



**CEC**  
**2023**

**LOUISVILLE**  
**CONVENTION & EXPO**  
**March 1-4**

**JUSTIFICATION**  
**TOOLKIT**

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Council for  
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Children

“Honestly one of the most impactful gatherings of special education teachers in the nation.”

At CEC 2023 the focus will be on educators with a common goal: High-quality education that is inclusive and equitable for individuals with disabilities. Whatever your role—special or general education teacher, district administrator, principal, teacher educator, or paraprofessional—you can drive educator and student success by attending CEC 2023.

Use this Justification Toolkit to help make your case for support of travel, funding, and time off to attend CEC 2023 in Louisville.

**Attending the CEC 2023 Convention & Expo will allow you to:**

- Keep your fingers on the pulse of trends, hot topics, current research, and emerging practices in special education.
- Engage with and learn from leading special education experts and peers to help make your practice better.
- Get great ideas and effective strategies to use in your classroom as you connect with educators practicing in different settings from around the world.

**Design your own experience and earn up to 23 professional development hours (PDHs) by choosing from over 300 sessions covering:**

Accountability Systems (IDEA/ESSA) for Children and Youth with Disabilities	Early Childhood and Early Intervention	Personnel Preparation
Administration/Supervision	Emotional and Behavioral Disorders	Physical/Health/Multiple Disabilities
Arts in Special Education	Gifted and Talented	Pioneers/Historical Perspectives
Assessment	International Programs/Services	Public Policy
Autism Spectrum Disorder / Intellectual Disabilities	Learning Disabilities	Research
Career Development/Transition	Maltreatment	Starting the Teaching Career
Collaboration and Inclusive Practices	Measuring Special Education Teacher Effectiveness	STEM
Communicative Disabilities and Deafness	Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)	Technology in Special Education and Early Intervention
Cultural and/or Linguistic Diversity	Parent/Family/School Partnerships	Visual Impairments and Deafblindness

**Explore the latest and greatest**

The Expo Hall is home to not only hundreds of exhibitors, but the Technology Playground as well. The Technology Playground is an immersive hands-on experience in the Expo Hall where you can interact with vendors, educators, and students who will share current assistive and instructional technology that can support your students. From using apps and other products for lesson planning to using virtual reality for teacher training to using technology for math and reading, you can learn from real people using real tools for real teaching.

“I made connections with educators that I would have never been able to had it not been for the convention.”

## Registration Options

CEC 2023 offers a variety of registration options to fit anyone's budget. We want you to have access to the best professional development event of the year, in whatever way works for you.

Register early for the biggest savings! The Best Rate and Regular registration options offer great value, especially for CEC members: four days of training as low as \$100 a day!

Another money-saving option is our Single-day registration. The Kentucky International Convention Center will host all convention events including sessions, meetings, and the exhibit hall.

Visit <https://ceconvention.org/registration> for more information on registration options.

## Add-Ons

You can customize your CEC experience even more by adding on any (or all!) of the following. Additional rates apply for these items.

- One (or two, or three) of our optional [Convention Workshops](#)
- A ticket to the [Awards Luncheon](#) on Thursday, March 2
- A ticket for the [Closing Party](#) on Friday, March 3
- Access to the Virtual Convention (more on that below!) and Virtual Convention Workshops

## Virtual Convention Registration

The virtual component of the 2023 CEC Convention & Expo will include more than 40 instructional hours of live and on-demand sessions selected from the in-person convention program. If you couldn't be in two places at once in Louisville, you'll have the chance to see some of the sessions you missed!

Here's what you get:

- Attend your choice(s) of live virtual sessions selected from the in-person program on April 26
- Access to more than 40 hours of curated on-demand content from the "best of the best" in-person convention sessions, accessible for 3 months
- Option to add on two-hour virtual convention workshops that will be presented live on April 25 (additional fees apply)
- Add the virtual convention to your Louisville registration and save an average of over 50% on your virtual registration!

