IAASE MISSION
IAASE provides leadership to enhance the field of special education through:
- Impactful advocacy;
- Progressive professional development;
- Effective legislative collaboration;
- Dynamic networking opportunities; and
- Statewide guidance on policy development.
In order to improve outcomes for students, families, and schools.

VALUES and BELIEFS
Integrity: We will act in a truthful, ethical, and professional manner.
Accountability: We accept ownership of performance and commitments through transparent communication.
Accessibility: We work to expand access to knowledge and expertise for all stakeholders.
Stewardship: We apply our knowledge and expertise in ways that strengthen Special Education in Illinois and demonstrate respect for the dignity and worth of all individuals.
Engagement: We provide opportunities for all members to have input in determining the direction and future work of IAASE.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION
Annual IAASE membership dues:
Membership dues are renewable at the beginning of each fiscal year, July 1st ending June 30th. Online membership registration is available at www.iaase.org

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Professional Membership:
- Holds an Illinois Professional Educators License with administrator endorsement, and/or
- Has responsibility for supervising special education or pupil service personnel in public, private, or state agency, or
- Is a college faculty whose major responsibility is the professional preparation of educators or administrators of special education / pupil services.
- Professional members may vote and hold office
- Professional Membership Dues: $180
Description: Includes all member benefits including reduced conference registration fee, newsletters and legislative updates.

School Law Associate Membership:
Individual Attorney includes any:
- Attorney who currently represents at least one Illinois School District or Special Education Cooperative
- Who does not currently represent parties with special education interests adverse to school districts.
- These criteria apply only to the individual attorney and not to the other attorneys in the member’s firm or attorneys with whom the member may be associated.
- School Law Associate members may not vote or hold an office.
- School Law Membership Dues: $180
Description: Includes conference registration at Professional Membership rate. Membership provides opportunity to advertise and/or contribute articles in the IAASE newsletter and/or sponsor IAASE social or conference events at additional cost.

Business Associate Membership:
- Business, (per individual)
or
- Vendor, (per individual)
or
- Corporation, (per individual)
or
- Private individual marketing a product or service to Illinois education agencies
- Business Associate members may not vote or hold office.
- Business Associate Membership Dues: $180
Description: Includes conference registration at Professional Membership rate. Membership provides opportunity to advertise in the IAASE newsletter and/or sponsor IAASE social or conference events at additional cost.
The Business Associate will be provided information on all Region activities and afforded the opportunity to sponsor activities at events (i.e.: breakfast, lunch, snacks, etc.) in exchange for the opportunity to promote products.

Retiree Membership:
- Was previously an IAASE Professional Member and retired from full-time work and
- May be employed by or contracted with an educational institution or providing products or services to school districts in a part-time capacity.
- Retired members may vote and complete a term if in an office prior to retirement. May not hold a new office
- Retiree Membership Dues: $50
Description: Includes all member benefits including reduced conference registration fee, newsletters and legislative updates.

Aspiring Administrators:
- Member is not in an administrative role
- Enrolled in a graduate program leading to Administrative or Supervisory endorsement
- Aspiring members may vote but not hold office
- Aspiring Membership Dues: $50
Description: Includes all member benefits including reduced conference registration fee, newsletters and legislative updates.

IAASE member benefits include:
- Creating a positive impact on the professional lives of special education administrators across Illinois.
- Networking and social events with colleagues and other organizations that promote collegiality, ethical leadership standards, and professional integrity.
- Receiving email messages regarding legislative and professional updates.
- Becoming an Executive Board member with voting privileges and holding elected office positions.
- Chairing and participating on Executive Board standing and ad hoc committees.
- Serving on key statewide committees that interact locally, nationally, and with a powerful CASE affiliation.
- Attending and participating in IAASE conferences held each fall and winter with reduced conference fees.
- Attending and participating in region workshops, administrator academies, and mentoring sessions for developing leadership qualities.
- Receiving timely information regarding professional development, legal reviews, legislative happenings, and financial affairs.
- Accessing the member’s-only portion of the IAASE website.
- Nominating colleagues for awards and recognition for developing innovative practices, mini-grants, and exemplary leadership.

2022-2023 IAASE Conference Locations

October 20-21, 2022
Tinley Park Convention Center
Even Hotel (an IHG hotel)
18451 Convention Center Drive
Tinley Park, IL 60477
Phone: (708) 444-1100
Guest Room Rate: $139 Single/Double

February 23-24, 2023
Crowne Plaza Springfield
3000 South Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, IL
Phone: (217) 529-7777
Guest Room Rate: TBD

Online conference registration will be available at: www.iaase.org
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2022-2023 IAASE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

Wednesday, July 20, 2022
IAASE Board Meeting &
Annual Business Meeting
Via Zoom
10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Wednesday, October 19, 2022
Tinley Park Convention Center
18451 Convention Center Drive
Tinley Park, IL 60477
10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Thursday, December 1, 2022
TBD
10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Wednesday, February 22, 2023
Crowne Plaza Springfield
3000 Dirksen Parkway - Springfield, IL
10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Wednesday, April 26, 2023
TBD
10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

The Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education (IAASE) is a non-profit Special Education organization for Administrators that promotes educational opportunities for all students with an emphasis on students with disabilities. IAASE’s action oriented administrative focus leads the special education field in the areas of policy development, finance, and legislation at the local, state, and national levels.

IAASE is affiliated as a subdivision of the International Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE)