



IASPA This Week

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What To Know This Week

HR Essentials: The Human Side of HR

Some of the best professional learning happens when ideas, experiences and people come together.

On **Thursday, September 10**, school HR professionals from across Illinois will gather at the NIU Naperville Conference Center for HR Essentials 2026. Centered around this year's theme, "**The Human Side of HR: Connecting People, Purpose, and Practice**," this annual event offers practical learning, meaningful conversations and the opportunity to connect with colleagues who understand the unique challenges of school HR.



Whether you're looking for fresh ideas, new perspectives or simply the chance to learn alongside your peers, HR Essentials is a day designed with school HR professionals in mind.

[Register Today!](#)

Lead with Purpose

Strong HR leaders never stop learning.

The **pHCLE Blended Cohort**, beginning November 11-12, is designed for HR professionals who want to strengthen their leadership, expand their expertise and earn the Professional Human Capital Leader in Education (pHCLE) credential, the preferred credential for K-12 HR leaders in Illinois.



Learn alongside colleagues from across the state while building the knowledge, perspective and professional network that will continue to support you long after the cohort ends.

[Take the Next Step](#)

On the Horizon

Administrator Academy: Title IX: Responding to Discrimination on the Basis of Sex

When: Thursday, August 20 | 8:30am-12:30pm

Confidence comes from preparation. Staying current on Title IX requirements can help you respond thoughtfully and effectively when challenging situations arise.

Join **Stephanie Jones**, partner at F3 Law, for this virtual Administrator Academy and explore current Title IX requirements, investigation procedures and practical strategies for responding to complaints. You'll leave with greater confidence and a stronger understanding of your responsibilities.



Whether you're looking to deepen your own understanding or have a principal, district administrator or colleague who would benefit from this learning opportunity, this session offers valuable insights you can put to use right away. Anyone is welcome to attend for professional learning, with no Administrator Academy coursework required.

[Reserve Your Spot](#)

SupportCon South

When: Tuesday, September 22 | 8:00am-3:00pm

The people who keep your district running deserve opportunities to learn, connect and grow, too.

IASPA is proud to partner with Illinois ASBO for SupportCon South, a one-day conference designed specifically for school support professionals. Held on Tuesday, September 22, at the **Holiday Inn & Suites in East Peoria**, the conference brings together subject matter experts and colleagues from across Illinois to share practical strategies, best practices and ideas that support the day-to-day work of school districts.

If you have HR support staff, administrative assistants, payroll specialists or other team members looking to expand their knowledge and connect with peers, this is a great opportunity to invest in their professional growth.



[Learn More & Register](#)

IASPA Job Board

IASPA's Job Board continues to be a reliable place to find HR and leadership roles across member districts.

Whether you're exploring something new or helping someone else do the same, it's a useful place to start.

Recent postings include:

- Executive Assistant of Human Resources, *Glenbrook HS District 225*
- Administrative Assistant for Operations, *Bloomington School District 13*

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