

Travel, Lodging, and Schedule
Reading Apprenticeship Academic Literacy (RAAL) Institute
Jun 22-26, 2009

Institute Schedule

We will begin on Monday with continental breakfast at 8:30am. Each day's session will begin at 9am and conclude at approximately 4pm. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided each day; you will be on your own for dinner.

Institute Location

The RAAL Institute will be held at WestEd's headquarters, located at 730 Harrison Street, San Francisco, CA 94107-1242. The office building is on Harrison Street between 3rd and 4th Streets in the area south of Market Street (SOMA), near the Moscone Center, the Yerba Buena Gardens, and the Museum of Modern Art. Please check in at the receptionist's desk on the 5th floor.

Travel to the Institute

- If you are flying, the San Francisco International Airport (SFO) is the closest and most convenient airport.
- Ground transportation to your hotel is not included in your registration fee, and is your responsibility to arrange. There are several transportation options from SFO (<http://www.flysfo.com/web/page/tofrom/transp-serv/>).
 - Taxis from SFO are approximately \$35 and the trip takes about 30 minutes, depending on traffic.
 - At SFO, a shuttle dispatcher can call a shuttle for you. Prices range from \$10 to \$14. Super Shuttle is approximately \$12.
 - San Francisco's subway system, Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) runs from the airport to downtown San Francisco. Powell Street station is the closest stop to WestEd and nearby hotels (\$5.35 fare from SFO). Check BART's website for specific information: <http://www.bart.gov/index.asp>. (The Hotel Palomar is directly next to the BART station).
- Public transportation options, driving directions, and public parking garage directions are all available here: <http://www.wested.org/cs/we/view/loc/7>.

San Francisco Lodging Options

You are responsible for booking your own lodging during the training. Below, we've included rates, contact info, and websites so that you can make the choice that works best for you.

WestEd negotiated hotels:

WestEd has negotiated special rates with the following hotels. They are both within walking distance to WestEd. To reserve a room, please call the hotel directly at the numbers listed below.

Hotel Palomar, 12 Fourth Street (0.78 miles from training site)

http://www.hotelpalomar-sf.com/palomar_index.html

\$189/night + tax (price subject to availability)

Reservations can be made 24 hours a day by calling 1-800-214-4220 or 1-800-KIMPTON.

Courtyard Marriott San Francisco Downtown, 299 Second Street (0.35 miles from training site)

<http://marriott.com/hotels/travel/sfocd-courtyard-san-francisco-downtown/>

\$194/night + tax (subject to availability)

To book here, call the hotel directly at 415-947-0700 and ask for the WestEd rate.

Finding your own lodging:

WestEd's San Francisco office is downtown, which has a wide range of hotel options. If you choose to book on your own, websites like www.tripadvisor.com provide hotel information and reviews by fellow travelers. Websites like www.expedia.com, www.travelocity.com, and www.hotels.com allow you to compare rates and amenities. Sites like www.priceline.com allow you to 'bid' at the price you want to pay.