



## South Carolina Alliance of Black School Educators

### SCABSE Winter Conference 2024 **Know Before You Go**

#### **Conference Dates**

January 12-14, 2024

#### **Conference Location**

Embassy Suites by Hilton Charleston Airport Hotel & Convention Center  
5055 International Blvd, North Charleston, SC 29418

[Embassy Suites N Charleston - Atrium — Self Walk \(weselfwalk.com\)](https://www.weselfwalk.com)

#### **Weather in Charleston, SC (subject to change)**

- Friday: 42°/65° – 35% chance of rain
- Saturday: 42°/60°
- Sunday: 40°/59°

#### **Conference Theme**

Leveling Up and Leading the Way

#### **Covid Protocol**

Your health and safety are paramount. Please follow all CDC guidelines and practice good judgment. Masks are optional.

#### **Registration Badges (MANDATORY)**

Conference registration badges **MUST** be worn for entry into **ALL** conference events except for the Friday evening Night of Champions, the Saturday evening social and the Sunday morning worship service.

#### **Parking**

- Parking is available in the hotel parking lot for a discounted fee of \$5.00 plus tax per car, per day for overnight guests at the Embassy Suites.
- For attendees not staying at the hotel, additional parking is available in the convention center parking lots for the current fee of \$10.00 per car, per day.

#### **Invoices and Receipts**

Once you register the system will automatically send an invoice or receipt to the email addresses listed on your registration. If you did not receive a receipt or invoice, check please check your spam or junk folder. If you need assistance getting a receipt or invoice complete the [Request for Receipt or Invoice](#) form.

#### **Volunteers Needed**

If you are interested in volunteering to assist at the conference, please complete the forms below:

- [Registration](#)
- [Setting Up and Packing Up](#)
- [Greeters and Badge Checkers](#)



### **Business Cards**

Bring lots of Business Cards. Business cards are a great way to connect with fellow educators whether a hard copy or digital.

### **Attire for the Conference**

- Business attire is appropriate for general and breakout sessions.
- You may want to bring a sweater or light jacket to the meetings in the event the rooms are cooler than you desire.
- You can choose shoes to your liking. The general session space, exhibits and breakout spaces are all in close proximity. You will have to use the stairs to get to the breakout sessions or take the one elevator that is available.
- Friday, January 12, 2024: *A Night of Champions* (Attire is traditional Sunday best.)
- Casual attire for relaxation time
- Dress as your favorite musician/artist for the social on Saturday night (see attached flyer). The theme is Elevate & Celebrate: Hip Hop Edition. **CASH BAR ACCEPTS CASH ONLY!**

### **Registration and Check In**

- Thursday, January 11 is 4:00pm-5:30pm (Platinum and Gold Sponsors may begin checking in at 3:30pm) in room 3.
- Friday, January 12 is 7:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm in room 3.
- Saturday, January 13 is 8:00am-10:30am in room 2.
- **Registration is still open so feel free to invite others to register to attend the conference.**

### **Conference App**

The conference agenda and session presentations will be available on the digital app. The information for the app will be released the Tuesday before the conference. The link for the conference app is [conference.scabse.net](https://conference.scabse.net).

### **Business Meetings**

Everyone is welcome to attend the business meeting. Information for the business meeting will be available on our website the Monday before the conference at [scabse.net](https://www.scabse.net). At the business meeting the following will be addressed:

- Slate of officers
- Revision to the Constitution and Bylaws
- Reports

### **Social Media**

Join the #scabse or #scabse24 conversation! While you are at the Winter Conference, use the hashtag #scabse or #scabse24, on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to join in on the conversation, share photos, post what you've learned in sessions and connect with other attendees.

### **Keynote Speakers**

- Friday, January 12: Dr. J. R. Green, Superintendent of Fairfield County SD, [www.jr-green.com](https://www.jr-green.com)
- Saturday, January 13: Mr. Chris Singleton, Inspirational Speaker, [www.chrissingleton.com](https://www.chrissingleton.com)



### **Breakout Sessions and Presenters**

Each breakout session is 50 minutes. Breakout sessions are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Rooms 4-14. On Saturday room 3 on the first floor will also be used for breakout sessions. Each room will have a screen and a projector with a HDMI cable to connect to your laptop. Internet access will be provided in the breakout rooms and the ballrooms. Presenters need to bring their own laptop, speakers, handouts, chart paper, markers, etc. If you are using a Mac, please bring your own adaptor for the projector.

### **Prizes**

- Door prizes will be given throughout the day.
- To be eligible for the general session door prizes you must be in the ballroom by 8:30.
- Visit the vendors and sponsors for more prizes.
- Complete the bingo card to be eligible for other prizes.

### **Meals**

- For those staying at the Embassy breakfast is included. The hotel offers a complimentary self-serve hot breakfast buffet and cooked-to-order omelets in the atrium. The hours for breakfast are:
  - Monday through Friday from 6:00am–9:00am
  - Saturdays and Sundays (and holidays) from 7:30am–10:30am
- Lunch is on your own Friday.
- Lunch is included with your registration for Saturday.
- Dinner is on your own.

### **Vendors and Sponsors, Thursday, January 11**

The first step is to check in at the registration room where you will be assigned a booth. Once you check in you may begin setting up your booth. Platinum and Gold Sponsors may begin checking in at 3:30pm. Everyone else will begin checking in at 4:00pm. Each booth includes one table with a tablecloth. Feel free to bring your own tablecloth. We will be giving away door prizes throughout the day. Please feel free to donate a door prize. Vendors and sponsors, to assist us with making sure we have correct information for your name badges please complete the following brief survey <https://forms.office.com/r/VeHtJU8GFK>

### **Welcome Session, Friday, January 12**

There will be a brief welcome session for first-time attendees Friday, January 12 at 7:50am in room 1.

