

2019 Conference Presentation Proposal Submission Guidelines

Student Engagement: Solutions for Success

July 24-25, 2019 | McNamara Alumni Center | Minneapolis, MN



Check & Connect is hosting its third biennial conference, Student Engagement: Solutions for Success, to bring together leading experts and practitioners from around the country and beyond to address the topic of student engagement among youth. This two-day professional development and networking event will consist of both keynotes and concurrent presentations. School teachers, administrators, social workers, counselors, mentors, program directors, researchers, and student service providers will hear from presenters in the following areas as they relate to student engagement: multi-tiered systems of support, supporting students at both the classroom and community levels, and demonstrated outcomes & impact. We are seeking proposals for presentations in all of these areas. We expect that at least 200-300 attendees will fill this year's conference at the prestigious McNamara Alumni Center at the University of Minnesota's Minneapolis campus.

Concurrent Session Focus Areas: Presenters need to select one primary focus area that best fits their presentation and can also select one secondary focus area, if needed.

- **Engaging Students across Multi-Tiered Systems of Support:** Aligning practices and interventions across universal, targeted and intensive supports (*e.g., restorative practice, positive behavioral supports, school culture, etc.*)
- **Outcomes & Impact:** Implementation examples/case studies on student engagement interventions with goals, measurables, and reportable outcomes (*e.g., Check & Connect, Early Warning Systems, etc.*)
- **Supporting Student Engagement in the Classroom:** Innovative classroom strategies to boost student engagement and learning (*e.g., project-based learning, relationship building, etc.*)
- **Supporting Student Engagement at the Community Level:** Effective community-based programs and school partnerships working to increase students' success in school (*e.g., Boys and Girls Club, Communities in Schools, etc.*)
- **Multicultural Approaches to Student Engagement:** Culturally responsive and equitable approaches to enhancing student engagement for all students. (*e.g., family engagement, foster belonging, etc.*)

Presenters will also need to provide:

- Grade Level Relevance (Elem, Middle, High, K-12)
- Participant Relevance (Admin, Teachers, Student Support staff, Community Partners)
- Presenter Bio (75 words or less)

Dates to Remember

- Monday, November 26, 2018: Presentation Proposal Submission Deadline
- Monday, December 17, 2018: Presenters notified if they were selected
- Thursday, January 24, 2019: Deadline for presenters to register for the conference
- Wednesday, April 24, 2019: Deadline for early-bird conference registration

Conference Registration

Each accepted proposal receives one half-price conference registration of \$175 for their primary presenter (presenter 1). All other accepted presenters are required to register for the conference at the early-bird price of \$350 by January 24, 2019. All presenters will be responsible for covering costs of travel, lodging, and meals outside of the breakfast and lunch provided on both conference days. Presenters will receive notification of their acceptance by December 17, 2018. Conference registration then opens on January 2, 2018.

Conference Fees

- Early-bird rate: \$350
- Standard rate: \$395

Pre-Conference Training Option

In addition, Check & Connect will be hosting a 1-day Preparation and Implementation Training on July 23, 2019 (the day prior to the conference) at the same location (McNamara Alumni Center) for an additional fee of \$325. See [more information about Check & Connect Preparation and Implementation Training](#).

Format

Presentations will be about 70 minutes in length. More than one presenter is welcome to present. We highly encourage engaging and interactive presentations that foster shared learning and action planning. At a minimum, presenters need to plan for at least 15 minutes of Q&A. When submitting your proposal, indicate the format of your presentation (lecture, experiential, or panel). Presentations that feature evidence informed practice are preferred. Presenters may not conduct a presentation with the purpose of marketing or selling a product.

A/V Needs

Presenters provide their own laptop computers. Microphones and LCD projectors with speakers will be provided.

Submission Form

Follow link to submit the [2019 Student Engagement Conference Presentation Proposal Form](#).

Questions

Please email checkandconnect@umn.edu with any additional questions or concerns.