

## OAPSA Ohio Association of Pupil Services Administrators

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#### OAPSA

is a state organization of school administrators
currently charged with district-wide
administrative responsibilities for
Pupil Services



### OAPSA: Informing & Connecting Pupil Services Administrators across Ohio

Members of the Ohio Association of Pupil Services Administrators (OAPSA) work closely together to *promote* and *strengthen* the coordination of high quality administration of *specialized instructional support personnel* by providing *essential resources* and *opportunities* to *pupil services administrators in Ohio.* With a focus on *communication* between and among our members, OAPSA conducts four *state-wide conferences a year*, maintains a *website* (www.OAPSA.org) as well as an *APP* and provides *ongoing information and updates* to members through a *comprehensive and timely email distribution system.* 





### OAPSA Membership is open to Pupil Service Administrators from

- School Districts (City, Local and Exempted Village)
- ESC's
- SST's
- Community or Private Schools
- DD Programs



#### **OAPSA Members Oversee at Least One of the following in THEIR District:**

**Exceptional or Special Education** 

**Attendance and Student Accounting** 

**Pupil Assessment** 

**Guidance** 

**At-Risk Programs** 

**Nursing** 

**Discipline** 

**School Psychology** 

**Gifted/Talented Programs** 

**School Social Work** 

Related Service(s) (e.g. SLP, OT, PT)

**State and Federal Grants** 



### What If I don't meet criteria for Membership?

#### **Try Associate Membership!**

Professionals who are employed in the field and <u>support the</u> <u>purpose</u> of OAPSA but don't meet criteria for membership and want to receive communications, access resources and/or be actively involved in OAPSA organization are eligible for membership as associate members. Dues are same with all privileges of membership except voting and holding office.



#### **PURPOSE OF OAPSA**

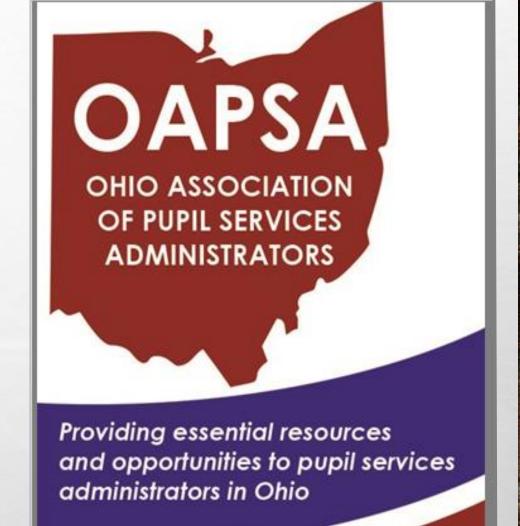
- 1. Promote and strengthen the coordination of pupil services so that the needs of children and youth can be met more effectively.
- 2. Develop and promote improved standards of professional competence in the administration of pupil services and within various areas of pupil services.
- 3. Promote and strengthen the necessary cooperative relationships between pupil services and other phases of the school district's programs as well as with related community services.
- 4. Discuss common concerns and exchange information regarding pupil services policies and procedures.
- 5. Encourage the development of policies and procedures at state and national levels which will promote desirable pupil services practices.

#### **What are Benefits of Membership?**

OAPSA Members <u>Stay Informed</u> on Emerging Important Developments Connected to Student Services

OAPSA Members <u>Stay Connected</u> with colleagues throughout Ohio

OAPSA Members *Stay Compliant* with frequent updates from OEC, ongoing communications with colleagues, Resources on our OAPSA Website and App and OAPSA Conferences





#### Other benefits of membership include:

Reduced Rate at our Wonderful Conferences

(which always includes update from OEC)

#### Conference Schedule this year

- Sept. 28, 2018 (Quest Business Center, Columbus-Polaris)
- Dec. 7, 2018 (Quest Business Center, Columbus-Polaris)
- Feb. 7 8, 2019 (Nationwide Conference Center, Columbus Area)
- May 3, 2019 (Quest Business Center, Columbus-Polaris)



