

NAREA Conference FAQs (In-Person)

What is included in the conference **registration fee**?

Unless otherwise stated in promotional materials, the conference registration fee includes three days of professional development with featured speakers from Reggio Emilia, Italy, conference materials, lunches, and light snacks. Transportation is provided for conference activities such as school visits and encounters with “The Mosaic of Marks, Words, Material” exhibition and *atelier*. It is the responsibility of the participant to arrange his/her own transportation to/from the airport as well as to/from the conference venue each day. Hotel accommodations are not included in the registration fee.

What **features** can I expect at the conference?

The program varies from conference to conference. Conferences typically include presentations and reflections by noted representatives from Reggio Emilia and/or North America, school visits, small group discussions, encounters with “The Mosaic of Mark, Words, Materials” exhibition and atelier, participatory *ateliers*, and local cultural experiences.

Please note that featured speakers often present in Italian followed by an English interpretation. For some, it might take a moment to adjust to this process. [Many find that the Italian portion of the presentation gives them additional time to take notes.](#)

Is the **conference program** available in advance?

Due to unique logistical matters that include working in collaboration with the local hosts and Reggio Children, the program is often finalized the week prior to the conference. Typically, we will send out the program with the logistics email. A printed copy of the conference program will be in the folder you receive once you check-in at the conference. The start time and end time of the days are published on the website and are the only specifics we can regularly share with participants in advance.

In addition to what is posted on the website, should I expect to receive **additional information** with details about the conference?

Within one week of the conference, you will receive a logistics email, which will include final information on conference specifics. [Please be sure to monitor your email including your spam, junk, and promotions folders.](#)

Is it permissible to **take photos** during presentations, school visits, and of the exhibit?

It is **not permitted** to take photographs or video recordings during the presentations, school visits, or of the exhibition due to privacy and copyright laws associated with images from the early childhood programs of Reggio Emilia, Italy, and North American communities. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter as we respect the children, families, and educators of Reggio Emilia.

When registering a group, why do I need to provide a **unique email address for each registrant**?

All communication related to the conference is conducted by email. It is critical for NAREA to have a unique email address for each registrant so that we can send the logistics email and any other pertinent messages to each registrant directly. We are always happy to copy an administrator or representative upon request.

Is it possible to receive continuing education units (CEUs) for attending the conference?

Whenever possible, we provide participants with the option of obtaining CEUs. If they are being offered, you will find instructions and payment information in the final logistics email. NAREA will provide a Certificate of Participation with professional development hours noted.

Will there be anything to **purchase at the conference?**

Publications, resource materials, and other items from Reggio Emilia and NAREA are typically available for purchase by credit card, check, or cash.

Are conference venues **handicap accessible?**

Because our conferences are held in different locations each time, handicap accessibility will vary. If you have questions about the accessibility of a particular conference, please contact us for more information.

Do you accommodate **vegetarian and other special meal requests?**

We do our best to make arrangements for vegetarian meals. Please be sure to check the vegetarian option when registering for the conference. We are not able to provide for all meal preferences. However, if you have life-threatening food allergies, please contact the NAREA office to discuss meal alternatives. If you have other dietary restrictions, please plan accordingly.

What should I **wear to the conference?**

Due to the varied nature of conference venues, distances between spaces, and weather, we suggest you wear layered clothing for comfort and flexibility.

What **methods of payment are acceptable for conference registration?**

Credit card: Visa, MasterCard, American Express

Check: Checks should be made out to [NAREA](#) and payable in U.S. funds [only](#).

Purchase Order: To secure conference registration(s) with a purchase order, please print out a conference registration form for each registrant and send it in with a copy of the purchase order. Full payment or a purchase order from your school or organization must be submitted to secure a registration. It is not possible to register online when paying by check or purchase order.

Registration forms are available upon request.

Please contact: Thresa Grove – thresa@reggioalliance.org or 770.552.0179

What is the **cancellation policy?**

Each conference has a [cancellation deadline](#) stated on the conference page and registration page on our website. A written request must be received by the cancellation deadline in order for the registration fee to be refunded. There is a \$50.00 per registrant fee for all cancellations. It is always possible to transfer a paid registration from one registrant to another by contacting the office to change the name.

If you have additional questions, please contact the NAREA office at 770.552.0179