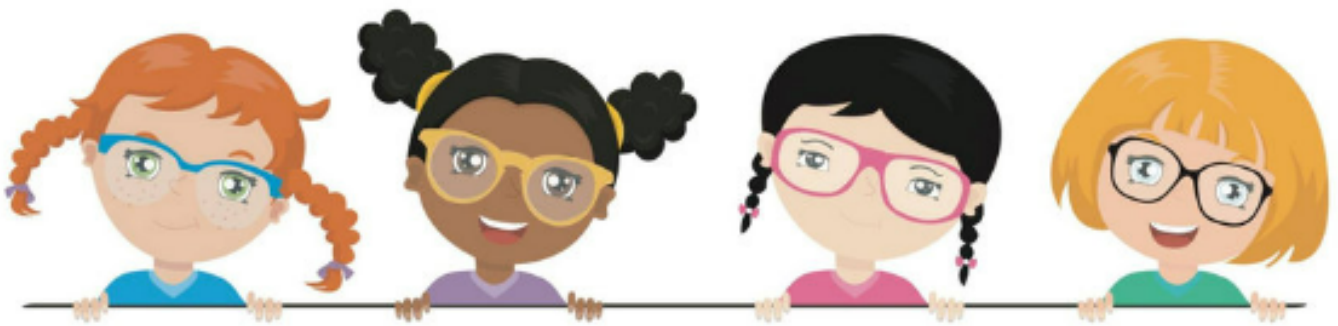


# Ohio CEC

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## LOW VISION



## AWARENESS MONTH



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## CEC Ohio News

A New Awards Committee was formed.

- Awards will align with National and will be awarded at the Summer conference on June 7, 2024
- There will be a link in the March newsletter to nominate - please be thinking of an amazing educator or supporter that you would like to nominate.

CEC Awards are as follows:

### **The CEC-Ohio Teacher of the Year Award**

This award recognizes a CEC-Ohio member teacher (nominated by a CEC-Ohio Member) who currently provides instruction to students with exceptionalities and is an outstanding member of the profession. His or her work exemplifies the best in special education teaching and reflects significant, documented positive outcomes for students, continued professional development, and the highest standards of educational quality.

### **The CEC-Ohio Paraprofessional Award**

This award recognizes a paraprofessional (nominated by a CEC-Ohio Member) who currently provides instruction to students with exceptionalities and is an outstanding member of the profession.

### **The CEC-Ohio Special Educator Rising Star Award**

This award recognizes a CEC-Ohio member teacher (nominated by a CEC-Ohio Member) who is in the first five years of their special education career who has shown exceptional potential for leadership in teaching, service, and/or scholarship.

#### **The CEC-Ohio Special Education Lifetime Achievement Award**

This award recognizes an individual who has made continued and sustained contributions to CEC-Ohio and positive outcomes for children and youth with exceptionalities in a variety of settings throughout their professional career. Award consideration should be prioritized to individuals with 20+ years in the field and active involvement with CEC-Ohio throughout their career. Nominations may come from any entity related to special education in collaboration with CEC-Ohio.

#### **The CEC-Ohio Special Education Research Award**

This award recognizes a CEC-Ohio member whose research has had a direct impact on practice, programs, or policy needs and has improved positive outcomes for children and youth with exceptionalities. Nominations may come from any entity related to special education professional and/or practitioner research in collaboration with CEC-Ohio.

#### **The Outstanding CEC-Ohio Leadership Award**

This award honors a CEC-Ohio member who has made significant contributions to the Council's programs and activities at the local, state/provincial, and national/international level over an extended period of time. Award consideration should be prioritized to the immediate Past-President, with board approval.

#### **The CEC-Ohio Outreach & Engagement Award**

This award honors a CEC-Ohio supporter who has made significant contributions to advancing the mission of CEC-Ohio and supporting the field of special education. Award nominations should be generated by the CEC-Ohio Executive Board based on organizational collaborations.

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#### **The CEC-Ohio Kathe Shelby Student of the Year Award**

This award honors a current university student who is studying to become a special education teacher and demonstrates excellence in the field as a future leader.

This award is accompanied by a scholarship of up to \$2,000; amount of scholarship will be determined by the CEC Executive Board each fiscal year, based upon the CEC-Ohio Budget.

Student application and two (2) letters of recommendation.

