



CEEC
2024
SPECIAL EDUCATION
CONVENTION & EXPO
SAN ANTONIO
MARCH 13-16

Justification Toolkit

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At CEC 2024, 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, educator, or paraprofessional—you can drive educator and student success by attending CEC 2024.

Use this Justification Toolkit to help make your case for support of travel, funding, and time off to attend CEC 2024 in San Antonio.

Attending the CEC 2024 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 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) 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 virtual reality for teacher training and technology for math and reading, you can learn from people using real tools for teaching.

Registration Options

CEC 2024 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.

New for 2024 is our PLUS Package, which includes registration to the in-person convention, a ticket to Friday night's CEC Celebration, and access to the virtual convention in April! The Henry B. Gonzalez 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.

What's included?

	In-Person PLUS	In-Person	Virtual Registration Only
In-Person Convention Sessions	✓	✓	
In-Person Expo Hall	✓	✓	
In-Person CEC Celebration	✓	✓	
On-Demand Virtual Sessions	✓		✓

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 Pre & Post- [Convention Workshops](#)
- A ticket to the [Awards of Excellence Luncheon](#) on Thursday, March 14
- A ticket for the [CEC Celebration](#) on Friday, March 15 (included in the PLUS package)
- Access to Virtual Convention Workshops (available for PLUS Package registrants)

Virtual Convention Registration

The virtual component of the 2024 CEC Convention & Expo will include more than 20 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 San Antonio, you’ll have the chance to see some of the sessions you missed!

Here’s what you get:

- Access to more than 20 hours of curated on-demand content from the “best of the best” in-person convention sessions beginning on April 9, 2024, accessible through July 9, 2024.
- Option to add on two-hour virtual convention workshops that will be presented live on April 9 (additional fees apply)

Get the best deal on our virtual convention by selecting the PLUS Package at registration. Can't make it to San Antonio? You can register for just the virtual convention!

We're working on virtual convention content. Check <https://ceconvention.org/> this fall for more information.

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

Hotel Information

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

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

About San Antonio

Did you know San Antonio has over 250 days of sunshine each year?

And for foodies, one of the nation's [Culinary Institute of America \(CIA\)](#) locations is right here in San Antonio in the [Historic Pearl](#) district. Endless, global food experiences await you in San Antonio.

Calculate your cost to attend

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



Expense	Considerations	Cost
Convention Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">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">An in-person Convention WorkshopA ticket to the Awards Luncheon or the CEC Celebration?The Virtual Convention (included in the PLUS package)?A Virtual Convention Workshop?	\$
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">How are you traveling to the convention: car, plane, train?Consider your ground transportation while in San Antonio. All of the hotels in the CEC room block are within walking distance of the convention center!	\$
Lodging	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Book your hotel in the official CEC room block to get the best rates in the city.	\$
Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none">How many meals will you need?Do you have a food per diem?	\$

Writing a Justification Letter

We're here to help you get support from your principal or administrator to attend CEC 2024 in San Antonio. 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 2024 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, 2023.
- Stress the connection. Make sure you explain how your attendance will help you meet the knowledge requirements of your school or state. You can earn up to 23 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) 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 Pre & Post-[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.

March 13-16, 2024

	Earlybird Ends 10/26/23	Regular Ends 1/31/24	Late / Onsite Begins 2/1/24
In-Person PLUS 			
Pre-Service Member	\$149	\$219	\$269
Grad Student	\$339	\$409	\$459
Early Career	\$329	\$399	\$449
Professional	\$469	\$539	\$589
Paraeducator	FREE	FREE	FREE
Retired	\$339	\$409	\$459
Family/Parent Affiliate	\$299	\$369	\$419
Non-Member	\$609	\$669	\$719



IN-PERSON PLUS

The **In-Person PLUS** registration option maximizes your professional development and networking opportunities and includes both in-person AND virtual registration, as well as a ticket to the CEC Celebration reception.

