

Tentative CCTE SPAN 2026 Conference Program

Monday, March 23:

9:00 a.m. - Meet and Greet Breakfast - With Optional SIG Meetings.

10:00 a.m. - Break.

10:15 a.m. - Welcome to SPAN 2026; President's Welcome by Karen Escalante;

Conference Overview by Policy Committee Co-Chairs Cynthia Grutzik, Pia Wong, Allison Smith, & Eduardo Muñoz-Muñoz.
(session available via Zoom for virtual attendees)

10:30 a.m. - Orientation to California Educator Preparation Policy Priorities.

Update on California legislative bills in Senate and Assembly Education Committees.

Introduction to Talking Points and Materials for Legislative Visits

Presentation of First Issue of The Change

Sign Ups for Legislative Visit Teams and Initial Team Meetings.

(session available via Zoom for virtual attendees)

Noon - Advocacy Lunch - With Policy Speaker.

(session available via Zoom for virtual attendees)

1:15 p.m. - Research Roundtables: Accepted Proposals and Invited Presenters.

We encourage submissions for this session, which features research on teacher education and is structured as a traditional Roundtable session. (see accompanying call for proposals)

2:50 p.m. - Break

3:00 p.m. - Concurrent Associated Group Meetings:

Association of California Community College Teacher Education Programs.

Independent California Colleges and Universities-Education.

California Association for Bilingual Teacher Education.

California Association of Professors of Special Education.

California Association for School-University Partnerships.

4:00 p.m. - Break.

4:15 p.m. - California Alliance for Inclusive Schooling Policy Summit.

(session available via Zoom for virtual attendees)

5:30 p.m. - Conference Reception.

Tuesday, March 18:

8:00 a.m. - Team Breakfast and Legislative Visit Orientation.

In-person participants gather at Team Tables for Breakfast with Team Leads;

Virtual participants join one "Team" Zoom Meeting with a Group Lead.

(session available via Zoom for virtual attendees)

8:45 a.m. - Break and Prepare for Zoom or In-Person Legislative Meetings.

9:00 a.m. - Legislative Visits - Scheduled Between 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

Legislative Visits will take place at Legislative Offices or via Zoom, depending on your Team assignment.

When finished come back to Main Conference Room for SPAN Bingo or join a Walk to the Capitol.

10:00 a.m. - Deans/Directors Meeting at the Capitol

Noon - Lunch and Debriefing the Visits: Analysis and next steps for advocacy.

Last Opportunity to Vote in Annual CCTE Election.

CTC Updates and Information

(session available via Zoom for virtual attendees)

1:15 p.m. - Break.

1:30 p.m. - Sending Us Forth - Guest Speaker

2:45 p.m. - SPAN 2026 wrap up with CCTE President Karen Escalante.

Announcement of CCTE Annual Election Results.

Preview of CCTE Fall 2026 Conference.

Conference Evaluation.

(session available via Zoom for virtual attendees).

3:00 p.m. – SPAN 2026 Adjourns.