

Full Conference Agenda



2026 Nova Conference Agenda



This agenda outlines the schedule for the upcoming three-day conference, running from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM each day. The schedule includes a mix of general sessions, concurrent breakout sessions, and a 90-minute lunch break.

Attendees can choose from three distinct tracks on Day 1: the Program Track, the SSIS Track, or the Newbie Track.

- Program Track: Designed for experienced Nova Coordinators to focus on advanced, program-specific sessions.
- SSIS Track: Dedicated to providing comprehensive SSIS information.
- Newbie Track: Tailored for new Nova Coordinators and staff to learn fundamentals, network with peers, and receive guidance on getting started.

During the second and third days, the schedule will transition to program-specific content for all participants.

Day 1:

Jul 14, 2026

Day 2:

Jul 15, 2026

Day 3:

Jul 16, 2026

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Day 1: Jul 14, 2026

Session Descriptions Click Here:

<https://sites.google.com/ped.state.nm.us/2026novaconference/day-1-july-14-2026>

Time	Session Type	Session Title	Location
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Check In	Check In & Registration	Lobby
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Support	Support Room	Potter
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Support	Break Out Room	Turquoise
9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	General Session	Welcome Address	Alvarado
9:50 AM - 10:00 AM	Break	Transition Time	---
10:00 AM - 10:50 AM	Breakout Session 1.1	Program Track: School Transportation Data	Alvarado
10:00 AM - 10:50 AM	Breakout Session 1.2	SSIS Track: SSIS Cohort 1 Q&A and Meet and Greet	Alvarado
10:00 AM - 10:50 AM	Breakout Session 1.3	Newbie Track: The ABCs of Nova: Terminology, Tools, and Timeframes	Alvarado
10:50 AM - 11:00 AM	Break	Transition Time	---
11:00 AM - 11:50 AM	Breakout Session 2.1	Program Track: Every Data Point Tells a Story: EL Journeys in NOVA	Alvarado
11:00 AM - 11:50 AM	Breakout Session 2.2	SSIS Track: Statewide SIS Cohort 2 Update and Q & A	Alvarado
11:00 AM - 11:50 AM	Breakout Session 2.3	Newbie Track: Hello, IT? The Ultimate Data Support Crash Course for Nova Newbies	Alvarado
11:50 AM - 1:30 PM	Lunch	Lunch and Networking	On Your Own

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Time	Session Type	Session Title	Location
1:30 PM - 2:20 PM	Breakout Session 3.1	Program Track: NOVA: Staff Vacancy and Mentorship Data: Transforming Educator Recruitment & Retention	Alvarado
1:30 PM - 2:20 PM	Breakout Session 3.2	SSIS Track: SSIS Panel - Learn from LEA SSIS Cohort 1 Experience	Alvarado
1:30 PM - 2:20 PM	Breakout Session 3.3	Newbie Track: Who's Your DAD? Mastering the Data Adjustment Dashboard for New Nova Coordinators	Alvarado
2:20 PM - 2:30 PM	Break	Transition Time	---
2:30 PM - 3:20 PM	Breakout Session 4.1	Program Track: School Transportation Data	Alvarado
2:30 PM - 3:20 PM	Breakout Session 4.2	SSIS Track: Synergy Ed-Fi Onboarding Session	Alvarado
2:30 PM - 3:20 PM	Breakout Session 4.3	Newbie Track: Nova Lab Live: Newbie/User Support Session	Alvarado
3:20 PM - 3:30 PM	Break	Transition Time	---
3:30 PM - 4:20 PM	Breakout Session 5.1	Program Track: Every Data Point Tells a Story: EL Journeys in NOVA	Alvarado
3:30 PM - 4:20 PM	Breakout Session 5.2	Program Track: NOVA: Staff Vacancy and Mentorship Data: Transforming Educator Recruitment & Retention	Alvarado
3:30 PM - 4:20 PM	Breakout Session 5.3	Newbie Track: Tales from the LEA: Real Talk with Veteran Nova Coordinators	Alvarado

