

# TOP 10 REASONS

## Why YOU Should Belong to the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)

### 10 Keep Up-To-Date on Special Education Issues, Trends, and Findings

*TEACHING Exceptional Children* is the only classroom-oriented magazine reporting the latest practical methods, materials, and programs for teaching children with exceptionalities. *Exceptional Children* gives you an early look at the significant findings and trends in special education.

### 9 Save Big Bucks

Attend the CEC Annual Convention and Expo, and you'll save the cost of your membership . . . and then some! Plus, as a member you can take advantage of professional liability and other insurance programs, discounts on educational resources, financial services, and much more.

### 8 Network, Network, Network!

Dues include membership in your state/provincial CEC (and local chapter where applicable). Get to know other experts in your community, your state/province, nationally, and around the globe.

### 7 Increase Your Professional Profile

Explore career options online in the largest job bank on the Internet devoted exclusively to special education professionals. Publish in CEC's journals. Share your expertise at CEC's highly respected conferences and symposia. Receive recognition for your contributions through CEC's award programs.

### 6 Add to Your Expertise

Join any—or all!—of CEC's 17 special interest divisions to increase your knowledge and become more deeply involved in your profession.

### 5 Get the Resources You Need at Prices You Can Afford

The CEC Catalog is crammed with resources and materials specifically for special educators. Members save up to 30%!

### 4 Add New Leadership Skills to Your Resume

You don't have to be a long-term member to get involved. New members are encouraged to participate in your local chapter or state/provincial CEC activities, join a committee, run for office, or get involved in a variety of ways at all levels of CEC.

### 3 Vote for the Leadership to Represent Your Profession

Your voice . . . and your vote . . . makes a difference. Vote for dedicated educators to lead CEC and the special education profession into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### 2 Influence the Profession

Add your voice to advance the policies that support children with exceptionalities and the professionals who serve them. Just a few of the issues for which CEC has advocated include reduction of special education paperwork, full funding for special education, and preserving special education research programs.

### 1 Improve the Educational Success of Individuals with Disabilities

*Isn't that why you became a special educator in the first place?*