In-Person			
Pre-Service Member	\$79	\$149	\$199
Grad Student	\$269	\$339	\$389
Early Career	\$259	\$329	\$379
Professional	\$399	\$469	\$519
Paraeducator	FREE	FREE	FREE
Retired	\$269	\$339	\$389
Family/Parent Affiliate	\$229	\$299	\$349
Non-Member	\$539	\$599	\$649

In-Person One-Day			
Pre-Service Member	\$59	\$99	\$139
Grad Student	\$169	\$209	\$249
Early Career	\$159	\$199	\$239
Professional	\$229	\$269	\$309
Paraeducator	FREE	FREE	FREE
Retired	\$179	\$219	\$259
Family/Parent Affiliate	\$159	\$199	\$239
Non-Member	\$279	\$319	\$359

Virtual			
Pre-Service Member	\$75	\$95	\$155
Grad Student	\$165	\$185	\$245
Early Career	\$205	\$225	\$285
Professional	\$265	\$285	\$335
Paraeducator	FREE	FREE	FREE
Retired	\$205	\$225	\$285
Family/Parent Affiliate	\$205	\$225	\$285
Non-Member	\$345	\$385	\$425

Pre-Convention Workshops (Full-Day)			
Pre-Service Member	\$99	\$119	\$159
Member	\$199	\$219	\$259
Non-Member	\$249	\$269	\$309

Pre-Convention Workshops (Half-Day)			
Pre-Service Member	\$79	\$99	\$139
Member	\$119	\$139	\$179
Non-Member	\$159	\$179	\$219

Virtual Convention Workshops			
Pre-Service Member	\$65	\$75	\$105
Member	\$99	\$119	\$159
Non-Member	\$149	\$169	\$229

Awards Lunch Teacher of the Year Presentation	
Student Member	\$25
Non-Student Member	\$25
Non-Member	\$45

CEC Celebration Fri, March 15 PM	
Student Member	\$10
Non-Student Member	\$10
Non-Member	\$20

1) Registrant Information

All fields required. Attendees are strongly encouraged to complete online at www.cecconvention.org.


First	Last		
Job Title	Member ID		
Address Line 1			
Address Line 2			
City	State	Zip Code	
Email			
Emergency Contact Name		Emergency Contact Phone	
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 .		<input type="checkbox"/> Inclusivity matters to us at CEC. Please review the information regarding accessibility at events , and check this box if you require additional accommodations and CEC staff will follow-up.	

2) Optional Pre- and Post-convention Workshops

(Additional fees apply. See back and table below for more info.)

In-Person Full Day Wed, March 13	In-Person Half Day Wed, March 13 AM	In-Person Half Day Wed, March 13, PM	Virtual Workshops Available April 2024
<input type="checkbox"/> Workshop 01 <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop 02 <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop 03	<input type="checkbox"/> Workshop 04 <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop 05 <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop 06 <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop 07 <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop 08 <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop 09 <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop 11	<input type="checkbox"/> Workshop 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop 13 <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop 14 <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop 15 <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop 16 <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop 17 <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop 18 <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop 19	Coming soon!
In-Person Half Day Saturday, March 16 <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop 20 <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop 21 <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop 22			

3) Registration Options

	Rate/Qty	Subtotal (enter rate from table)
Convention Registration (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input type="checkbox"/> In-Person PLUS  <input type="checkbox"/> In-Person One-Day* <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual		
*If one-day registration is selected, please indicate your day to attend: <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday <input type="checkbox"/> Friday <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday		
Full-Day Workshops (mark choices above)	_____ X _____ # rate	
Half-Day Workshops (mark choices above)	_____ X _____ # rate	
Virtual Workshops (mark choices above)	_____ X _____ # rate	
Awards Lunch Tickets	_____ X _____ # rate	
CEC Celebration Tickets	_____ X _____ # rate	
	TOTAL	

4) Payment

Purchase Orders - email to service@exceptionalchildren.org or fax to (703) 264-9494

Pay and Register online at: www.cecconvention.org

Pay With Credit Card:

Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Security Code: _____

Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____

In-Person Full Day (March 13, 9 am - 4 pm)

WORKSHOP 01 Legally Defensible IEPs

Julie Weatherly, *Resolutions in Special Education, Inc.*

WORKSHOP 02 Tier 2 and 3 Behavior Support: Developing Protocols and Implementation Plans