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Day 2: Jul 15, 2026

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Time	Session Type	Session Title	Location
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Check In	Check In & Registration	Lobby
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Support	Support Room	TBD
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Support	Break Out Room	TBD
9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	General Session	Keynote: Student Privacy in the Real World	Alvarado
9:50 AM - 10:00 AM	Break	Transition Time	---
10:00 AM - 10:50 AM	Breakout Session 1.1	Building Reliable Data: Essential Validations for Title I-A Nova Reporting	Alvarado
10:00 AM - 10:50 AM	Breakout Session 1.2	Preventative Maintenance to Improve Attendance Data Reporting	Alvarado
10:00 AM - 10:50 AM	Breakout Session 1.3	FERPA 101	Alvarado
10:50 AM - 11:00 AM	Break	Transition Time	---
11:00 AM - 11:50 AM	Breakout Session 2.1	The Collaborative Path to Accreditation: Strengthening School-PED Partnerships	Alvarado
11:00 AM - 11:50 AM	Breakout Session 2.2	Discipline	Alvarado
11:00 AM - 11:50 AM	Breakout Session 2.3	Getting It Right: Accurate Reporting and Validation of Homeless and Foster Care Student Data	Alvarado
11:50 AM - 1:30 PM	Lunch	Lunch and Networking	On Your Own
1:30 PM - 2:20 PM	Breakout Session 3.1	The Collaborative Path to Accreditation: Strengthening School-PED Partnerships	Alvarado
1:30 PM - 2:20 PM	Breakout Session 3.2	Building Reliable Data: Essential Validations for Title I-A Nova Reporting	Alvarado

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Time	Session Type	Session Title	Location
1:30 PM - 2:20 PM	Breakout Session 3.3	Getting It Right: Accurate Reporting and Validation of Homeless and Foster Care Student Data	Alvarado
2:20 PM - 2:30 PM	Break	Transition Time	---
2:30 PM - 3:20 PM	Breakout Session 4.1	Discipline	Alvarado
2:30 PM - 3:20 PM	Breakout Session 4.2	Preventative Maintenance to Improve Attendance Data Reporting	Alvarado
2:30 PM - 3:20 PM	Breakout Session 4.3	FERPA 201	Alvarado
3:20 PM - 3:30 PM	Break	Transition Time	---
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Breakout Session 5.1	LEA Problems of Practice Workshop	All Rooms

Day 3: Jul 16, 2026

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8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Check In	Check In & Registration	Lo
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Support	Support Room	TB
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Support	Break Out Room	TB
9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	General Session	Keynote: Introducing the Secure Accountability Gateway for Education (SAGE)	Alv
9:50 AM - 10:00 AM	Break	Transition Time	---

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10:00 AM - 10:50 AM	Breakout Session 1.1	It's in the license plate "Chile Capital of the World." That must mean agricultural production is relevant in NM. So too are students tied to agricultural and fishery activities!	Albuquerque
10:00 AM - 10:50 AM	Breakout Session 1.2	Nutrition	Albuquerque
10:00 AM - 10:50 AM	Breakout Session 1.3	Nova Data Review Tips and Tricks	Albuquerque
10:50 AM - 11:00 AM	Break	Transition Time	---
11:00 AM - 11:50 AM	Breakout Session 2.1	The Story Our NM PreK Data Tells	Albuquerque
11:00 AM - 11:50 AM	Breakout Session 2.2	Special Education Nova Data: LEA Nova data and Its Role for New Mexico	Albuquerque
11:00 AM - 11:50 AM	Breakout Session 2.3	Become Fluent in Bilingual Data Reporting: BEPs and the SSBB	Albuquerque
11:50 AM - 1:30 PM	Lunch	Lunch and Networking	Online
1:30 PM - 2:20 PM	Breakout Session 3.1	It's in the license plate "Chile Capital of the World." That must mean agricultural production is relevant in NM. So too are students tied to agricultural and fishery activities!	Albuquerque
1:30 PM - 2:20 PM	Breakout Session 3.2	The Story Our NM PreK Data Tells	Albuquerque
1:30 PM - 2:20 PM	Breakout Session 3.3	Strategies for a Successful 40D Data Submission	Albuquerque
2:20 PM - 2:30 PM	Break	Transition Time	---
2:30 PM - 3:20 PM	Breakout Session 4.1	Special Education Nova Data: LEA Nova data and Its Role for New Mexico	Albuquerque
2:30 PM - 3:20 PM	Breakout Session 4.2	Nutrition	Albuquerque
2:30 PM - 3:20 PM	Breakout Session 4.3	Become Fluent in Bilingual Data Reporting: BEPs and the SSBB	Albuquerque

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3:20 PM - 3:30 PM	Conference Ends		---

