

Leading the Core

Principal Convening

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3rd annual

Leading the Core
October 24-25, 2017

Registration opens **August 1, 2017.**



Please mark your calendar and make plans to join us in Chicago, IL for Student Achievement Partners' 2017 *Leading the Core* principal convening. This school and district administrator-focused conference will allow you to:

- Learn from the experts at Student Achievement Partners and from fellow principals about supporting high-quality instruction that improves student learning;
- Select from concurrent sessions that address the real issues principals face, such as using classroom observation to improve teachers' practice, managing multiple school and district initiatives, ensuring that all students have access to grade-level complex texts and mathematics, and more;
- Consider a systemic approach to increasing student achievement by attending to the content, teacher skills and knowledge, and student engagement;
- Engage with ready-to-use resources for meaningful classroom observation and follow-up conversations that help teachers grow and improve.

Registration link will be distributed through our networks and will be available on www.achievethecore.org beginning August 1, 2017. Space is limited and attendees will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Consider registering as a team of up to 10 from your school or district.

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2017 Leading the Core Frequently Asked Questions

Where is the event being held?

Leading the Core 2017 hosted by [Student Achievement Partners](#) will be held at the [Marriott Chicago O'Hare](#) at 8535 West Higgins Road Chicago, Illinois 60631. This will be the site for both meeting and sleeping rooms.

How do I register?

The registration link will be available on August 1, 2017. The link will be sent out through the Core Advocates network (complete this [questionnaire](#) to join the network) and will be available on our website, www.achievethecore.org. If you are unable to locate the registration link on August 1, email Joanie Funderburk at jfunderburk@studentsachieve.org

Is there a registration fee?

There is no registration fee for this event, but we do need you to register so we can plan out our meeting space, sleeping room block, and meals! Breakfast and lunch will be provided on the convening days (Tuesday, October 24 and Wednesday, October 25).

What costs are attendees responsible for?

Attendees will be responsible for travel expenses (airfare, mileage, parking everywhere but at the venue, hotel room, etc.) and dinners during the two-day event. Breakfast and lunch will be provided on convening days. Attendees may reserve a room at the reduced conference rate, \$189 per night starting on August 1, 2017. Once you have registered we will share the information needed to reserve sleeping rooms. To receive the conference rate, please book your room before October 2, 2017.

What time does the event begin and end?

Early event check-in and materials pick-up will be available from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 23, 2017. Tuesday's check-in and materials pick-up and breakfast will be from 6:30 - 7:45 a.m. with conference programming from 8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., including a cocktail hour for participants Tuesday 5:45 - 6:30 p.m. Wednesday's programming is from 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. We ask attendees to attend ALL sessions of the conference. **Please do not schedule return air travel before 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening, October 25, 2017.**

Which airport is closest?

The event hotel is approximately 2.8 miles from Chicago O'Hare airport and approximately 20.1 miles from Chicago Midway airport.

*Free shuttles are provided between Chicago O'Hare Airport and the hotel property. Transportation costs from Chicago Midway to the hotel property are not included.

Can I bring others from my school/district?

We welcome and encourage you to attend in teams! Due to limited space, we will accept up to 10 attendees from the same district.

What can I expect at the event?

Whether you've attended a Leading the Core event in the past or not, you will find the 2017 convening a great opportunity for learning and collaboration! During the concurrent sessions, you will hear from Student Achievement Partners' experts, knowledgeable presenters from our partner organizations, and your principal peers about the real issues that real principals face. Get practical, ready-to-use resources to address the challenges in your school, such as supporting students who are behind grade-level in math or literacy, how to teach effectively with less-than-perfect instructional materials, effective strategies for language learners, and ensuring that students are actively engaged in their learning and not just passively compliant. The convening will also include the opportunity to collaborate and problem solve through informal *Unconference* sessions that will be requested and facilitated by attendees. If you have not already done so you might take a few moments to visit achievethecore.org and complete the [Core Advocate survey](#).