



Who is CoSN?

CoSN is the Consortium of School Networking. We are the national professional association of K-12 EdTech leaders, their teams, and other leaders in school districts across the nation. CoSN provides thought leadership resources, community, best practices, and advocacy tools to help leaders succeed in the digital transformation. CoSN represents over 13 million students and continues to grow as a powerful and influential voice in K-12 education. CoSN also provides opportunities for companies who provide products and services to the K-12 EdTech community to participate as corporate members.

What is CoSN2024?

CoSN2024 is CoSN's premier EdTech leadership event. At this annual conference, members and non-members gather to get top-notch education, network and information share with colleagues and peers, and also meet representatives who provide products/services to their schools and districts. To learn about past conferences and what to expect from attending a CoSN Annual Conference, please visit CoSN's Conference page.

CoSN has chapters in 30 states across the United States. (See map of CoSN chapters here.)
Conference locations are chosen years in advance. CoSN has a very thorough RFP process to help find venues that can accommodate the needs of the conference, which continue to grow year over year. With more than 1100 Educator and Corporate attendees, the CoSN annual conference moves around the US as a way to offer CoSN chapters the opportunity to host CoSN delegates in their respective states.

The following are locations of CoSN Conferences past, present, and future:

- CoSN2019, Portland, OR
- CoSN2020, Virtual
- CoSN2021, Virtual
- CoSN2022, Nashville, TN
- CoSN2023, Austin, TX

- CoSN2024, Miami, FL
- CoSN2025, Seattle, WA



CoSN2024 Theme

Leading for Innovation at Warp Speed

How do we enable inclusive and agile technology leadership to drive innovation? While school systems are modernizing their digital ecosystems, the warp speed at which new technologies are emerging has created a K-12 technology environment drastically different from just a few years ago. Explore how building leadership matters, especially when resources are constrained. Join in on a community conversation around leading education innovation for the future of learning in a time of unprecedented change.

Who should attend CoSN2024 and Why?

Chief Technology Officers/CIOs/Heads of technology

- Learn proven strategies for getting the dollars you need to build the infrastructure for today and tomorrow.
- Connect with your peers and build your community of practice.
- Discover how to stretch scarce resources to make the greatest impact on teaching and learning Instructional Technology Directors.

Instructional Technology Directors

- Hear about new tools and models for engaging students and personalizing instruction.
- Strategize about how to bridge the gap between the technical and instructional silos.
- Improve your leadership skills and how to scale technology beyond islands of innovation.

Superintendents, District Teams, and Education Service Agencies

- Hear from thought leaders on how to create a vision for digital conversion and continuously improving innovative culture in your district.
- Learn tips for breaking down the silos and leveraging technology to enable a 21st-century school system.
- Share creative and strategic solutions about how to create robust learning environments at school and at home.

Industry, Government, and Nonprofit Representatives

- Understand what is keeping school system technology leaders up at night.
- Share information on emerging tools and services for learning.

Learn about better strategies and models for implementing, maintaining, and evaluating technology for learning.

Why Florida?

The locations of CoSN's Annual Conference are chosen years in advance to ensure the association is able to negotiate beneficial contracts with hotels and facilities. Only certain hotels and facilities are able to accommodate the needs of the event, e.g. number of hotel rooms, size of meeting space, etc., which is another reason why CoSN has to contract years out. Additionally, as a national association with members throughout the United States, CoSN tries to choose locations to reflect the diversity of our membership.

CoSN's Commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Ensuring Everyone Belongs

CoSN is committed to engaging in dialogues across diverse perspectives within the K-12 EdTech field, to develop and promote strategies that achieve diversity, advance equity, and strengthen inclusion.

Our goal is to create a professional learning community that encourages actionable changes within our CoSN volunteer committees, meetings, and activities.

Together with our board, staff, members, and corporate partners, we will continue to advocate against systemic inequity along with the silence and complicity that surrounds it by promoting a culture of collaboration and teamwork, effective management of dialogue, transparency, open communication, and skill-building to enhance interpersonal and working relationships.

At CoSN2024, we have many events highlighting DEI in the EdTech space. They are the following:

- The Network Meetup: Brought to you by CoSN's Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee (DEI)
- LBGTQ+ Reception
- Women in Technology Breakfast
- Allyship for IT Leaders Meet Up

Still on the fence?

The Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau (GMCVB) has provided us with information to help those who are thinking about going to Miami, but are unsure. Please take a look at the information and see Why.you.should.go.to.miami!

Is there something you would like to see at a CoSN event? Please let us know. We're are committed to making sure that CoSN's events are a welcoming environment encouraging diversity, equity and inclusion. Email any questions or suggestions to Events@cosn.org.

Do I have to be a CoSN member to attend CoSN2024?

Membership is not required to register for CoSN2024. CoSN welcomes members and non-members! (Member and Non-member registration rates apply.) For information on joining CoSN, click here.

CoSN Membership Information

How do I become a member of CoSN?

CoSN offers membership for both school district/systems and industry partners:

For information on how to join, <u>click here.</u> If you have questions about how to join or what a CoSN membership can do for you, contact <u>membership@cosn.org</u>.

