

13th Annual California Paraeducator Conference



“Educating Tomorrow’s Leaders Today!”

March 25–27, 2010

*Convention Center & Sheraton Grand Hotel
Sacramento, CA*

SPECIAL
2 for 1
Registration

until
February 25, 2010

*Regular
Conference
Registration:
2 for \$99*

*Evening/Saturday
Sessions:
2 for \$49*

Paraeducators are encouraged to bring other members of the classified work force (i.e. bus drivers, clerical staff, noon duty assistants, campus security, etc), teachers, administrators and other policy makers in the district.

You will want to attend this conference if you would like to learn how to: motivate students, positively influence student behavior, recognize at risk behaviors, stay healthy at school, communicate in Spanish or Sign Language, help students with Math and Reading, and much more. Evening sessions have been added to increase learning opportunities for conference participants.

Low-Price Option for Sacramento Area Paraeducators!

Local paraeducators who cannot attend this conference during the day are encouraged to register for Thursday/Friday night and Saturday morning sessions.

For a complete list of sessions and the conference schedule go to www.csea.com



Co-sponsored by the California School Employees Association, the California Department of Education, California State University at Long Beach, the Association of California School Administrators and the California School Boards Association.

Special Registration Discounts

In recognition of the state budget crisis' impact on school districts, we are offering reduced rates for conference registrations. But hurry, this is a limited time offer. Submit two names by February 25, 2010 and receive two registrations for the price of one. This offer applies to the regular conference registration fee of \$99.00 as well as the evening option registration fee of \$49.00. Registrations must be received at CSEA Headquarters by Feb. 25th to qualify. (Please note: Fifty percent off coupons cannot be used in conjunction with the two for one offer.)

Potential Funding Sources

The 2009–2010 school district budget year includes a couple of new funding sources (Categorical Funding Flexibility & American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) that can be used to pay for paraeducator and other classified staff training/attendance at the paraeducator conference.

Categorical Funding Flexibility—The 2009–10 Budget Act allows school districts the flexibility to use funding from 42 select categorical programs (generally referred to as Tier III) for any educational purpose.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)—The federal ARRA program provides new one-time federal funding to school districts to augment IDEA, Part B and the Title I funds identified below.

General Title I Funds—to support ongoing training and professional development to assist teachers and paraprofessionals [Section 1114(b)(1)(D) & Section 1115(c)(1)(F) of Title I]

Title I—Schools and districts identified as needing improvement must also reserve funds for professional development and these funds may be used for training paraprofessionals. [Sections 1116(b)(3)(A)(iii) & 1116(c)(7)(A)(iii) of Title I]

Title II, Part A—Improving Teacher Quality State Grants funds may be used to provide professional development that “improves the knowledge of teachers and principals, and in appropriate cases, paraprofessionals concerning core academic subjects and related activities to improve student academic achievement.” [Section 2123(a)(3)(A)]

Title III, Part A—the English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement Act, authorized local education agencies to use formula grant funds for professional development of teachers and other instructional personnel providing instruction to students needing English language acquisition and language enhancement. [Section 3111(a)(2)(A)]

Union/District Cooperation—Some local union chapters share expenses with their district in order to send more than one or two paraeducators to the Paraeducator Conference. Ask your local chapter for assistance.

Day Sessions

Partial List of Workshop Offerings —Autism, Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder, Basic Sign Language, Behavior, Bullying, CAHSEE (Math, Language Arts), CalPERS Retirement Information, Disabilities Awareness, Drugs, Early Literacy, Gangs, Hate Crimes & Hate Incidents in Schools, Homeless Students, Keeping Healthy at School/Role of the School Nurse, Language Learning for Little Ones, Math, Motivating High School Students, Paraeducator Roles & Responsibilities, Reading, Survival Spanish, Talking to Children About Prejudice & Discrimination, Workplace Violence and more.

Evening Sessions

Partial List of Workshop Offerings—Autism, Basic Sign Language, Behavior Management, CalPERS Retirement Information, Child Abuse, Cyberbullying, Developing Students' Observation Skills, Gangs, Keeping Healthy at School/Medication Debate, Internet Predators, Leadership & Learning, Math, Resiliency and more.