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

WORKSHOP 03 Engaging Diverse Partners and Families throughout Early Intervention/Early Childhood Personnel Preparation

Peggy Kemp, Ph.D., *Division for Early Childhood (DEC)*, & Darla Gundler, *The Early Childhood Personnel Center (ECPC)*

In-Person Half Day (March 13, 9 am - 12 pm)

WORKSHOP 04 Paraeducators: What Administrators Should Know & Do

Ritu V. Chopra, Ph.D., *The Paraprofessional Resource and Research Center (The PAR2A Center), University of Colorado Denver & Peggy A. Yates, Ed.D., Alma College*

WORKSHOP 05 Supporting Students with Challenging Behavior Within an MTSS Framework

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

WORKSHOP 06 Put the “I” in IEPs Using High-quality Tools for Development and Implementation

Donna M. Sacco, Ph.D., *American Institutes for Research*

WORKSHOP 07 Infusing High-Leverage Practices (HLPs) in Educator Preparation Programs: Strategies and Recommendations

Melinda Leko, Ph.D.; Meg Kamman, Ph.D.; Lindsey Hayes, M.Ed.; Amy Colpo, MPP, *CEEDAR Center*

WORKSHOP 08 What’s Important in Mathematics at Tier 2 and 3

Sarah Powell, Ph.D., *University of Texas at Austin*

WORKSHOP 09 Best Practices for Transition Planning

Stacie Dojonovic Schutzman, Ed.D., *Division on Career Development and Transition (DCDT)*

WORKSHOP 10 Contemporary Co-Teaching: What’s New and What Really Matters

Marilyn Friend, Ph.D., *University of North Carolina-Greensboro*

WORKSHOP 11 Effective Reading Practices in Tiers 2 and 3: Supporting Early Elementary Students Using Enhanced Core Reading Instruction (ECRI)

Marissa Pilger Suhr, Ph.D., & Nancy Nelson, Ph.D., *Boston University*

In-Person Half Day (March 13, 1 pm - 4 pm)

WORKSHOP 12 Putting Paras in Play: Tips for Teachers Supporting Paraeducators in Your Classroom

Ritu V. Chopra, Ph.D., *The Paraprofessional Resource and Research Center (The PAR2A Center), University of Colorado Denver & Peggy A. Yates, Ed.D., Alma College*

WORKSHOP 13 Executive Functioning Supports in Today’s Classroom

Cassie Frost, *Disruptive Teaching*

WORKSHOP 14 Using Current and Emerging Technologies to Enhance Outcomes for Students with ASD and/or Intellectual Disability

Don McMahon, Ph.D., *Washington State University*; Sarah Howorth, Ph.D., *University of Maine*; Aleksandra Hollingshead, Ed.D., *University of Idaho*

WORKSHOP 15 Practical Strategies to Modify Curriculum

Nicole Eredics, *The Inclusive Class*

WORKSHOP 16 Literacy Intervention for Adolescents: Integrating Reading, Content Area Knowledge, and Social-Emotional Development Literacy

Deborah K. Reed, Ph.D., *University of Kentucky & Irma Brasseur-Hock, Ph.D., University of Kansas*

WORKSHOP 17 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., Training and Technical Assistance Center at George Mason University*

WORKSHOP 18 Specially Designed Instruction in Action: Strategies and Techniques to Improve Student Outcomes

Nicole Barrion and Amy Creed, *Alexandria City Public Schools, VA*

WORKSHOP 19 Designing Accessible Digital Content

Cassie Brusch & Julie Ortlieb, *Montgomery County Intermediate Unit*

In-Person Half Day (March 16, 8:30 am - 11:30 am)

WORKSHOP 20 Leadership Support for Behavior

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

WORKSHOP 21 The Remix: Culturally Sustaining Practices for Student Engagement in MTSS

William Hunter, Ed.D., *University of Memphis*; Jonte’ “JT” Taylor, Ph.D., *Pennsylvania State University*; LaRon Scott, Ed.D., *University of Virginia*

WORKSHOP 21 Building Relationships, Where Do I Start? What is Your Relationship Plan of Action?

Rufus Lott III, *Lott Educational Consulting*