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## Special Education Today

News, resources, and tools for educators like you.

### Which Student Representative Will You Vote For?

Each year, CEC members elect two student representatives to the [Representative Assembly](#), which serves as the membership advisory body to the Board of Directors.

Help us determine this year's student representatives by voting for the nominee that you think would act as an effective voice for the CEC student membership community by **April 25, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. EDT**.



[Learn about the candidates, then vote!](#)

### New to the Field? Apply for CEC's Student and Early Career Committee!



At CEC, we know the wide range of challenges facing early-career special education professionals. With the national shortage of special education teachers and other ongoing concerns, the [CEC Student and Early Career Committee](#) serves as the official conduit between CEC and this critical group of future educators — and we're looking for new applicants to help us out!

In addition to tasks related to planning student-related events at the CEC annual convention, the committee provides input and guidance to CEC staff and the Board of Directors on a host of initiatives focused on recruiting, supporting, and mentoring teacher candidates and teachers during their first few years in the classroom.

[Preview the application, then apply!](#)

## Don't Forget to Save \$25 on Our Toolkit for New Special Educators!

When it comes to giving new special education teachers the tools they need, a strong induction program is the first step toward a successful first year both in and out of the classroom.



That's why CEC curated our most popular and comprehensive on-boarding resources to create an [Induction Toolkit for New Special Education Teachers](#), which includes multimedia tools for professional development, coaching, and continuing education to support new staff as they transition into the classroom setting.

**Order CEC's Induction Toolkit for New Special Education Teachers by May 31 and get \$25 off!**

## Wrap Up Your Year of Co-Teaching With a CEC Webinar



As the end of the school year approaches, it's time to take stock of co-teaching. Join co-teaching and collaboration expert Dr. Marilyn Friend for a [webinar](#) on **April 22, 2019**, to explore how teachers, school administrators, and district leaders can evaluate their current practices and other end-of-year co-teaching priorities. Put an instructional "bow" on your dedicated work this year, be ready for next fall, and [register now!](#)

## REMINDER: Apply for the 2020 Board of Directors

Don't forget! Applications for Member-at-Large positions on the Board of Directors are now being accepted. Directors serve a 3-year term beginning on Jan. 1, 2020, and help guide CEC's policy direction and strategic plan to ensure that we accomplish our mission.



The deadline for receipt of all materials is **3:00 p.m. EST, May 22, 2019**. [Learn how to apply!](#)

## Your Last Chance to Submit a Proposal for CEC 2020 ...



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 ALL EDUCATORS. EVERY CHILD. NO LIMITS.

**CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS CLOSING MARCH 31, 2019. SUBMIT TODAY!**

## Policy Highlights

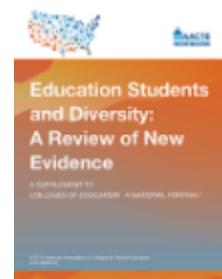
### CEC Supports IDEA Full Funding Bills



On March 27, 10 bipartisan representatives introduced the IDEA Full Funding Act as part of Public Schools Week. CEC joined the [IDEA Full Funding Coalition](#) along with 23 other education organizations to show its support. [Read more.](#)

### ACCTE's Report on Student Diversity

ACCTE recently released [Education Students and Diversity: A Review of New Evidence](#), a report that provides new information on student diversity in U.S. colleges of education. A supplement to AACTE's signature report, Colleges of Education: A National Portrait, the report draws from a recently released U.S. Department of Education survey to examine the personal, family, and socioeconomic characteristics of students working toward bachelor's and master's degrees in education. [Read more.](#)



## Earn your EdD Online from Drexel University

Make a difference in the future of education with Drexel University's online EdD in Educational Leadership and Management. No residency required and nine concentrations available, including Special

Education Leadership and Educational Policy. [Learn more.](#)

## Upcoming Events

### **Virginia CEC Hot Topics Workshops**

Richmond, VA | April 6, 2019

### **State of the Profession: Challenges and Triumphs of Special Education**

CEC Webinar | April 10, 2019

### **Preparing for Next Year's Co-Teaching: How to Improve Student Outcomes and Arrange Critical Teacher Supports**

CEC Webinar | April 22, 2019

### **Ohio CEC 2019 Annual Conference**

Columbus, OH | June 3, 2019

### **2019 Special Education Legislative Summit**

Arlington, VA | July 7-10, 2019

## News

### **Only 16 States Still Share Common-Core Tests, Survey Finds:**

According to *Education Week's* fourth survey of state tests since 2014, only 16 are still using the PARCC or Smarter Balanced assessments in math and English/language arts in 2018-19. [Read more.](#)

### **DeVos Under Fire For Plan To Defund Special Olympics:**

On March 27, U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos defended a proposal to cut all \$17.6 million in federal funding for Special Olympics. [Read more.](#)

**Pediatricians Urged To Coordinate Therapy For Kids With Disabilities:** In a [report](#) that went out on Monday from the American Academy of Pediatrics, physicians are being encouraged to coordinate care with physical, occupational, and speech

therapists so that kids with disabilities can gain or recover important skills. [Read more.](#)

### **Apprenticeships Could Offer Big Benefits for Early-Ed Teachers, Report Argues:**

According to a [recently released report](#) from the nonpartisan think tank New America, apprenticeships can help early education professionals overcome common barriers that often make it difficult for them to achieve higher education. [Read more.](#)

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