### **Night of Champions, Friday, January 12**

All District Teachers of the Year were invited to this event. We will honor the District Teachers of the Year who attend the Night of Champions. After the program, there will be a reception. All attendees, vendors, and sponsors are welcome to attend the reception. Traditional Sunday best is the attire for the evening.

### **Young Educator Mixer, Friday, January 12**

This is an opportunity for our young educators to network and meet other young educators. Young can be defined by age or by teaching experience. If you feel that young educator describes you, please join us for a mixer at 8:00 in room 1.



### **Townhall, Saturday, January 13**

All the state legislators were invited to attend. Those who accepted the invitation will serve on a panel and answer preplanned questions as well as questions from the audience. This is a time to learn where your elected official stands on various educational issues.

### **Satellites, Saturday, January 13**

There are SCABSE satellites across the state. The satellites carry out the work of SCABSE in their local area. There will be an information meeting on how to start a satellite in your area as well as some satellites will have a meeting. The following are our satellites:

- @Aiken – President Charlene Heard
- @Columbia – President Tracy Footman
- @Fairfield – President Dr. Claudia Avery
- @Greenville – President Debra Johnson
- @Lowcountry – President Tasha Joyner
- @Orangeburg/Calhoun – President Dr. Cinthia Wolfe
- @Pee Dee – President Myron Frieson
- @SCSuperintendents – President Dr. J. R. Green
- @Spartanburg – President Steven Spear
- @York and Surrounding Areas – President Kay DeWalt

### **Elevate & Celebrate: Hip Hop Edition, Saturday, January 13**

This is a fun time for everyone to come and socialize. A DJ will provide some good dance music. The theme for the social is Elevate & Celebrate: Hip Hop Edition. Please dress as your favorite musician/artist. There will be a cash bar. **CASH BAR ACCEPTS CASH ONLY!** All attendees, vendors, and sponsors are invited to attend the social. Badges will NOT be checked for entry to the social. Feel free to bring a guest. A limited amount of light refreshments will be provided.

### **Youth Conference**

The Youth Conference is for 6<sup>th</sup>-12 grade students. It is designed to prepare students with skills and strategies to be successful at school and in society. **Registration is still open so feel free to invite youth to register to attend the conference.**

### **Offering**

An offering will be taken for our scholarship fund and for Mother Emanuel AME Church.

### **Former SCABSE Presidents and Executive Directors**

Thank you for what you did to make SCABSE the organization that it is today. You each contributed to SCABSE's success. Please wear your Kente Stole.

### **Worship Service, Sunday, January 14**

We will worship Sunday morning at 10:00 at:

**Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church  
110 Calhoun Street  
Charleston, SC 29401**

Masks are required during the worship service. There is a limited amount of parking at the church, but across from the church is a pay to park parking garage.



### Shipping

Due to limitations in secured storage space, the hotel will only accept packages as follows:

Boxes/packages may be sent for arrival a maximum of 48 hours prior to group arrival and will be marked with the following:

C/O Embassy Suites

Deliver to Charleston Area Convention Center Loading Dock

Attention: Nick Sullivan, Director of Event Operations

5000 Coliseum Drive

North Charleston, SC 29418

Place a Separate Label on Each Box:

Event Name

Onsite Point of Contact

Event Dates

Number of Boxes (i.e., 1 of 2)

Any Special Instructions

Hotel Rates:

Boxes up to 36" x 24" x 24" \$5.00 per box

Larger boxes / display cases \$10.00 per box

Pallets \$75 per pallet

**Go to the next page for the conference schedule.**



## **Conference Schedule**

**Thursday, January 11, 2024**

4:00-5:30 Registration Room 3 (Gold and Platinum Sponsors may register at 3:30)

***Friday, January 12, 2024***

Registration 7:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm Room 3

- 7:50 Welcome Session for First Time Attendees (Room 1)
- 8:30 General Session with Keynote Speaker (Ballrooms A, B, and C)
- 10:00 Vendors (Hallway)
- 10:30 Breakout Session 1 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Rooms 4-14)
- 11:30 Breakout Session 2 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Rooms 4-14)
- 12:30 Lunch on Your Own
- 2:00 Breakout Session 3 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Rooms 4-14)
- 3:00 Breakout Session 4 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Rooms 4-14)
- 4:00 Business Meeting (Ballrooms A, B, and C)
- 5:00 Dinner on Your Own
- 6:30 A Night of Champions (Ballrooms A, B, and C)
- 7:30 Reception (Ballrooms A, B, and C)
- 8:00 Young Educators Mixer (Room 1)

***Saturday, January 13, 2024***

- 8:00-10:30 Registration (Room 2)
- 8:30 General Session with Keynote Speaker (Ballrooms A and B)
- 10:00 Vendors (Hallway)
- 10:30 Breakout Session 5 (1<sup>st</sup> Floor Room 3; 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Rooms 4-14)
- 11:30 Breakout Session 6 (1<sup>st</sup> Floor Room 3; 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Rooms 4-14)
- 12:30 Lunch (Ballrooms A, B, and C)
- 2:00 Breakout Session 7 (1<sup>st</sup> Floor Room 3; 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Rooms 4-14)
- 3:00 Townhall (Ballrooms A, B, and C)
- 4:00 Satellite Meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Rooms)
- 4:30 Business Meeting (Ballrooms A, B, and C)
- 5:30 Dinner on Your Own
- 8:30 Elevate & Celebrate: Hip Hop Edition (Ballrooms A, B, and C)

***Sunday, January 14, 2024***

10:00 Worship Service at Mother Emanuel 110 Calhoun Street, Charleston, SC 29401