

2011 Midwest Conference on Differentiated Instruction Travel Tips

Chicago, IL

Recommended Airports:

Chicago-O'Hare International Airport, (*Airport Code ORD*) or
Chicago Midway Airport, (*Airport Code MDW*)

Transportation from Chicago- O'Hare Airport (18 miles):

- 1. Continental GO Airport Express (1-888-284-3826 or airportexpress.com):** Shuttle leaves airport every 15 minutes to downtown hotels. \$30.00 one way or \$53.00 round trip (plus gratuity). No reservations required. Last shuttle leaves airport at 11:30 pm. Call 24 hours in advance for return reservations. Discounts are available if more than one person is traveling together.
- 2. Taxi:** Approximately \$45.00 one way (plus gratuity)

Transportation from Chicago Midway Airport (12 miles):

- 1. Continental GO Airport Express (1-888-284-3826 or airportexpress.com):** Shuttle leaves airport every 30 minutes to downtown hotels. \$25.00 one way or \$43.00 round trip (plus gratuity). No reservations required. Last shuttle leaves airport at 10:30 pm. Call 24 hours in advance for return reservations. Discounts are available if more than one person is traveling together.
- 2. Taxi:** Approximately \$30.00 one way (plus gratuity)

Hotel Information:

Marriott Chicago Downtown Magnificent Mile
540 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611

Reservations: 800-266-9432 (Ask for the "Midwest Differentiated Instruction" Conference Rate). For directions and other information call 312-836-0100

Special Discounted Rate: \$169 (plus tax) single/double/triple/quad, based on availability

Room discount cut-off date: May 31, 2011

All prices subject to change.

Important Trip Planning Information

Hotel:

Maximum of four people allowed in overnight room at the \$169 rate (plus tax).
State and local taxes, fees and assessments are currently 15.4% on overnight rooms.

Hotel accommodations are NOT tax exempt.

All hotel accommodations must be secured with a major credit card.

If you are paying by check payment one night is required in advance. Please be sure to include your hotel confirmation number and the name of the guest(s) that the room is booked under. DO NOT forget to include the 15.4% tax. All checks should be made payable to Marriott Chicago Downtown. Please note that although a major credit card is used to secure the room, the credit card will not be charged if a check is received at least 3 weeks prior to check in date. Please allow 3 weeks for any checks to be received, processed and cleared before your scheduled arrival date.

Checks not received in advance will require a major credit card to guarantee the stay.

To expedite the check in process, please let the hotel know the names of all guests staying in your room.

To help prepare housekeeping, please let the front desk know the number of people staying in your room.

Check-in time is 4:00 PM. The hotel will try to accommodate early arrivals, but cannot guarantee.

Check-out time is no later than Noon.

- It is important you checkout on time to avoid paying for an additional night stay.

Cancellation Policy: To avoid a one-night room penalty, reservations must be cancelled no later than 6:00 pm on day of arrival.

To avoid in-room telephone service charges, bring a cell phone.

- If you do not have a cell phone, you may want use the pay phones in the lobby.

The hotel will provide storage for luggage on your last day.

Boarding passes may be printed at the hotel reservation desk area.

Meeting Room Information:

Meeting room temperatures will vary, so bring a sweater to ensure your comfort.

Most sessions will be set theater style (i.e., chairs only, no tables) to accommodate session demands.