



2026 MASC CONVENTION: ADVISOR BULLETIN

SCHOOLS MUST BE A 2025-2026 MEMBER OF MASC TO REGISTER/ATTEND



Dates: Wednesday, March 18 – Friday, March 20, 2026

Location: Roland E. Powell Convention Center (4011 Coastal Highway, Ocean City)

Cost: \$265 per person – Early Bird Registration (Dec. 1- Jan. 9 – payment by Feb. 6, 2026)

\$285 per person – Regular Registration (Jan. 10 – Feb. 6, 2026)

Cost includes: four meals, snacks, a t-shirt, leadership workshops, a motivational speaker, convention materials, entertainment/recreation, and payments to other contractual items.

Optional Wednesday evening dinner at the Convention Center - cost TBD but most likely between \$22-\$25. Many schools stop at a fast-food restaurant on their way to Ocean City, or eat at a restaurant/fast food establishment in Ocean City after checking into their hotel (4:00 p.m. check-in time).

Hotels: Schools/regions reserve their own hotel rooms directly with the hotel and assign all rooming. See separate “Hotel Registration Guide” to assist in booking rooms with MASC partner hotels.

Rates listed below include the local tax, but not Maryland Sales Tax (assuming schools are tax exempt). Individual schools or regions will need to provide their Maryland Sales Tax Exemption information to the hotel. Local taxes may apply.

Aloft Ocean City: 4501 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD 21842

\$139.00/night: Double Queen Rooms with pullout sofa- max 6 per room

Doubletree by Hilton, Ocean City Oceanfront: 3301 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, MD 21842

\$145.95/night: Oceanfront- Double Queen Rooms with pullout sofa- max 6 per room

\$130.20/night: Ocean View-Double Queen Rooms- max 4 per room

Hilton Suites Oceanfront: 3200 North Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, MD 21841

\$157.00/night: Double Queen Rooms with pullout sofa- max 6 per room

Check-in for all hotels is 4:00 PM on Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

Check-out for all hotels is 11:00 AM on Friday, March 20, 2026.

Arrangements may be made to hold luggage for a region/school after 11:00 AM

Other Important Dates, Deadlines, and Fees

● **Early Bird Registration Information:**

- OPENS- Monday, December 1; CLOSES- 11:59 p.m., Friday, January 9, 2026
- The *Registration Report/Invoice* signed by the principal must be submitted electronically no later than 11:59 p.m., Monday, January 12, 2026.
- Early bird rates payment due 11:59 p.m., Friday, February 6, 2026.
- If you are unable to include the payment with the invoice (credit card), send the signed invoice, then forward the payment by February 6, 2026, the early bird payment deadline.

● **Regular registration:**

- OPENS- Saturday, January 10, 2026; CLOSES- 11:59 p.m., Friday, February 6, 2026.
- The *Registration Report/Invoice* signed by the principal must be submitted electronically no later than 11:59 p.m., Monday, February 10, 2025.
- Payment should be made by March 18, 2026. Payment issues can be addressed with the MASC registrar.

● **Hotel Reservations** may be made starting December 1, 2026, through February 6, 2026.

- Payments are made by schools directly to the hotel.
- It is suggested to book rooms early to group rooms.

- Follow hotel regulations for room cancellations.
- **Monday, February 9, 2026**, is the last day for MASC registration cancellation refunds. Food and materials are ordered/paid for based on registrations. MASC convention refunds will not be made for those who register but cancel after the final deadline of Monday, February 9, 2026. MASC has to pay contracts based on registration numbers immediately after February 9, 2026. It is suggested that schools have substitute students ready.
- MASC does not take personal checks. Students and advisors, who pay in whole or in part, pay the school and then the school issues a single payment to MASC. Individual credit card charges may not be made and personal checks should NOT be mailed to the MASC Registrar.

