



Special Education Today

News, resources, and tools for educators like you.

When It Comes to Advocacy, Your Story Is the Most Powerful Weapon



Today on the Special Education Today blog, special educator and CEC member Richard Williams shares the story of why he advocates for children and youth with exceptionalities - especially those with EBD and ASD. [Check it out!](#)

CEC Talks State of the Profession at the U.S. Department of Education

Yesterday, CEC presented the survey responses of nearly 1,500 special education teachers at the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) [Ideas That Work](#).

At the presentation, Drs. Susan Fowler, Mary Ruth Coleman, and William Bogdan shared the results of CEC's recent State of the Profession Survey to provide a current snapshot of the profession, outline perceived barriers and challenges in the field, and serve as a data-driven foundation to inform public policy, standards, and professional development.



Stay tuned for the full roll-out of the State of the Special Education Survey Report over the next few months. In the meantime, [check out the full report!](#)

Are You Coming to the CEC 2020 Convention & Expo?

Registration for the CEC 2020 Convention & Expo in Portland, OR, on Feb. 5-8 is officially open - with a spiffy [new website](#) to



boot!

From now until July 31, you can register at our BEST RATE of \$395 (or \$270 if you're a student), so make sure you take advantage of this important discount. Past attendees agree: there's something for every educator whether you're a [teacher](#), [administrator](#), or [faculty member](#).

We'll releasing additional details and content updates over the coming months, so stay tuned for speaker information, exhibitor offerings, session descriptions, and more.

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Policy Highlights

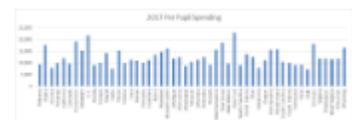
Special Education Summit in 150 Words With Jacqueline Rodriguez



Jacqueline Rodriguez, CAN Coordinator for CEC's Teacher Education Division, shares her perspective and experience of attending the Special Education Legislative Summit. [Read more.](#)

Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions

The Administration's [Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions](#) details the actions administrative agencies plan to issue in the near and long term. [Read more.](#)



Educational Technology New Award Available



The U.S. Department of Education issued a notice inviting [applications](#) for new awards for fiscal year 2019 for Educational Technology, Media, and Materials for Individuals with Disabilities - Stepping-up Technology Implementation. [Read more.](#)

The Condition of Education

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) recently released "[The Condition of Education 2019](#)," a congressionally

mandated report to the country on education in America today.

[Read more.](#)



Upcoming Events

2019 Leadership Institute

Arlington, VA | July 5-7, 2019

2019 Special Education Legislative Summit

Arlington, VA | July 7-10, 2019

What's Happening in Washington

CEC Webinar | July 17, 2019



News

Researchers: Ed Dept's 'blanket approval' of ESSA plans signals shift in federal-state relationships:

In crafting their plans for ESSA, states sometimes ignored the department's guidance - but will it lead to higher student achievement?

Teacher attrition demands new approaches to leadership, preparation:

Experts say demanding rigorous preparation, building a career ladder, and facilitation teacher collaboration are some ways to address ongoing shortages and high turnover rates.

School Safety, Sex Ed & Other Proposed Amendments to Watch as House Takes Up 2020 Education Spending Bill:

Under the House Democrats' measure, the Education Department would receive \$75.9 billion, including big increases for long-standing programs and a new social-emotional learning grant.

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Report: Arts a vehicle for teaching SEL

skills: Social-emotional skills are an integral part of arts education and arts instruction is a vehicle for addressing social-emotional learning (SEL) in schools, according to a [report](#) from the Consortium on School Research at the University of Chicago and Ingenuity.

Grad Nation: US won't meet 90%

graduation goal by 2020: The national graduation rate continued to inch higher in 2017, but states are off pace to reach the 90% rate by 2020 goal set by the organizations leading the Grad Nation campaign.

Special Report: The 5 Biggest Challenges Facing K-12 Tech Leaders:

In this special report, *Education Week* explores five key challenges and how ed-tech leaders are responding to them.

Ed Dept unveils proposed accreditation

rules: On Tuesday, The U.S. Department of Education unveiled its [proposed accreditation](#) rules, which the federal agency says are meant to foster innovation and give accreditors and colleges more flexibility.

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