2026 Presentation Policies

The Texas Public Charter Schools Conference will be held at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas, Texas, on September 28-30, 2026.

Submission Information
Submissions received through this Call for Proposals will be considered for breakout sessions, poster sessions, or workshops. Presenters must be available on any day that TPCSA assigns their session. **TPCSA will not make revisions to any session date/time once it has been assigned.**

Nearly 115 sessions will be accepted. Before submitting the proposal, the individual submitting the abstract is responsible for reading and agreeing to the Submission Information and Presentation Policies on behalf of all presenters.

Make sure ALL presenters have read and are aware of these Policies.
Submitters agree to provide contact information for ALL presenters, including name, company, and email address. Each submission should fall under one of the designated conference strands. The strand is subject to change at the discretion of the conference committee and the TPCSA staff.

Vendors and Charter Supporting Companies MUST submit proposals that are purely educational in content.
Session proposals submitted under this Call for Presentations may not be used as a place for direct promotion of a presenter's product, service, or monetary self-interest. Sales pitches disguised as presentations submitted in the non-vendor category will not be considered. Sessions in which over 15% of the content or material is determined to be a sales pitch based on session monitoring or participant feedback will be documented, and presenters will not be invited to future conferences or welcome to participate in any presentation of the Texas Public Charter Schools Association. Similarly, TPCSA does not provide lead retrieval to the presenter in any given breakout session.

Presenter Registration Fees
TPCSA does not pay honoraria, speaker fees, or expenses to breakout session presenters, but hopes that the intangible benefits of being part of our educational programming make the effort worthwhile for presenters. All accepted presenters who plan to participate are considered conference attendees and must pay registration fees and have a registration badge. Please explain this policy to your co-presenters.

To thank presenters for their time and expertise, speakers will receive a discounted registration rate of $475 for the 2026 Texas Public Charter Schools Conference. Once you accept your offer to present, TPCSA will provide a registration link for speakers to receive a discounted rate, available only to those who did not already receive the early-bird rate. Registering is up to the individual. It is the responsibility of each speaker to complete their account and submit payment by September 15, 2026. Speakers who do not pay their conference registration fees by this date may forfeit their participation opportunity.

Breakout Sessions
Breakout sessions are 60 minutes long. The breakout rooms will be equipped with an LCD projector, screen, and podium with a microphone. Wireless WiFi might be available in the meeting rooms. Any other audiovisual equipment (e.g., DVD players, additional audio, flipcharts) must be ordered separately through the hotel's AV provider, Encore, and paid for by the presenter(s). Presenters should plan to bring their laptops with the breakout session presentation **downloaded for offline presentation**.

If the presenter(s) would like **wired** internet access, they must order and pay separately through the conference venue. The cost for wired internet is determined solely by the conference venue. The presenter(s) agree to abide by the terms of the copyright release to present at the Texas Public Charter Schools Conference. TPCSA may record audio and/or video presentations and make them available to members and other professionals interested in the topic.

Presenters understand that TPCSA does not provide attendees with hard copies of the presented materials. Presenters will be provided and encouraged to use a link to upload any materials associated with their presentation to the conference mobile app before the session. TPCSA requires a draft of all presentation materials by September 4, 2026, for credit-issuing purposes.

Presenters agree to permit TPCSA to provide their contact information to attendees upon request.
Persons presenting at the conference should use material and language that does not discriminate or disparage based on gender, race, color, ethnicity, religion, physical ability, or sexual orientation.

Poster Sessions
Poster sessions will be part of the conference program's gallery walk. Presenters should plan to be in attendance at their table for the entire duration of the poster session gallery walk (60-90 minutes). Approved poster sessions should plan to bring the table-top materials they will present to attendees (posters, framed pictures or artifacts, reports, or other visuals).

Poster sessions will not have access to projectors, screens, or microphones. Poster session presenters may present from their laptops, but access to electrical outlets may be limited.

Other TPCSA Rules
As per the submission of this proposal, you release all copyrights of the presented content to the Texas Public Charter Schools Association for its use in promoting quality charter schools. If your proposal is selected, TPCSA reserves the right to revise presentation titles, reassign the strand chosen, and/or edit the program summary for promotional and program materials.

When similar presentation submissions are received, the program committee may recommend combining them in a single session. Acceptance of proposals may depend on your willingness to modify your proposal and/or to present with colleagues on a related proposal.

TPCSA reserves the right to cancel a session at any time for noncompliance. This includes, but is not limited to, failure to register fully, failure to return required documents, and presenter changes, among others.