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Day 1: Tuesday, July 14

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	Welcome and Keynote Address	TBD
9:50 AM - 10:00 AM	Break & Transition	---
10:00 AM - 10:50 AM	<u>Program Track:</u> School Transportation Data	TBD
	<u>SSIS Track:</u> SSIS Cohort 1 Q&A and Meet and Greet	TBD
	<u>Newbie Track:</u> The ABCs of Nova: Terminology, Tools, and Timeframes	TBD
10:50 AM - 11:00 AM	Break & Transition	---
11:00 AM - 11:50 AM	<u>Program Track:</u> Every Data Point Tells a Story: EL Journeys in NOVA	TBD
	<u>SSIS Track:</u> Statewide SIS (SSIS) Cohort 2 - What your LEA Needs to Know	TBD
	<u>Newbie Track:</u> Hello, IT? The Ultimate Data Support Crash Course for Nova Newbies	TBD
11:50 AM - 1:30 PM	Lunch and Networking	On Your Own
1:30 PM - 2:20 PM	<u>Program Track:</u> NOVA: Staff Vacancy and Mentorship Data: Transforming Educator Recruitment & Retention	TBD
	<u>SSIS Track:</u> SSIS Panel - Learn from LEA SSIS Cohort 1 Experience	TBD
	<u>Newbie Track:</u> Who's Your DAD? Mastering the Data Adjustment Dashboard for New Nova Coordinators	TBD
2:20 PM - 2:30 PM	Break & Transition	---
2:30 PM - 3:20 PM	<u>Program Track:</u> School Transportation Data	TBD

	<u>SSIS Track:</u> Synergy Ed-Fi Onboarding Session	TBD
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3:20 PM - 3:30 PM	Break & Transition	---
3:30 PM - 4:20 PM	<u>Program Track:</u> Every Data Point Tells a Story: EL Journeys in NOVA	TBD
	<u>Program Track:</u> NOVA: Staff Vacancy and Mentorship Data: Transforming Educator Recruitment & Retention	TBD
	<u>Newbie Track:</u> Tales from the LEA: Real Talk with Veteran Nova Coordinators	TBD

Day 2: Wednesday, July 15

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	Introducing the Secure Accountability Gateway for Education (SAGE)	TBD
9:50 AM - 10:00 AM	Break & Transition	---
10:00 AM - 10:50 AM	Building Reliable Data: Essential Validations for Title I-A Nova Reporting	TBD
	Preventative Maintenance to Improve Attendance Data Reporting	TBD
	FERPA 101	TBD
10:50 AM - 11:00 AM	Break & Transition	---
11:00 AM - 11:50 AM	The Collaborative Path to Accreditation: Strengthening School-PED Partnerships	TBD
	Discipline	TBD
	Getting It Right: Accurate Reporting and Validation of Homeless and Foster Care Student Data	TBD

11:50 AM - 1:30 PM	Lunch and Networking	On Your Own
1:30 PM - 2:20 PM	The Collaborative Path to Accreditation: Strengthening School-PED Partnerships	TBD
	Building Reliable Data: Essential Validations for Title I-A Nova Reporting	TBD
	Getting It Right: Accurate Reporting and Validation of Homeless and Foster Care Student Data	TBD
2:20 PM - 2:30 PM	Break & Transition	---
2:30 PM - 3:20 PM	Discipline	TBD
	Preventative Maintenance to Improve Attendance Data Reporting	TBD
	FERPA 201	TBD
3:20 PM - 3:30 PM	Break & Transition	---
3:30 PM - 4:20 PM	LEA Problems of Practice Workshop	TBD

Day 3: Thursday, July 16

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	Keynote Address	TBD
9:50 AM - 10:00 AM	Break & Transition	---
10:00 AM - 10:50 AM	It's in the license plate "Chile Capital of the World." That must mean agricultural production is relevant in NM. So too are students tied to agricultural and fishery activities!	TBD
	Nutrition	TBD
	Nova Data Review Tips and Tricks	TBD
10:50 AM - 11:00 AM	Break & Transition	---
11:00 AM - 11:50 AM	The Story Our NM PreK Data Tells	TBD
	Special Education Nova Data: LEA Nova data and Its Role for New Mexico	TBD
	Become Fluent in Bilingual Data Reporting: BEPs and the SSBB	TBD
11:50 AM - 1:30 PM	Lunch and Networking	On Your Own
1:30 PM - 2:20 PM	It's in the license plate "Chile Capital of the World." That must mean agricultural production is relevant in NM. So too are students tied to agricultural and fishery activities!	TBD
	The Story Our NM PreK Data Tells	TBD
	Strategies for a Successful 40D Data Submission	TBD
2:20 PM - 2:30 PM	Break & Transition	---
2:30 PM - 3:20 PM	Special Education Nova Data: LEA Nova data and Its Role for New Mexico	TBD

	Nutrition	TBD
	Become Fluent in Bilingual Data Reporting: BEPs and the SSBB	TBD
3:20 PM - 3:30 PM	Conference Ends	---s