward CTCs and comprehensive high schools.		Diane Meck	Tea House
Noon- 1:30 PM	Lunch (Tickets provided to commuters and hotel guests) Technology Committee Meeting in the Catherine Hershey Suite		
1:30 PM- 2:20 PM	Breakout Sessions		
<b>The Pivotal Role of Data Administrators in the PIMS and PVAAS Connection:</b> Join us for an in-depth exploration of the data flow from your LEA/district to PIMS to PVAAS, uncovering how high-quality data provides the foundation for powerful insights that guide your colleagues' educational decisions.		Yashira Ashby Jennifer Kurtz	Garden Terrace East
<b>Overview of Students Experiencing Homelessness:</b> Overview and updates on homeless processes and procedures.		Jeff Zimmerman	Garden Terrace West
<b>Home Education and Private Tutoring:</b> Home education basics, required documentation, participation requirements and impacts on Child Accounting.		Tom Dubbs Fianne Van Schaaik	Castilian
<b>Reporting Outplaced Special Education Students:</b> Explore how to correctly report your outplaced Special Education students.		Dan Ficca Jodi Rissinger	Starlight
<b>Personal Wellness:</b> Have you ever wondered how best to stay healthy? This session seeks to review the effects of physical activity on individuals and our society. We will also discuss how you might implement more of it into your life.		Dr. Cayce Onks	Blue Mountain
2:20 PM- 2:30 PM	Refreshment Break		





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- 7 Records - Referrals with Missing Victims (Safe Schools)
- 8 teachers haven't taken attendance today
- 20 students absent today
- 145 students absent yesterday
- 2 Excuse Notes have been uploaded for Review
- 4 Records - Students 3 day Unexcused - Truancy
- 1309 Records - Attendance Audit Report
- 3 change requests awaiting approval.
- 10 Online Re-enrollment(s) are awaiting approval.

**Task Alerts:**  
Put work in front of staff

**Extracts**

- PIMS Extracts
- Verification Reports
  - PIMS Verification District Usage
  - PIMS Verification Reports
  - Enrollment Discrepancies
- Other Reports
  - Extract Field Defaults
  - Civil Rights Data Collection
  - USDE ESSER Data Collection Report - PDE
  - PA Graduation Pathways Report
- Processes
  - PVAAS
  - Import PkSecureID
- Setup
  - Pennsylvania Reports Setup
  - PIMS Rollover
- Charter School Reports
  - Invoices
  - Individual Reconciliation Report
  - Summary Reconciliation Report
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Spring Virtual 2025: April 9 and 10, 2025,  
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Data Collection Workshop: May 12 and 13, 2025,  
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Fall Conference 2025: November 5-7, 2025,  
Hotel Hershey



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2:30 PM-3:20 PM	Breakout Sessions		
<p><b>4605s Received and Sent:</b> This training will cover processing 4605 forms for resident students in out-of-district placements, handling LEA payment requests for hospitalized students (ESASD), and managing nonresident students in therapeutic foster care or placement facilities within the district (PMSD).</p>		Ann Bauer Aubrey Dilger Elisha Frable	Garden Terrace East
<p><b>Portrait of a Graduate:</b> This presentation on the Portrait of a Graduate will focus on how Pennsylvania school districts can align their student success frameworks with the requirements of Act 158, emphasizing data collection at multiple points in the educational journey. With Pennsylvania’s focus on varied pathways to graduation, we will explore how schools can use data to track student progress in critical competencies such as communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, and citizenship. This session will help district data personnel understand how to integrate and analyze data in alignment with Act 158, while also promoting a holistic view of student readiness for college, career, and life.</p>		Dr. Michael Speziale Dr. Diane Szader	Garden Terrace West
<p><b>Student Services Panel:</b> Discussion putting together experts on homeless, enrollment, Flexible Instructional Days, ward of state.</p>		Tom Dubbs Fianne Van Schaaik Jeff Zimmerman	Castilian
<p><b>Transportation Subsidy</b></p>		Ben Hanft	Starlight
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3:30 PM-4:20 PM	SIS Alike Sessions		
<p><b>Infinite Campus</b></p> 			Garden Terrace East
<p><b>Leader Services</b></p> 			Garden Terrace West
<p><b>CSIU</b></p> 			Castilian
<p><b>Focus</b></p> 			Starlight
From 5:00 PM	Dinner (Make reservations on your own. Restaurant availability TBA). Tickets are provided to registered overnight guests.		
8:00 PM-11:00 PM	Night at the Races and Basket Raffle in the Garden Terrace		



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Scholarship Committee, Technology Committee and  
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8:00 AM-8:30 AM	Registration and Light Continental Breakfast in the Fountain Lobby	
8:30 AM-9:00 AM	Business Meeting in the Garden Terrace	
9:10 AM-10:00 AM	Breakout Sessions	
<b>Calculating your Child Accounting Hours and Days:</b> See a newly developed CA Hours and Days calculator and examine how to use the tool in conjunction with a School Board approved calendar to calculate Days in Session and Total Instructional Time.	Rebecca Daugherty	Garden Terrace East
<b>Preparing for the Civil Rights Data Collection:</b> This presentation will cover all aspects of the CRDC 23-24 including what the collection is, points of contact, timeline, new fields, removed fields, tips and tricks.	Dan Nestorick	Garden Terrace West
<b>Virtual Registration with Sapphire CWP and DocVerify:</b> Discover the transformative journey of our district’s centralized online registration platform, streamlining registration for our community.	Eric Forsyth Carissa Johnson Heather Fagan Ann Bauer	Castilian
<b>Deep Dive into Residency Status Codes:</b> A deep dive into understanding residency codes and how they effect your CA subsidy.	Jessica Gioia-Young	Starlight
<b>New Officer Orientation:</b> An opportunity for newly elected ACAPA officers to get a jump start on their position.	Dr. Brian Pipech	Tea House
10:10 AM-11:00 AM	Breakout Sessions	
<b>Setting Yourself and Your District up for Success:</b> Work through the process of creating crosswalks for different PIMS collections to help PIMS admins and others in the district to locate where data is being pulled from.	Shana Kulp	Garden Terrace East
<b>Quality Data and Decision Making 101:</b> Tips and tricks to demystify data decisions and empower personnel as everyday consumers of data.	Dr. Robert McGee	Garden Terrace West
<b>Knowing the Value of your ADMs!!:</b> Child Accounting matters in school formulas, and it keeps changing. Baseline ADMs; added student weights; multipliers, numerators, and denominator math impacts are all in play. This session takes a look at ADM value for subsidy dollars in your district; including recent changes to cyber charter special education funding, basic education’s “re-set” base, and special education’s significant increase (\$50 million) in funding from the governor’s proposal to final budget. ADM reporting is a key metric that helps to drive funding shares, connecting the dots matters!!	Dr. Timothy Shrom	Castilian
<b>Work Smarter, Not Harder—Using Google to Manage Your State Reporting:</b> We will share a variety of templates you can use in your district to help organize and manage all your state reporting data using Google.	Lori Heim Marianne Salzman	Starlight



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