



# ed ACCESS

a different kind of CONFERENCE | 25 YEARS



Have you attended a large education conference recently? You probably sat in room after room with hundreds of other attendees listening to outside experts talk about topics that weren't quite what you were interested in. You were sure there were some interesting people to talk to in the audience, people who had the same problems you did (and maybe even some answers)—but how could you find who they were and meet them among the swirling crowds? Did you come away frustrated, feeling that only a small portion of the time you attended was valuable to you?

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Small, because edACCESS conferences are limited to one hundred attendees. Responsive, because over half the conference is spent discussing topics chosen by attendees through a unique first-day process. Attendee-driven, because we believe that, collectively, *we are the experts*.

We design each conference to make it easy for attendees to share what they want to discuss, the problems they need help with, and the answers they have found from their own experience. Our conference provides a supportive environment for a learning and sharing experience that is tailored by and for the individual attendees, concluding with facilitated sessions that provide reflection on what has happened and what should happen next, both for the individual and the group.

Does this sound like the kind of conference you'd like to attend? If so, we'd love to see you at edACCESS 2017. Register today!

## IF SO, YOU'RE NOT ALONE.

An edACCESS conference is different. We use the peer conference model, developed by edACCESS co-founder Adrian Segar and described in his book *Conferences That Work: Creating Events That People Love*, for the majority of our conference sessions. Although we include one or two excellent predetermined sessions at our conferences, it's our peer sessions that receive rave reviews year after year. Each edACCESS conference is *small, responsive, and attendee-driven*.



## ed ACCESS 2017

JUNE 19–22

For the past twenty-six years, edACCESS conferences have served as an indispensable resource to information technology staff at K-12 schools and small colleges. Through four days of presentations, panels, roundtables, and focused discussion, edACCESS 2017 will address current issues in the education arena, while also allowing time for informative chats, vendor exhibits, and a lot of fun. At edACCESS, attendees leave with hands-on, tested solutions to technology challenges, ideas about approaches used at other schools, and a network of technology "gurus" with whom they can discuss topics in the future.

edACCESS traces its roots back to 1991, when three computing directors at two small colleges in Vermont met to discuss the growing gap between the administrative computing solutions used by their

institutions and those used at larger schools. Out of this meeting grew ACCESS — Administrative and Campus Computing Environments at Small Schools. The first two ACCESS conferences were held at Marlboro College, Vermont, in 1992 and 1993, with more than one hundred participants from seventy schools. Since then ACCESS changed its name to edACCESS, included numerous K-12 independent schools, and convened at a variety of schools in the northeastern United States.

In 2017 we will be holding our conference on the beautiful campus of New Hampton School, New Hampton, New Hampshire. Once again, attendees will enjoy our unique blend of peer-centered informal and informative presentations and discussions, coupled with great food and a pleasant environment. edACCESS 2017 will be a unique opportunity to get answers to questions, network with peers, and have fun. Don't miss it!



## THE SOLUTION ROOM

**Bring a problem, get solutions from your peers.**

Wouldn't it be great if you could walk into a room, identify a challenge you'd like to address and get advice from a small group of colleagues?

**Now you can.**

A participant-led session, The Solution Room gives you the opportunity to obtain just-in-time answers from a small group of peers to your professional problems and challenges. As you provide and receive consultation, you'll get to know your small group members.

During the session, you'll meet and build in-depth connections with 4-5 new peers through sharing problems, advice, and support. You'll also receive help from your peers on a personal professional problem or challenge.

Watch a one-minute video about The Solution Room at [bit.ly/SolutionRoom](http://bit.ly/SolutionRoom).

## DEMO SHOWCASE

**Your peers showcasing exciting solutions from their schools**

Moderator: JT Amirault <[demoshowcase@edaccess.org](mailto:demoshowcase@edaccess.org)>  
(978) 448-7608

This annual session will provide many easy ways to bring some of the conference excitement home. Presenters will provide an assortment of 10-15 minute demonstrations that showcase a variety of useful ideas and techniques. Our goal is to expose you to at least one useful technique or tool you can demonstrate back at your school. *We encourage every school to contribute at least one demonstration to this session.* Please contact JT to schedule your demo.



## edACCESS ROUNDTABLE AND PEER SESSIONS

On the first day of every edACCESS conference, all attendees join a facilitated roundtable discussion. Each participant has the opportunity to briefly introduce themselves, their wishes for the conference, and their experience. Our roundtable provides an opportunity early in the conference to discover other attendees with similar interests and relevant experience, and helps to determine peer sessions, the heart of our conference program.

At edACCESS the participants determine the peer sessions!

Using the roundtable discussion and peer session signup, attendees create a list of session topics and conference organizers help find attendees qualified to lead the sessions. Peer sessions can be presentations, panels, discussions, workshops, tours, etc. Our process allows the conference to meet the expressed needs of participants and supports attendees getting to know each other in informal sessions that reflect actual attendee wishes. Year after year, edACCESS peer sessions receive very high evaluation ratings.

