

2025 State Conference Policies and Guidelines

TEACHERS: Please read carefully as some policies and guidelines have changed since last year due to our budget and space limitations at both the conference center and the hotels.

Due to budget constraints, the State Conference has been moved to a city where venue, hotel, and meal costs are less than those in Raleigh. We appreciate your understanding as our goal is to offer our future teacher students another opportunity to converse for a two-day conference.

Location

Statesville Civic Center
300 S. Center Street, Statesville, NC 28677

Theme – Will be announced early October after the Teacher Cadet State Officers have met.

Fees/Costs

Registration cost is \$25 per student. Teacher Cadet teachers, FTA Club advisors, and bus drivers are free. Changes may be made through February 1, 2025. After that date, student fees are non-refundable.

Teacher and Bus Driver limit: 1 per 10 students. If more required, additional adults at district expense (depending on space) and may have to reserve your own hotel as our reserved block of rooms is limited. *Teachers/chaperones will be assigned 2 per room. Single rooms, when requested, are an additional **\$125 per room** and depending on availability.

Hotel Rooms Liability Agreement: Upon registration, an agreement with the NC Foundation for Public School Children is required to be signed by your principal and uploaded with your registration that states **the school will be financially liable for hotel rooms reserved and not used (no shows, late cancellations, etc.)**. The school will be billed for the cost the Foundation is charged for unused rooms.

We recognize that some groups may need additional support to offset registration costs. Here are ways that you can fund your participation at the State Conference:

- Generate funds through a class or club fundraiser
- Ask local NCAE or Retired School Personnel affiliates, businesses, or other organizations for financial support.
- Apply for a James B. Hunt Teacher Cadet Grant for up to \$1,000:
<https://ncfpsc.wufoo.com/forms/james-b-hunt-teacher-cadet-grant-application/>. This grant is for Teacher Cadet classes only (not for FTA Clubs). Priority will be given to schools in Tier 1 counties. Application deadline **November 1, 2024**. Decisions will be made by **November 8, 2024**.

Hotel Policies:

Conference hotels:

[Courtyard Statesville](#) -1530 Cinema Drive, Statesville, NC 28625

[Hampton Inn Statesville](#) - 1508 Cinema Drive, Statesville, NC 28625

Hotel accommodations are included in the cost of registration. Our staff will make all reservations and arrangements according to the following guidelines:

1. Up to 4 students of the same gender from the same group will be assigned to a room.
2. 2 adults of the same gender from the same group will share a room.
3. Any accommodations that need to be made per district policy that are outside of the guidelines listed above will be at the district's expense. Our staff will need to be notified. After all registrations are in and hotel room assignments are made, staff will attempt, but cannot guarantee, to reserve additional rooms at the conference hotels for special accommodations.
4. Changes to hotel assignments may not be made by anyone other than Marca Jones. We want you to enjoy your experience and will be onsite to handle any questions or concerns during check-in.