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reasons you will want to attend this conference:

- Attend longer, in-depth workshops to sharpen skills and enhance job performance.
- Learn about career development programs and specialized paraeducator fields in California's public schools.
- Meet and network with paraeducators from other school districts.
- Learn techniques from the experts for improving student behavior and performance.
- Select from diverse workshops covering ELL, special and general education, school safety, health, music, math, reading, writing, behavior management, nutrition and much more.

Conference Schedule

The 13th Annual California Paraeducator Conference will be held at the Sacramento Convention Center and Sheraton Grand Hotel on March 25–27, 2010. The opening general session will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 25. Saturday's sessions will be followed by a banquet brunch at 10:00 a.m. in the ballroom at the Sheraton Grand Hotel.

Hotel Information

The conference hotel is the Sacramento Sheraton Grand located at 1230 J Street. Rooms are being held at the special conference rate of \$129 per room, single or double occupancy, until March 5, or until the room block is sold out. To reserve a guest room, call 1-800-325-3535 or (916) 447-1700 and ask for room reservations. Be sure to tell them that you are attending the California Paraeducator Conference to ensure you get the special rate.

Meals

In order to keep conference registration costs low, we are unable to provide complimentary meals. However, continental breakfasts on Friday and Saturday mornings are included with your registration fee. There are several low cost restaurants and delicatessens in the area. Saturday's banquet brunch is optional and the additional cost is \$20.00. You may send the extra \$20.00 with your registration fee in order to reserve a space at the brunch (seating is limited).

Fly/Drive

If you are traveling by air, book your flight into Sacramento Airport (SMF) and take a shuttle or taxi to the Sheraton Grand Hotel. If you are driving, you may park in the Ampco Parking Garage on 13th Street, directly across from the hotel. The cost for hotel guests, with in and out privileges is \$15.00 per day. Conference participants not staying in the hotel will be charged \$18.00 per day (in and out privileges not included).

Conference Registration

Use the attached registration form to register for the full conference (\$99.00) or to register for evening/Saturday sessions (\$49.00). If you are taking advantage of the two for the price of one offer, be sure to put both names on the registration form. Conference attendance is limited and the two for one offer is only good through February 25. Be sure to send your registrations in right away.

Refund Policy

Full refunds will be made only if a written request is received by February 25, 2010. No refunds will be issued for conference no-shows. Districts using purchase orders to register participants are obligated to pay for no-shows. Alternate participants can be substituted to avoid no-show charges.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name _____ Position/Job Title _____
Address (home or work) _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____ Phone (____) _____ Email _____

2. Name _____ Position/Job Title _____
Address (home or work) _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____ Phone (____) _____ Email _____
School District/Organization _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS: *Please check one*

FULL CONFERENCE @ \$99

SAT & EVENING CLASSES @ \$49

1. Purchase order in the amount of \$ _____ for _____ number of participants. P.O. # _____

District Name _____ District Address _____

2. A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed for _____ number of participants.

Please make checks payable to: California School Employees Association (federal ID#94-1301733)

3. To charge registration using **Visa** or **MasterCard**.

Card # _____ Expiration Date _____ 3-digit Security Code _____

Name as it appears on card _____ Card holder signature _____

BANQUET BRUNCH— Thursday, April 2, 2009 — \$20.00 per person

YES, I/We would like to attend the brunch. I have enclosed an additional \$20.00 per person to cover the cost of the meal.

Mail form to: Carla Mitchler, CSEA, 2045 Lundy Avenue, San Jose, CA 95131.

Registrations with payment must be received by February 25, 2010 to qualify for the 2 for 1 discount.

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Earn While You Learn!

Register for a one unit college credit course for attending this fabulous conference and writing about your experience. California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) is again offering a one unit Independent Study course for a fee of \$65. This is in addition to the conference registration fee. Register by phone from January 11 to March 19, Mon.–Fri., 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (800) 963-2250. MasterCard, Visa, checks & money orders accepted. To register on-site on March 25, look for the CSULB table near the main registration area prior to the beginning of the conference. You must register for the course before the conference begins.