Registration:

- A *Registration Checklist* and *Registration Worksheet* are provided. MASC strongly advises you to use these items. They contain important information, details, and helpful advice for making registration quick and easy. These are for your benefit; DO NOT MAIL THESE TO MASC.
- The chart below determines the maximum allowable voting students in your delegation. This should match the enrollment you designated on your MASC membership application earlier this year. **Schools may register an equal number of voting delegates and observers, plus any MASC executive board members.** Each school can determine which of its delegates will be voting. Member schools and the number of your voting delegates is posted on the MASC website at:
<https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/applications/masc-membership-application/>

<u>School Enrollment</u>	<u># of Delegates</u>	<u>School Enrollment</u>	<u># of Delegates</u>
0 - 400	5	1601 - 2000	9
401 - 800	6	2001 - 2500	10
801 - 1200	7	2501 - 3000	11
1201 - 1600	8	3001 +	12

Students who are members of the MASC Executive Board (*which includes student members/representatives to local Boards of Education, regional presidents, regional middle school representatives, and students appointed to staff positions by the MASC President*) may be added to the school's voting delegation and do not count against the allotted vote total for the school.

- It is recommended that schools have a ratio of one advisor per ten students.
- Students must be able to attend the conference in its entirety. They will not be permitted to arrive late or depart early except in cases of verified emergencies or prior approval by the MASC Executive Director. Students may not drive to the convention. Where applicable, regional advisors will inform schools of transportation details and possible costs.
- The school principal must sign all *Delegate Contracts*, plus one copy of the *Registration Report/Invoice* emailed to the principal at the end of the online registration process. Regional Advisors who are chaperoning students from their regions should have the school advisor register the student(s) and the principal electronically sign the *Delegate Contract(s)* and *Registration Report/Invoice(s)*. There is a place on the school's registration to list an attending advisor.

Miscellaneous Items:

- After all registration closes and the signed Registration Report/Invoice is received, MASC will be assigned student workshops based on the selections of workshop categories submitted on the registration.
- A *Sample Family Letter* is provided with information that you are asked to insert into your own letter to families of your students along with additional information more particular to your school. Include with this

letter your own deadlines for returning the *Participant Emergency Information Form*, *Delegate Contract*, and, if applicable, payment information (how the students pay the school).

- MASC will order t-shirts for all participants through our partner, Maryland Print House. Please be sure that you are ordering exactly what your students request. Please bear in mind that these are adult sizes.
- If any member of your delegation wants to pre-file legislation, he/she must complete the *Legislation Form* that is available online: <https://forms.gle/7TrKtVoKMcHme9tA6>
- If any member of your delegation is interested in running for MASC office, please share with him/her the *Elections Packet* and see that election rules and nomination deadlines are adhered to. Officer election applications open January 26th and close at 5:00 p.m., Monday, February 16, 2026.
<https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/officer-elections/>
- For on-site check-in, MASC would appreciate knowing your arrival times for Wednesday (4:00 – 6:30 p.m.). Regional Advisors should provide the expected arrival time to the MASC Executive Director as soon as times are known. On-site check-in starts at 4:00 p.m.
- Advisors, please note that your responsibility at the convention is to chaperone not only the students that you accompany from your school, but also those from your region. Advisors must attend all General Assembly sessions to actively chaperone their students. In addition, advisors will be assigned other chaperoning responsibilities through their region, including but not limited to chaperoning recreational activities and monitoring hallways and exits at the Convention Center. **School and regional advisors who have students presenting workshops are required to chaperone those workshops. Regional advisors may request other advisors from their regions to assist, as we must have an adult presence in all student workshops.**
- MASC spirit wear will also be on sale during recreation both evenings. You can get a sneak peek of items for sale on the MASC online store (<https://mdprint.shop/collections/masc>). MASC merchandise usually sells out.
- Allegany High School and Braddock Middle School is our conference staff. Mr. Jeremy Brown is the MASC convention coordinator.
- Questions regarding registration? Please contact Mr. Wayne Perry, MASC Registrar, at wayne.perry@mdstudentcouncils.org. Other questions? Please contact Mrs. Karen Crawford, MASC Executive Director, at Karen.Crawford@mdstudentcouncils.org.