

# **Bilingual, Immigrant, and Refugee Education Directors Meeting**

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**May 13-17, 2025**



## **REGISTRATION BROCHURE**

**Lord Baltimore Hotel  
Baltimore, MD**

# Council of the Great City Schools

## 2025 BIRE Meeting

### Baltimore, MD

The annual meeting of Bilingual, Immigrant, and Refugee Education Directors from the Council's member districts will take place in Baltimore, MD, at the Lord Baltimore Hotel from Tuesday, May 13 through Saturday, May 17. The Council is building a rich and relevant agenda to include:

- Learning sessions addressing the unique needs of particular groups of English learners (e.g., newcomers, older-age, SIFE, long-term ELs, dually-identified, etc.);
- Hands-on work sessions to address specific challenges of practice with guidance from expert thought partners;
- Districtwide English learner program improvement strategies, including implementing supports and monitoring to ensure the quality of dual language programs;
- Approaches to expand English learner access to CTE, Gifted and Talented, and other specialized programs; and
- Presentations on the Council's latest publications and resources.

### PRE-MEETING SCHOOL VISITS

#### Tuesday, May 13 - Baltimore City Public Schools

School district registrants are invited to explore Baltimore City schools and engage with school leaders and educators. Participants will select from thematic itinerary options, each featuring two to three schools. The day begins with a 6:30 a.m. breakfast, followed by school visits, lunch, and a debrief before concluding with an evening reception. Transportation and meals are included.

### BIRE MEETING

#### Wednesday, May 14

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Formal Meeting Program

#### Thursday, May 15

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Formal Meeting Program

#### Friday, May 16

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Formal Meeting Program

#### Saturday, May 17

7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Formal Meeting Program

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Adjournment



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Register online at: <https://cvent.me/LEkQ8O>

#### PRE-MEETING EVENT FEE (SCHOOL DISTRICT ATTENDEES)

School Visits - \$50

#### BIRE MEETING REGISTRATION FEE

Council School Districts	\$300
Non-member School Districts	\$600
Additional Sponsor Attendee	\$1,000

#### REGISTRATION REFUND AND CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellations or name changes must be requested in writing and addressed to:  
Gregory Bacon at [gbacon@cgcs.org](mailto:gbacon@cgcs.org).

Registrations cancelled **on or before** May 2 will receive a full refund. Cancellations from May 3 to May 12 will be billed or refunded 50% of the registration fee. Cancellations or no-shows on or after May 13 will not receive a refund and will be billed the full amount.

#### HOTEL INFORMATION

Lord Baltimore Hotel  
20 W Baltimore St  
Baltimore, MD 21201

#### CUT-OFF DATE: FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2025

Single & Double Room Rate:

\$179.00 per night plus 17.5% tax

Call 410-539-8400 or click [here](#) for hotel reservations.

All reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card.



**Mention:** *Council of the Great City Schools* or *CGCS 2025 Bilingual Meeting* to receive the group rate.

Hotel reservations must be cancelled at least 72 hours prior to arrival to avoid cancellation penalties. For registration, invoice, or payment questions, contact Michell Yorkman at [myorkman@cgcs.org](mailto:myorkman@cgcs.org).

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#### SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

All sponsoring companies must be involved in conducting work or producing materials to support quality instruction for English learners (ELs). All sessions and meal events are open to our sponsors, except for the instructional materials review.

To request a sponsorship level, please visit: <https://cvent.me/LEkQ8O>. For sponsorship approval, please submit your logo and a short description of your company via email to Michell Yorkman, Manager of Conferences and Partnerships, at [myorkman@cgcs.org](mailto:myorkman@cgcs.org) by April 21, 2025.

All sponsorships must be paid in full before April 25, 2025, in order to secure your company's spot. The sponsorship level opportunities are on a first-come, first-served basis and are as follows:

Sponsorship Levels	DIAMOND	<b>\$15,000 – Limit 8 Companies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opportunity to engage in discussions regarding EL products/services in a private breakout session with key member district attendees</li><li>• Recognized via meeting program, banner, signage, and the Council's Annual Report</li><li>• Exhibit table on Wednesday, May 14 through Friday, May 16</li><li>• Receive attendees list in advance (twice before the meeting)</li><li>• Three (3) registrants included (max. 2 additional attendees registered at \$1,000 each)</li></ul>
	GOLD	<b>\$10,000</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recognized during Welcome Reception via announcement and signage (no speaking)</li><li>• Recognized via meeting program, banner, signage, and the Council's Annual Report</li><li>• Exhibit table on Wednesday, May 14 through Friday, May 16</li><li>• Receive attendees list in advance (twice before the meeting)</li><li>• Three (3) registrants included (max. 2 additional attendees registered at \$1,000 each)</li></ul>
	SILVER	<b>\$7,500</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recognized via meeting program, banner, signage, and the Council's Annual Report</li><li>• Share gifts and materials with attendees via meeting resource table</li><li>• Receive attendees list in advance (once before the meeting)</li><li>• One (1) registrant included (max. 3 additional attendees registered at \$1,000 each)</li></ul>
	BRONZE	<b>\$5,000</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recognized via meeting program, banner, signage, and the Council's Annual Report</li><li>• Share gifts and materials with attendees via meeting resource table</li><li>• One (1) registrant included (max. 3 additional attendees registered at \$1,000 each)</li></ul>

To sign up for a sponsorship level, please click [here](#)  
or go to: <https://cvent.me/LEkQ8O>.



## About the Council

The Council of the Great City Schools is the only national organization exclusively representing the needs of urban public schools. Composed of 78 large city school districts, its mission is to promote the cause of urban schools and to advocate for inner-city students through legislation, research and media relations. The organization also provides a network for school districts sharing common problems to exchange information, and to collectively address new challenges as they emerge in order to deliver the best possible education for urban youth.

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## Member Districts

Albuquerque, Anchorage, Arlington, Atlanta, Aurora, Austin, Baltimore, Birmingham, Boston, Bridgeport, Broward County (Ft. Lauderdale), Buffalo, Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Chicago, Cincinnati, Clark County (Las Vegas), Cleveland, Columbus, Dallas, Dayton, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, Duval County (Jacksonville), El Paso, Fayette County (Lexington), Fort Worth, Fresno, Guilford County (Greensboro, N.C.), Hawaii, Hillsborough County (Tampa), Houston, Indianapolis, Jackson, Jefferson County (Louisville), Kansas City, Long Beach, Miami-Dade County, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Nashville, New Orleans, New York City, Newark, Norfolk, Oakland, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Orange County (Orlando), Palm Beach County, Philadelphia, Pinellas County (St. Petersburg), Pittsburgh, Phoenix Union, Portland, Providence, Puerto Rico, Richmond, Rochester, Sacramento, San Antonio, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Ana, Shelby County (Memphis) Seattle, St. Louis, St. Paul, Toledo, Tulsa, Washington, D.C., Washoe County (Reno), Wichita, and Winston-Salem/Forsyth County