## Hotel Information

CEC has negotiated great hotel rates in Louisville. [Housing is open](#) so book your room today! All of the hotels in the official CEC block are within walking distance of the Kentucky International Convention Center.

Looking for further savings? Check out [room share possibilities](#) with fellow attendees.

## About Louisville

Did you know Louisville has been named one of "America's Friendliest Cities", "America's Most Underrated Cities", "America's Favorite Cities for Food" and "America's Favorite Cities Overall" by Travel + Leisure?

Check out [recommendations from our Local Ambassadors](#) on where to eat and what to see while you're in town, and learn how to pronounce "Louisville" the right way.

Looavul. Luhvul. Loueville. However you say it, it's bound to be a good time.

## Calculate your cost to attend

Use the table below to estimate your investment for attending the convention.

Expense	Considerations	Cost
Convention Registration	Are you a CEC member? What registration option works for you? Do you want to add on any of the below? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● An in-person Convention Workshop</li><li>● A ticket to the Awards Luncheon or the Closing Party?</li><li>● The Virtual Convention</li><li>● A Virtual Convention Workshop</li></ul>	\$
Travel	How are you traveling to the convention: car, plane, train?  Estimate using a travel service.  Consider your ground transportation while in Louisville. All of the <a href="#">hotels in the CEC room block</a> are within walking distance of the convention center!	\$
Lodging	CEC has negotiated travel discounts and secured reduced-rate hotel rooms to make your stay affordable.	\$
Food	How many meals will you need? Do you have a food per diem?	\$
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$</b>

## Writing a Justification Letter

We're here to help you get support from your principal or administrator to attend CEC 2023 in Louisville. You can customize this "justification letter" to make the case for your attendance.

Some things to remember to support your request...

- Emphasize impact. Attending CEC 2023 will benefit you as an educator, the students you serve, your colleagues, and ultimately your school. Talk about the new ideas and strategies you will discover that are based on solid research and academia.
- Highlight the savings. Your school or district can save money while investing in professional development for individual teachers or entire teams. Best Rate savings are in effect through October 26, 2022.
- Stress the connection. Make sure you explain how your attendance will help you meet knowledge requirements of your school or state. You can earn up to 23 Professional Development Hours (PDHs) over four days.
- You can direct your own learning and design the program that meets your specific needs—and those of your school.
- Highlight the opportunity to learn firsthand by engaging directly with experts leading the [Convention Workshops](#). These experiences are a great way to enhance your professional development at the convention—**please note that additional fees are required.**

[Download a sample Justification Letter you can personalize and use.](#)



# CEC LOUISVILLE 2023 CONVENTION & EXPO

March 1-4

## Early Registration

Rates applicable through Oct. 26

### 1) Registrant Information

All fields required. Attendees are strongly encouraged to complete the registration application online at [www.cecconvention.org](http://www.cecconvention.org).

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Job Title \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

Check here to confirm acceptance of CEC's event policies, including registration, cancellation/refund, and health & safety policies, available here:  
<https://cecconvention.org/about/policies>

Inclusivity matters to us at CEC. Please review the information regarding [accessibility at events](#), and check this box if you require additional accommodations.

I request accessibility accommodations and have attached additional information regarding my request.

### 2) Convention Registration

Attendees are encouraged to register online at [www.cecconvention.org](http://www.cecconvention.org), where you can join or renew your membership AND register for the convention.

You must be a CEC member at time of registration to qualify for member rates. Convention workshops and the virtual convention are NOT included in convention registration.

Early rates apply through Oct. 26.  
 Regular rates apply Oct. 27, 2022-Jan. 31, 2023.  
 On-site rates apply Feb. 1-March 4, 2023.

