



# CONVENTION FAQ

Answers to all your burning questions about convention!

## Why do we continue to use ECC?

ECC is the only venue that can house the number of teachers that attend our convention.

We are required to have enough seats for 85% of our 6300 attendees, and using the Westin and ECC allows us to meet that requirement.

## Why can't we have a virtual convention?

The Provincial Executive Council (PEC) makes the decision for us to have an in person convention. As a Convention Executive, we do not have autonomy with this choice, and as a sub group of the ATA, we make every effort to put on a high quality in person convention.

## Can we do a hybrid convention?

A hybrid convention is cost prohibitive. Virtual sessions are not free, and would result in having to pay for the recording as well as the presentation. Convention associations simply do not have the funds to pay for an in person convention while at the same time providing online options.

## Why don't you send out a survey?

Delegates are encouraged to fill out the survey on SCHED for the sessions they attend. Questions or comments regarding other factors of convention can be emailed to any of our executive staff. We want to hear from you!

## Where do I Park?

The downtown core has a variety of parking options! This year NCTCA will be piloting a shuttle service. Stay tuned for details on that!

## Where is Hall D?

We don't talk about hall D. 🙊🤔



### **When does SCHED typically open?**

SCHED generally opens toward the end of November

### **When does Pre-Reg sessions typically open?**

2026 Pre-Reg sessions open on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

### **Why do you need to select 1 option on SCHED per time block?**

If you choose more than one session in each time block, it makes it extremely difficult to plan for space for each session. When 400 people indicate they might attend a session, but only 100 do, we often have the wrong room for the size of the group attending. Choosing only one session really helps our organizers to put the correct session in the correct size room.

### **I couldn't get into a session. Why don't you put big speakers in bigger rooms?**

When delegates sign up for multiple sessions during the same timeslot on SCHED, it makes it very difficult to gauge the actual number of participants.

Session popularity and room size is evaluated during the week of convention. Oversubscribed sessions are moved to the most appropriate space available at the time. In some cases, with permission from the speaker, we will add a repeat session. Information on repeat sessions, when they happen, are posted on our social media.

### **Why aren't there more grade 12 Chemistry sessions? CTS sessions? etc**

Conventions are not specialist councils. We strongly encourage specialized teachers to reach out to their colleagues and encourage them to submit a proposal to present a session on their topic of expertise. We believe many teachers have valuable insights, strategies, and experiences that can inspire and support others. We encourage you to share your knowledge, tools, and successes with your colleagues. (eg. classroom strategies, a tech tip, or a creative lesson idea).

Did you Know? Proposals for NCTCA 2026 are now open on our website. Head to <https://mynctca.com/> and click on Speakers (at the top).

Not sure how to write a proposal? The ATA also has an amazing YouTube series on creating effective proposals and sessions. Find the Present Like a Pro Series here: <https://shorturl.at/St86t>

### **Where can I find more information?**

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