Here are some examples of topics from recent conferences:

- Wireless projection • Management methods for BYOD • Promoting instructional technology culture among teachers • Evaluating success of a 1:1 program • Creating ebook content • Working with your head of school • Office 365 deployment • Campus Emergency Broadcast • Office 365 and Google Apps • Online textbooks and eText management • Technology & pedagogy; proactive integration • Cloud Backup: How, Pro, Cons • Maker/Hacker Spaces: How to set one up and what to do there • Wireless security • Flipped classroom • Digital asset management • Student information systems • Onboarding faculty to new technology • iOS/iPad management and MDM choices • Best practices for implementing and running 1:1 programs • Disaster recovery setups & power requirements • Desktop virtualization • Crisis Emergency Management • Mac imaging and workflow • Networking & server monitoring tools • Virtualizing the data center • How do you educate faculty on new technology? • Dealing with staff that don't respect individuals in tech dept • What should you put in a brand new building? • Campus access control

## VENDORS

Each year, edACCESS invites a variety of vendors of products and services of interest to IT staff at small schools. Vendor products include administrative software, web databases and services, cabling and infrastructure design, telephone equipment and services, consulting services, and general technology products. If there's a vendor you'd like to meet, please contact our vendor coordinator. Prior years' vendors include:

- Aerohive Networks • Aztec Technologies • Blackbaud
- Blackboard Transact • Calvert Safe & Lock • CardSmith
- Carousel Industries • ClassBook • CNC Microtech • Comcast Business • Comm Solutions Company • ConnectEDU • CSS Laptop Service Center • Draftroom Yearbooks • DyKnow
- Entre Computer Services • eReadia • Exhibio • Finalsite
- Follett • Foresite • GovConnection • Hytec Solutions
- inRESONANCE • Longhouse Software • Meru Networks
- Microsoft • NetEqualizer • New Schoolyard • Nimble Storage
- Ruckus Wireless • Scale Computing • SchoolDude.com
- Security 101 • Senior Systems • SimplexGrinnell
- Spiral Universe, Inc. • Steelcase • SureTech • Technology Partners • Teq • TwinStrata • ValuTrack Corporation
- Veracross • Whalley Computer Associates • WhippleHill Communications • Winslow Technology Group

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

### Monday, June 19

1:00 PM – 8:30+ PM

Afternoon

- Registration
- Introduction
- Roundtable
- Cook out, beer and wine tasting, and peer session sign-up

### Tuesday, June 20

7:30 AM – 8:30+ PM

Breakfast

- Morning meeting
- Opening Session: *The Solution Room*
- Refreshment break
- Peer sessions
- Lunch
- Peer sessions
- Refreshment break
- Peer sessions
- Annual softball game & alternatives
- Special dinner
- Business meeting

### Wednesday, June 21

7:30 AM – 8:30+ PM

Breakfast

- Morning meeting
- Presentations: *Demo Showcase*
- Refreshment break
- Peer sessions
- Lunch
- Vendor exhibition
- Vendor presentations
- Peer sessions
- Dinner out, attendee choice

### Thursday, June 22

7:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Breakfast

- Morning meeting
- Personal introspective
- Refreshment break
- Peer sessions
- Lunch
- Conference spective
- Conference raffle

*When:* Monday, June 19 — Thursday, June 22, 2017.

*Where:* New Hampton School, New Hampton, New Hampshire.

*Accommodations and facilities:* To keep the conference cost low, a student dormitory, single or double room accommodation is included in the conference registration fee. Linens and towels are provided, but private bathrooms are not available. Alternately you may make your own arrangements for accommodation off campus. A list of nearby hotels is available on the edACCESS web site.

Internet access is available throughout the conference site. To minimize paper use, please bring an internet-enabled device.

Late registrants are advised to call before making travel arrangements.

If you have additional questions that the web site can't answer, please contact the appropriate liaison from the list below.

- New Hampton School Liason: Eric LaCroix | [host@edaccess.org](mailto:host@edaccess.org) | (603) 455-4944
- Demo Showcase Coordinator: JT Amirault | [demoshowcase@edaccess.org](mailto:demoshowcase@edaccess.org) | (978) 448-7608
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## CONFERENCE DETAILS

Join the edACCESS listserv at:

[bit.ly/edaccesslist](http://bit.ly/edaccesslist).

If you have registered for this or any prior edACCESS conference, you can access our conference resources at [edaccess.org](http://edaccess.org).

### edACCESS 2017 Conference Registration

Includes conference attendance, accommodations Monday evening through Thursday lunch, plus all meals, from dinner Monday through lunch on Thursday, except for dinner on Wednesday.

|   | Cost   |          |
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| Early registration .....                                | Paid in full before March 27 .....           | \$585.00 |
| Standard registration .....                             | Paid in full before May 1 .....              | \$665.00 |
| Late registration .....                                 | At the door, subject to space available..... | \$755.00 |
| Spouse/significant other meals and accommodations ..... |  | \$360.00 |

A discount of 10% of these fees can be taken for three or more attendees from the same school. Refunds of main conference and workshop registrations can be made, less a \$50 processing fee, if requested before May 31. No refunds can be provided after this date.

For full details and to register for the conference, visit [www.edaccess.org](http://www.edaccess.org).

