



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is NAF Next 2019?

A: NAF Next is NAF's signature event that brings together education, business, and community leaders to network and share ideas for how to increase opportunities, grow partnerships, improve learning experiences and outcomes for students.

Q: What's new at this year's conference?

A: NAF Next 2019 will be held in a convention center this year, separate from the hotel. We have adjusted our schedule to accommodate the time attendees will need in order to get from the hotel to the venue. It is approximately a 13-minute walk. Please plan to wear comfortable shoes and bring all items needed with you for the day.

LOGISTICS

Q: When is NAF Next 2019?

A: The conference will be held July 7 - 10, 2019. Site visits will begin Sunday afternoon at 2:00pm. The formal program for NAF Next 2019 will begin at 9:00 am on Monday, July 8. Please plan to arrive Sunday evening.

Q: Who attends NAF Next?

A: Members of the NAF network: teachers, academy directors, counselors, advisory board members, business partners, district administrators, and anyone committed to ensure our students and businesses are future ready.

Q: Where will NAF Next 2019 be held?

A: All conference programming will be held at the Cobo Center. Hotel accommodations will be available at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center – approximately a 13-minute walk.

Cobo Center
1 Washington Blvd
Detroit, MI

Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center
100 Renaissance Center
Detroit, MI



Q: What's the best way to travel to Cobo Center?

A: The Cobo Center is about a half mile from the hotel. Both are situated on the Detroit River, bordering Canada. The most scenic and direct way to get to the Cobo Center from the hotel is to walk along the Riverwalk. The walk will take approximately 13 minutes and you will enter the convention center conveniently right by the conference registration desk. There are additional options to walk along Jefferson Blvd for the same amount of time.

Complimentary shuttle service between Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center and Cobo Center will be available to NAF Next attendees. Shuttles will run every fifteen minutes. The first shuttle of the day will start at Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center and the last shuttle will pick up at Cobo Center.

Monday, July 8th 7:45 AM – 6:30 PM

Tuesday, July 9th 7:45 AM – 10:30 PM

Wednesday, July 10th 7:45 AM – 12:00 PM

There is also the option to take Detroit's People Mover. Enter the People Mover from the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center at Tower 200, Level 2A and exit at the Cobo Center station, located inside the Cobo Center on the third floor. The fare is \$.75 and can be paid with cash (U.S. nickels, dimes or quarters) or tokens that can be purchased inside each station. The Detroit People Mover runs on a continuous loop and will pick up approximately every 15 minutes.

Q: How do I reserve my hotel room?

A: To make your hotel reservations at the NAF Next 2019 host hotel, the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, go to [THIS LINK](#) or call (877) 901-6632 and ask to be added to the "NAF Next 2019 Room Block". Reservations must be made no later than Thursday, May 30, 2019, or when sold out. After that, please call our Conference Planning Team, (734) 926-0980.

Q: What time is check in and check out at the hotel?

A: Hotel Check – in is at 3:00 PM (If you arrive earlier you may check your luggage at the bell stand until your room is available.)

Hotel Check – out is at 12:00 PM (Luggage Storage will be available for all NAF Next attendees upon check – out)



Q: What are the hotel rates?

A: FULL OVERNIGHT GROUP NEGOTIATED RATE: \$175.00 + \$26.25 per night for taxes
= \$201.25

HALF OVERNIGHT GROUP NEGOTIATED RATE: \$87.50 + \$13.13 per night for taxes = \$100.63

Hotel on-site parking is available. Self-Parking \$25 daily, Valet Parking \$35 daily.

Nearby off-site parking is also available in Beaubien, Port Atwater (both on Beaubien Street) and Center garages (Renaissance Drive). \$5 hourly, \$20 daily.

VOUCHERS – HOTEL ROOM NIGHTS

Q: Does NAF cover any costs related to the conference?

A: Eligible academies will receive two vouchers that cover half of hotel room and tax charges at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center up to four nights between Sunday, July 7 and Wednesday, July 10, 2019. Transportation to and from the conference is not included.

Q: Who is eligible for vouchers?

A: Academies that complete the Academy Assessment by January 2019 and are current on all membership fee payments will receive two vouchers and will be notified by NAF's Membership Services Coordinator, Angela Watson.

Q: How do I get my vouchers?

A: Please contact your academy director. Academy directors, you should receive an email from NAF regarding how to assign vouchers. Voucher codes do not need to be assigned to individuals before they register.

Q: When is the deadline to use vouchers?

A: Vouchers must be used (i.e. registration and hotel reservations must be booked) by May 17, 2019. Academies have until this date to claim and apply them to individuals in the Academy Support Hub. All reservations should be made immediately after registering. Hotel rooms are limited.



REGISTRATION

Q: How do I register?

A: The online registration link will be posted to <http://naf.org/nafnext2019> when registration launches on Monday, March 11.

Q: When do I register? What is the registration fee?

A: Register March 4th through May 30th to take advantage of early bird registration rate. Early bird registration is \$625 (payments or P.O.'s received by May 30th). The full registration fee is \$725 (payments or P.O.'s received between May 31 – July 10). Registration will close June 28, 2019.

TYPE	EARLY BIRD	FULL REGISTRATION
Full Registration: Monday - Wednesday	\$625	\$725
One-Day Registration: Monday or Wednesday	\$250	\$325
One-Day Registration: Tuesday	\$350	\$425
One-Day Registration: Wednesday	\$200	\$300
Two-Day Registration: Monday - Tuesday or Tuesday - Wednesday	\$600	\$675

Payments must be made to ORGANIZATIONAL SERVICES by credit card, check, or purchase order.

All payments for registration fees must be received before you attend the conference or upon arrival. All unpaid participants attending the conference must settle all payments due upon arrival to the conference in Detroit.



Q: What does the registration fee include?

A: Registration fee includes all plenary and learning sessions, conference materials, breakfast, lunch and a heavy afternoon appetizer on Monday, breakfast, lunch and a celebratory dinner on Tuesday, breakfast and lunch on Wednesday, and Wi-Fi throughout all conference meeting rooms. WiFi is complimentary at the hotel for all Marriott Bonvoy members in guest rooms as well as public spaces.

Q: What is NOT included in the registration fee?

A: Meals on Sunday, breakfast on Monday, Lunch on Wednesday and dinner on Monday and Wednesday.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Q: What is the Celebration Dinner?

A: The dinner is a unique and fun event that brings the network together, recognizes our accomplishments, and celebrates the great work from the year. **The cost of the dinner is included in registration.** Additional guest tickets will be available for purchase on the registration website. Tickets are \$100 for adults and \$25 for children under 12 (child friendly plate will be offered). Suggested attire for the dinner is business formal.

Still have questions? **Contact us at conference@naf.org.**