	Pre-Service Member	Graduate Member	Early Career Member	Professional Member	Family/Parent/Affiliate Member	Paraeducator Member	Retired Member	Non-Member
In-Person Registration	\$79	\$269	\$259	\$399	\$229	\$0	\$269	\$539
One Day	\$79	\$179	\$99	\$219	\$159	\$0	\$179	\$329

### 3) In-Person Convention Workshops

Attendees are strongly encouraged to complete registration at [www.cecconvention.org](http://www.cecconvention.org) to ensure availability still exists in the workshop and to read full workshop descriptions. Convention workshops are not included with any convention registration. Each workshop requires an additional registration fee (see chart below).

	Pre-Service	Member	Non-Member
Full-Day Workshop (each)	\$129	\$199	\$249
Half-Day Workshop (each)	\$75	\$109	\$159
KY New Teacher Academy	\$99	\$99	\$99

In-Person Full Day	In-Person Half Day	In-Person Half Day	In-Person -Half-Day	KY New Teacher Academy
Wed., March 1, 9am-4pm	Wed., March 1, 9am-12pm	Wed. March 1, 1pm-4pm	Sat., March 4, 8:30am-11:30am	Sat., March 4, 8:30am-3:30pm
Workshop 01 <input type="checkbox"/>	Workshop 04 <input type="checkbox"/>	Workshop 12 <input type="checkbox"/>	Workshop 19 <input type="checkbox"/>	Workshop 21 <input type="checkbox"/>
Workshop 02 <input type="checkbox"/>	Workshop 05 <input type="checkbox"/>	Workshop 13 <input type="checkbox"/>	Workshop 20 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Workshop 03 <input type="checkbox"/>	Workshop 06 <input type="checkbox"/>	Workshop 14 <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Workshop 07 <input type="checkbox"/>	Workshop 15 <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Workshop 08 <input type="checkbox"/>	Workshop 16 <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Workshop 09 <input type="checkbox"/>	Workshop 17 <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Workshop 10 <input type="checkbox"/>	Workshop 18 <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Workshop 11 <input type="checkbox"/>			

### 4) Virtual Convention Add-ons

Add on the virtual convention to your in-person registration and save at least 50%! The virtual convention will consist of a day of live programming on April 26, access to 40+ on-demand recordings for 3 months, and the option to register for additional live workshops on April 25.

Add-on Item	Pre-Service	Member	Non-member
Virtual Convention	\$35	\$65	\$99
Virtual Convention Workshop (each)	\$65	\$99	\$149

**Virtual Dates Coming Soon**

### 6) Total Due

Options to pay are listed in section 7. Registrations paying by purchase order must pay invoice within 30 days or the registration will be cancelled.

	Rate/Qty	Subtotal
Convention Registration	See Box 2	
Full-Day Workshop (Wed. March 1)	____ x ____ # rate	
Half-Day Workshops (Wed. March 1 or Sat. March 4)	____ x ____ # rate	
KY New Teacher Academy (Sat. March 4)	\$99	
Virtual Convention (Add-on)	See Box 4	
Virtual Convention Workshop Additions	____ x ____ # rate	
Special Event Tickets	See Box 5	
	TOTAL	

### 5) Special Events

Join us at our special events for recognition and celebration! More information about these events is available online. Indicate number of tickets requested.

Ticket Type	Rate
Awards Luncheon General Admission	\$40 x ____
Awards Luncheon Pre-Service Member Rate	\$25 x ____
Closing Party General Admission	\$45 x ____
Closing Party Pre-Service Member Rate	\$30 x ____
SUBTOTAL	\$ ____

### 7) Payment

Purchase Orders - email to [service@exceptionalchildren.org](mailto:service@exceptionalchildren.org) or fax to (703) 264-9494  
 Pay and Register online at: [www.cecconvention.org](http://www.cecconvention.org)

#### Pay With Credit Card:

Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Full-Day Workshops - Wednesday, March 1, 9am-4pm

WORKSHOP 01 - Legally Defensible IEPs

Julie J. Weatherly, Esq., Resolutions in Special Education

WORKSHOP 02 - Teachers and Paraeducators Working Together: Roles and Rules!

