



BILINGUAL, IMMIGRANT, AND REFUGEE EDUCATION DIRECTORS MEETING

May 5 - May 9, 2026



Hyatt Regency Tulsa Downtown
Tulsa, OK



Registration Brochure

Council of the Great City Schools

2026 BIRE Meeting

Tulsa, OK

The annual meeting of Bilingual, Immigrant, and Refugee Education Directors from the Council's member districts will take place in Tulsa, OK, at the Hyatt Regency Tulsa Downtown from Tuesday, May 5, through Saturday, May 9. The Council is building a rich and relevant agenda to include:

- Learning sessions on the needs of diverse English learner populations (e.g., newcomers, older-age students, SLIFE, long-term ELs, dually identified learners), including equitable grading and assessment;
- Practice-based work sessions centered on systemwide approaches, teaching English through content areas, and addressing instructional challenges with expert guidance;
- Program improvement strategies at the district level, including program quality, monitoring, and key performance indicators;
- Expanded access pathways for English learners into CTE, Gifted and Talented, and other specialized programs, informed by district successes and lessons learned; and
- Council and district updates, including publications and promising practices.

PRE-MEETING SCHOOL VISITS

Tuesday, May 5 - Tulsa Public Schools

School district registrants are invited to explore Tulsa Public Schools and engage with school leaders and educators. Participants will select from thematic itinerary options, each featuring two to three schools. The day begins with a 6:30 a.m. breakfast, followed by school visits, lunch, and a debriefing before concluding with an evening reception. Transportation and meals are included.

BIRE MEETING

Wednesday, May 6

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Formal Meeting Program

Thursday, May 7

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Formal Meeting Program

Friday, May 8

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Formal Meeting Program

Saturday, May 9

7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Formal Meeting Program

10:00 a.m.

Adjournment



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Register online at <https://cvent.me/9dgGn4>.

All companies must sponsor the conference to attend. Additionally, all nonprofit organizations with an annual revenue of \$20 million or more must sponsor the conference to attend.

PRE-MEETING EVENT FEE (SCHOOL DISTRICT ATTENDEES)

School Visits - \$50

BIRE MEETING REGISTRATION FEE

Council School Districts	\$300
Nonmember School Districts & Nonprofit Organizations	\$600
Additional Sponsor Attendees	\$1,000

REGISTRATION REFUND AND CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellations or name changes must be requested in writing and addressed to:
Gregory Bacon at gbacon@cgcs.org.

Registrations cancelled **on or before** April 24 will receive a full refund. Cancellations from April 25 to May 4 will be billed or refunded 50% of the registration fee. Cancellations or no-shows on or after May 5 will not receive a refund and will be billed the full amount.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Hyatt Regency Tulsa Downtown
100 East Second Street
Tulsa, OK 74103

CUT-OFF DATE: FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026

Single & Double Room Rate:
\$137.00 per night plus 16.517% tax

Call 918-234-1234 or click [here](#) for hotel reservations.

All reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card.

Mention: *Council of the Great City Schools* or *CGCS 2026 Bilingual Meeting* to receive the group rate.

Hotel reservations must be cancelled at least 72 hours prior to arrival to avoid cancellation penalties. For registration, invoice, or payment questions, contact Michell Yorkman at myorkman@cgcs.org.



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SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

All sponsoring companies must be involved in conducting work or producing materials to support quality instruction for English learners (ELs). All sessions and meal events are open to our sponsors, except for the instructional materials review.

To sponsor, please visit: <https://cvent.me/9dgGn4>. For sponsorship approval, please submit your logo and a short description of your company via email to Michell Yorkman, Manager of Conferences and Partnerships, at myorkman@cgcs.org by April 17, 2026.

All sponsorships must be paid in full by April 25, 2026, in order to secure your company's spot. The sponsorship level opportunities are on a first-come, first-served basis and are as follows:

Sponsorship Levels	DIAMOND	\$15,000 – Limit 8 Companies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opportunity to engage in discussions regarding EL products/services in a private break-out session with key member district attendees• Recognized via meeting program, banner, signage, and the Council's Annual Report• Exhibit table on Wednesday, May 6, through Friday, May 8• Receive attendee list in advance (twice before the meeting)• Three (3) registrants included (max. 2 additional attendees registered at \$1,000 each)
	GOLD	\$10,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognized during Welcome Reception via announcement and signage (no speaking)• Recognized via meeting program, banner, signage, and the Council's Annual Report• Exhibit table on Wednesday, May 6, through Friday, May 8• Receive attendee list in advance (twice before the meeting)• Two (2) registrants included (max. 2 additional attendees registered at \$1,000 each)
	SILVER	\$7,500 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognized via meeting program, banner, signage, and the Council's Annual Report• Share gifts and materials with attendees via meeting resource table• Receive attendee list in advance (once before the meeting)• One (1) registrant included (max. 3 additional attendees registered at \$1,000 each)
	BRONZE	\$5,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognized via meeting program, banner, signage, and the Council's Annual Report• Share gifts and materials with attendees via meeting resource table• One (1) registrant included (max. 3 additional attendees registered at \$1,000 each)

Sign up for sponsorships at <https://cvent.me/9dgGn4>.

About the Council

The Council of the Great City Schools is the only national organization exclusively representing the needs of urban public schools. Composed of 82 large city school districts, its mission is to promote the cause of urban schools and to advocate for inner-city students through legislation, research and media relations. The organization also provides a network for school districts sharing common problems to exchange information, and to collectively address new challenges as they emerge in order to deliver the best possible education for urban youth.

Member Districts

Albuquerque, Anchorage, Arlington, Atlanta, Aurora, Austin, Baltimore, Birmingham, Boston, Bridgeport, Broward County (Ft. Lauderdale), Buffalo, Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Chicago, Cincinnati, Clark County (Las Vegas), Cleveland, Columbus, Dallas, Dayton, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, Durham, Duval County (Jacksonville), El Paso, Fayette County (Lexington), Fort Worth, Fresno, Guilford County (Greensboro, N.C.), Hawaii, Hillsborough County (Tampa), Houston, Indianapolis, Jackson, Jefferson County (Louisville), Jersey City, Kansas City, Long Beach, Madison, Miami-Dade County, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Nashville, New Orleans, New York City, Newark, Norfolk, Oakland, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Orange County (Orlando), Palm Beach County, Philadelphia, Pinellas County (St. Petersburg), Pittsburgh, Phoenix Union, Portland, Providence, Puerto Rico, Richmond, Rochester, Sacramento, San Antonio, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Ana, Shelby County (Memphis), Seattle, St. Louis, St. Paul, Toledo, Tulsa, Wake County (Raleigh), Washington, D.C., Washoe County (Reno), Wichita, and Winston-Salem/Forsyth County