#### **CEC-Ohio - CAN Coordinator: Laura Sebastian**

- Would really suggest you all register for SpEd Today emails- each Friday of the week- keep "in the know" with National Special Education briefs.
  - Sign up here: <https://multibriefs.com/optin.php?CEC>
- CEC National - CAN Information:
  - <https://multibriefs.com/optin.php?CEChttps://exceptionalchildren.org/policy-and-advocacy/children-and-youth-action-network>

**CEC will need a NEW President Elect - elections are Summer 2024.**

### **Committees in NEED**

Jessica Perdue is looking for volunteers for the By-Laws committee. Meeting will begin sometime this month.

Heather O'Connor is looking for volunteers for the Communications committee.

Our Mentor program will be starting a second wave of recruitment of new teachers



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WINTER RECRUITMENT 2024

# New Teacher Institute

CALLING ALL 1ST-YEAR TEACHERS IN OHIO!  
APPLY FOR FREE MEMBERSHIP AND MENTORING THROUGH  
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SCAN THE QR CODE TO APPLY, OR GO TO  
[WWW.TINYURL.COM/CECNEWTEACHER](http://WWW.TINYURL.COM/CECNEWTEACHER) FOR MORE  
INFORMATION.



## Ohio Convention Information

# OHIO CEC SUMMER CONFERENCE

### WHAT

\* PD, Sharing, and Collaborating \*

### WHEN

\* Friday, June 7, 2024 8am-4pm \*

### WHERE

\* THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY \*

# SAVE THE DATE

REGISTRATION  
INFORMATION  
COMING SOON

## CEC National News

### National Convention Information



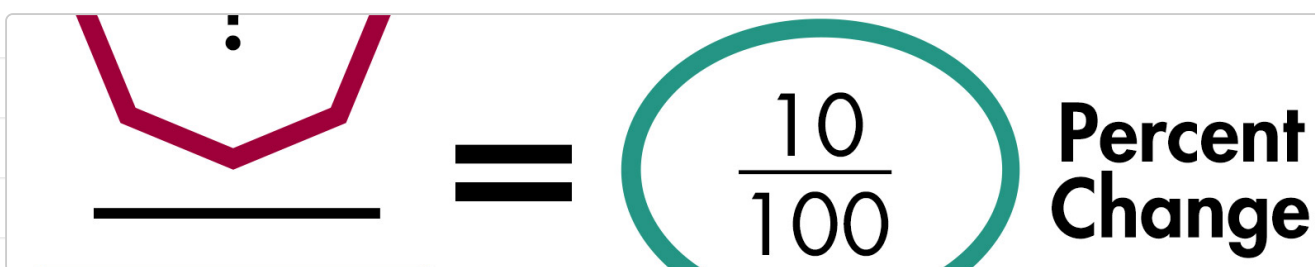
#### CEC 2024 Convention & Expo

EXHIBIT, SPONSOR, and ADVERTISE at the World's Largest Expo of Special Education! For nearly 75 years, companies that focus on special and gifted education have been participating in the CEC Annual Convention & Expo. Join us March 13-16, 2024 as we showcase this annual event in San Antonio, TX.

[ceconvention.org](http://ceconvention.org)

### Resource of the Month

The IRIS CENTER overall is an amazing resource but I have been looking more into Schema Math - this is a way to graphically organize math word problems. As a visual learner, I could really see how this is a helpful intervention.



#### IRIS | Page 6: Schema Instruction

High-Leverage Practices HLP14: Teach cognitive and metacognitive strategies to support learning and independence CCSSM: Standards for Mathematical Practice MP7: Look for and make use of structure. Another effective strategy for helping students improve their mathematics performance is related to solving word problems. More specifically, it involves teaching students how to identify word problem types based on a given problem's underlying structure, or schema.

[iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu](http://iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu)

## OhioCCBD Information

- CEC - Ohio Council for Children with Behavior Disorders (OCCBD)
  - OCCBD Representative - Michele Moohr
- CEC - Ohio Division for Early Childhood (DEC)
  - DEC Representatives - Jennifer Ottley & Kim Christensen
  - <https://www.dec-sped.org/ohio-dec>

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## CEC Board Meetings

### Upcoming Dates

Possible In-Person Board Retreat - see announcement above

**February 10, 2024 or February 17, 2024**

**CEC International Conference** - San Antonio, TX

**March 14-16, 2024**

**April 9, 2024** - ZOOM Board Meeting - 4:00-5:00pm

**May 22, 2024** - ZOOM Board Meeting - 7:00-8:00pm

**June 7, 2024** - CEC-Ohio Statewide Conference, Columbus, Ohio

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If there is anything that you would like to see in the Newsletter or if you would not like to receive Newsletter emails,, please feel free to email me at

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Thank you,

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