Ritu V. Chopra, Ph.D., PARZA Center, University of Denver

WORKSHOP 03 - Tier 2 and 3 Behavior Support: Developing Protocols and Implementation Plans

Jessica Sprick and Tricia Rees Berg, Ph.D., Safe & Civil Schools

## Morning Workshops - Wednesday, March 1, 9am-12pm

WORKSHOP 04 - Teachers Lead the Way: Better Communication and Collaboration at Meetings and Beyond

Rebekka Jez, Ph.D. and Michelle Coleman, University of San Diego

WORKSHOP 05 - Building Communities of Practice: Strengthening Induction Programs to Support the Needs of New Special Education Teachers

Clara Hauth, Ph.D., Marymount University & Catherine Creighton Martin, Ph.D., Technical Training & Assistance Center at George Mason University

WORKSHOP 06 - School-Wide Implementation of Universal Design for Learning: A Learner Centered Design Approach

Bill Wilmot & Jennifer Levine, CAST

WORKSHOP 07 - Setting the Foundation for Mathematics Success

Brad Witzel, Ph.D., Western Carolina University

WORKSHOP 08 - Put the "I" in IEPs Using High-quality Tools for Development and Implementation

Donna M. Sacco, Ph.D. & Amy Peterson, MA, American Institutes for Research

WORKSHOP 09 - Guidelines and Strategies for Jump Starting Secondary Students' Self-Regulation Skills

Roberta Strosnider, Ed.D., and Valerie Saxton Sharpe, Ed.S., Institute on Executive Functioning

WORKSHOP 10 - Best Practices for Transition Planning

Stacie Dojonovic, Ed.D., DCDT; Mary Morningstar, Ph.D., Portland State University, and Al Daviso, Ph.D., Akron University

WORKSHOP 11 - Specially Designed Instruction in Action: Strategies and Techniques to Improve Student Outcomes

Nicole Barrion and Amy Creed, Alexandria City Public Schools

## Afternoon Workshops - Wednesday, March 1, 1-4pm

WORKSHOP 12 - Teachers Lead the Way: Moving from Conversations to Relationships with Families for Student Success

Clara Hauth, Ph.D., Marymount University & Catherine Creighton Martin, Ph.D., Technical Training & Assistance Center at George Mason University

WORKSHOP 13 - Co-Teaching Tune-Up

Julie Irene Bost, Ed.D., University of North Carolina at Greensboro

WORKSHOP 14 - Effective Instruction and Intervention with Secondary Mathematics

Brad Witzel, Ph.D., Western Carolina University

WORKSHOP 15 - Practical Strategies to Modify Curriculum

Nicole Eredics, The Inclusive Class

WORKSHOP 16 - Supporting Students with Challenging Behavior in Unstructured Settings Using Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports

Kathy Randolph, Ed.D., University of Colorado—Colorado Springs and Brittany Hott, Ph.D., University of Oklahoma, Norman

WORKSHOP 17 - Guidelines and Strategies for Jump Starting Elementary Students' Self-Regulation Skills

Roberta Strosnider, Ed.D., and Valerie Saxton Sharpe, Ed.S., Institute on Executive Functioning

WORKSHOP 18 - Engaging and Educating Learners Using Technology

Tara Courchaine, Ed.D., Cynthia Curry, and Tracey Hall, Ph.D., CAST

## Saturday AM Workshops - Saturday, March 4, 8:30am-11:30am

WORKSHOP 19 - Executive Functioning Supports in Today's Classroom

Cassie Frost, Disruptive Teaching

WORKSHOP 20 - Read the Room: Literacy Instruction to Decrease Challenging Behavior

Presenter TBC

## Full-Day Workshop - Saturday, March 4, 8:30am-3:30pm

Workshop 21 - Kentucky New Teacher Academy

Presenters TBC

Virtual Workshops Coming Soon