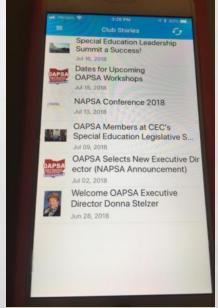




### Additional Benefits of Membership include:

 Staying informed and connected through ongoing communication with colleagues through frequent email updates and requests for input

- Access to Excellent Resources "Members Only Section" of Website: www.OAPSA.org
- Networking with colleagues through our OAPSA App,
   Conferences and February Presidential Reception
- Access to Member's Only Resources





### SAMPLE TOPICS OF ONE MONTH'S OAPSA MEMBER'S EMAIL UPDATES

**(FROM JULY 2018)** 

Response to 504 and EOC Tests Survey

Job Postings (5 times) [combination of ODE and Student Services Directors openings]

ODE Update - Approved Assessments and Grade Period

Responses to Open Enrollment Survey

OAPSA Members at Sp Ed Legal Summit in DC

New OAPSA Web Site Address and App

NAPSA Conference 2018

**OAPSA** Membership

Preschool Rule Update



#### **OAPSA EMAIL TOPICS CONTINUED FROM JULY**

- Request for Info on Non Public Schools Funds Oversight
- Members Only Section of Website
- Threat Assessment Module
- Groundwork Ohio's Race and Rural Equity Report
- OCALICON's and ODE's OEC Sp Ed Leadership Conference in November
- Request for Info on Related Service Shortage



#### WHAT ARE OAPSA MEMBERS SAYING?

I have been a member of OAPSA for several years now and I simply cannot believe I spent the first few years of my administrative career without it. Having quarterly programs of high quality for professional development and the opportunity to network with colleagues from all over the state is, quite frankly, indispensable at this point in my life.

Paul Kidd

Coordinator of Student Services

Lakewood City Schools



Perhaps the most helpful aspect of attending OAPSA conferences is the formal update from the Office for Exceptional Children team covering a variety of topics and relevant information pertaining directly to my district. The topic covered during OAPSA conferences remain relevant to societal changes and norms. I have been a member of OAPSA for at least six years and I have greatly benefited from the networking opportunities and resources afforded me. It is the primary conference which I attend and suggest to other administrators. The topics of discussion and direct link with the OEC are worthy strengths of the ongoing meetings.

Lisa Shannon

Assistant Superintendent

Chagrin Falls Exempted Village School District





### OAPSA IS RECOGNIZED AT NATIONAL LEVEL ALSO BY NAPSA

OAPSA is a strong affiliate organization that helps connect NAPSA to Ohioans responsible for Student Services administration. Through our affiliation we work to support members with their daily job responsibilities relating to Student Services. OAPSA has a strong connection to the state level leadership providing NAPSA a connection in Ohio that is not found in all states. NAPSA is thankful for the support OAPSA provides up to the National level and within its own State membership.

James J. Tatman

NAPSA President-Elect and former OAPSA Executive Board Member

# National Association of Pupil Services Administrators



### NAPSA CONFERENCE OCT. 14-17 CINCINNATI MARRIOTT RIVER CENTER

Specialized Instructional Support Personnel:

Making it Work

- Ohio Residents Get Huge Discount through OCS Grant
- NAPSA Members Conference Cost = \$50 (for all 4 days)
- Non Members Conference Cost = \$100 (for all 4 days)

NOTE: Discounts apply only while limited supply

of Vouchers last.

Additional Cost for River Dinner Cruise

Additional Info at NAPSA.com







### AND SPEAKING OF NATIONAL LEVEL ....



Seven OAPSA members volunteered their time in July to storm Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., and advocate on behalf of children and youth with exceptionalities and their professional colleagues.

While on Capitol Hill, the OAPSA team presented eight different congressional offices with four issues currently challenging the field of special education and early intervention. Senator Brown, Senator Portman, Rep. Kaptur, Rep. Joyce, Rep. Ryan, Rep. Fudge, Rep. Stivers, and Rep. Gibbs each received information about these crucial issues. I

In unison with the 265 advocates at the summit, OAPSA asked the men and women of Congress to:

- Fund special education and early intervention programs.
- Protect public funds for public education.
- Address the shortage of special education teachers and early intervention providers.
- Provide support to ensure social and emotional learning, positive school climate, and mental health supports.



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