Why are registration fees higher this year?

Coming out of the Pandemic, the cost of inflation has affected the cost to hold the CoSN Annual Conference. We have had to raise our registration fees to cover supplier price increases. Our priorities remain to provide top-notch, professional education and networking opportunities in a professional setting.

What does my registration include?

CoSN2024: In-Person

This event allows attendees to experience quality education and networking opportunities with peers and leaders in the Ed Tech industry, face to face.

Registration for the In-person Conference includes all educational programming at the conference and all scheduled events, i.e. events in the EdTech Exchange. Pre-Conference Workshops are an additional fee. There are some additional fee events in the conference schedule. For example, the Advocacy Reception is an additional fee.

Below are conference meals included with your registration fee:

Monday, April 8, 2024: Opening Reception in the EdTech Exchange

Tuesday, April 9, 2024: Continental Breakfast

Lunch in the EdTech Exchange

Wednesday, April 10, 2024: Continental Breakfast

Lunch in the EdTech Exchange

CoSN2024: Virtual

Can't attend in person? No worries! NEW for CoSN2024 is The CoSN Experience.

Step into The CoSN Experience: The Ultimate Virtual Collaboration Series

Discover a new dimension of professional growth with "The CoSN Experience," an immersive virtual collaboration cafe series that invites you to embark on a journey of monthly conversations and knowledge sharing. Join forces with like-minded colleagues as we collectively empower ourselves with expertise and agile strategies tailored to address local demands from April - November 2024 (six live experiences - approximately one per month). For more information, visit the <u>CoSN Conference page</u>.

Another great benefit of registering for CoSN2024?

All CoSN2024 onsite and virtual registrants will be able to access the library of conference recordings from the live event On Demand until December 31, 2024!

Does CoSN offer Group discounts?

We do! The following are the Team registration pricing amounts:

Team A (2 onsite, 5 virtual) starting at \$2,394

Team B (3 onsite, 10 virtual) starting at \$3,790

Team C (4 onsite, 20 virtual) starting at \$6,355

Team D (10 virtual) starting at \$1,743

Statewide Small Team (8 onsite, 20 virtual) starting at \$9,377

Statewide Large Team (15 onsite, 75 Virtual) starting at \$22,275

How do I register for CoSN2024?

Please visit the <u>CoSN2024 webpage</u> for information on registration fees, deadlines, and other important information. Please note, registration must be completed online using the link under your appropriate registration category.

What form of payment is accepted?

- Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, Amex)
- Purchase Order

Can I attend for only one day?

Unfortunately, we do not offer day-passes. (Please contact CoSN at Registration@cosn.org if you have a special request).

Can I cancel my registration?

CoSN understands life happens and a registrant may need to cancel. If a registrant is unable to attend CoSN2024, an email request must be received by <u>March 11, 2024</u> to receive a full refund, less a \$100 processing fee. Registrants who are unable to attend and do not cancel by <u>March 11, 2024</u> will be charged the full registration fee. All refunds will be processed within 30 days of the conclusion of the conference. Refunds will be processed the same way payment is made, i.e. if payment is made via credit card, the refund will be process via credit card, if payment is made via check, the refund will be sent in check form.

At the receipt of a cancellation request, CoSN will request to move the registration from an In-Person registration to the CoSN Virtual Program, which will offer the opportunity to attend the Virtual program. If the Virtual registration is accepted, the attendee will receive a refund of the difference of the In-Person registration fee and the Virtual registration fee. If the virtual registration option is not accepted by the registrant, the refund will be processed less a \$100 Processing fee (if the Cancellation request is received by March 11, 2024).

Are Substitutions allowed?

Substitutions are accepted. To make a substitution, please email <u>registration@cosn.org</u>. Be sure to include the first and last name of the original registrant along with the confirmation number. CoSN will validate the request with the original registrant before the substitution is made.

Exhibitor Cancellation

We would hate to lose one of our Exhibitors (because the conference is great for networking) but understand if you cannot make it! Exhibitor Cancellations received before March 11, 2024, will be refunded less a \$750 Administrative fee. No refunds will be granted after this date. Cancellation requests must be sent to Sponsorship@cosn.org.

What important deadlines should I be aware of?

November 30, 2023: Early-Bird pricing ends for Educator registration

February 28, 2024: Regular Registration pricing ends and On-site Registration pricing begins

March 11, 2024: Registration cancelation deadline

April 8-10, 2024: CoSN2024 in Miami, FL!

Will I receive a certificate of attendance?

Unfortunately, CoSN is not able to provide a certificate of attendance for the Annual Conference. However, attendees can receive CEU credits towards CETL certification for attending sessions.

Policies

Code of Conduct

All attendees are subject to our <u>Code of Conduct</u>, which they must acknowledge at the time of registration.

Need Permission from Your Boss to Attend CoSN2024?

Click <u>here t</u>o get a copy of a Request to Attend CoSN2024 letter.

My question is not listed here. Who can I contact?

Please contact our Conference team at Events@cosn.org

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