

2023 MECEC Frequently Asked Questions

How do I access the registration website? The link to the conference registration website is: <https://eregister.info/portal/index.cfm>

What are the registration rates?

February 15th – March 31st: \$350 (Early Bird Registration)

April 1st – May 15th: \$400 (Regular Registration)

May 16th – June 30th: \$450 (Late Registration)

June 30th – July 14th: \$575 (Late-Late Registration)

***Note:** Registration will close on July 14th or once the capacity has been reached. Once capacity is reached, you will no longer be able to register attendees.

Payment Information:

All payments will need to be made via check. All checks should be made payable to:

**Mississippi Head Start Association (MHSA)
921 North Congress St.
Jackson, MS 39202**

What if I need to submit a purchase order? If you need to submit a purchase order, select yes during registration. Once your registration is submitted, please email Candice Pittman at info@msheadstart.org. In the subject line include: “[Insert Agency/Organization/School Name] needs to register for MECEC with Purchase Order.”

Once your inquiry email is received, we will reply with registration instructions for this payment option. To efficiently track this process, we ask that all registration related inquiries be isolated to the initial email conversation thread. This process will enable you and MHSA staff to easily refer to specific communications within the single thread.

Can I cancel my registration? Yes, you will have until **May 15th** to cancel any registrations. If payment was received prior to May 15th, a partial refund can be provided. An administrative fee of \$25 will be subtracted from the registration fee for each attendee. If registration has not been cancelled by **May 15th**, you will be billed at the **FULL** registration amount.

Can I receive credit if I need to cancel? No. Unfortunately, conference credit will not be allowed. You have until May 15th to cancel your registration for a partial refund.

Will substitutions be allowed? Yes, substitutions will be allowed. All substitutions will need to be made within the system to properly account for attendees. Once conference capacity has been reached, you will no longer be able to make substitutions in the system. At that point, please email Candice Pittman at info@msheadstart.org. In the subject line include: “[Insert Agency/Organization/School Name] needs to make substitutions for MECEC.”

Once your inquiry email is received, we will reply with substitution instructions. To efficiently track this process, we ask that all substitution related inquiries be isolated to the initial email conversation thread. This process will enable you and MHSA staff to easily refer to specific communications within the single thread.

Will there be onsite registration? No, onsite registration will not be allowed.

Will there be health and safety mitigation measures? MECEC is committed to the health and safety of all participants - attendees, speakers, exhibitors, and staff. We plan to deliver the same world-class conference experience associated with our brand, in addition to, the industry-leading hygiene practices of our event venue.

For security purposes, venue authorities ask that conference attendees wear their conference badge at all conference functions in the venue. In alignment with the recent CDC guidance update, MECEC does not require proof of vaccination. However, all participants are encouraged to: (1) wear masks (not required), (2) obtain a COVID-19 vaccination including any boosters, (2) stay abreast of their COVID-19 status especially prior to attending the event, and (4) refrain from attending the event if COVID-19 positive or exhibiting symptoms. During the event, the venue will regularly sanitize meeting space and have sanitizing stations available throughout the property.

By attending the event, participants accept responsibility to act in the best interests of their health, the health of others who attend, and the communities to which they will return after the Event.

What are the room rates? The Golden Nugget is the conference’s host hotel and room rates are as follows:

Luxury King 99.99 + tax

Luxury Queen 119.99 + tax

Terrace King 119.99 + tax

Terrace Queen 139.99 + tax

Junior Suite 149.99 + tax

Are other area hotels available? Yes, you can book hotel rooms at other hotels in the area. Click [Here](#) for a link to a list of hotels in Biloxi.

Is there a conference agenda available? At this time, we can provide a general agenda for the conference. Once the conference grid has been completed, it will be available at msheadstart.org.

General MECEC agenda:

Monday, July 24th

Collaboratives Meeting: Time/Location TBA

Registration: 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Opening Session: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Meet and Greet Reception: 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 25th

Registration: 7:45 a.m.

Workshops: 8:30 am – 5 p.m.

Wednesday, July 26th

Workshops: 8:30 am – 5 p.m.

Thursday, July 27th

Closing Session: 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Will CEUs be available? Yes, CEUs will be available. CEUs will cost \$15 per person. The total possible credits available for this event is:

- Up to 26 contact hours
- Up to 10 semis (up to 5 for every 12.5 hours)
- Up to 2.6 CEUs

Other registration questions? Contact info@msheadstart.org.