

CEC-Ohio Strategic Plan

2026-2028



CEC OHIO



Vision

CEC-Ohio envisions an educational system in Ohio where every individual with exceptionalities experiences high-quality, inclusive, and equitable education and has the opportunity to thrive in all facets of life.

Mission

CEC-Ohio is committed to an effective and comprehensive educational service delivery system based on best practice and research. All persons have common rights and therefore CEC-Ohio promotes a positive quality of life and education for all persons.

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CEC-Ohio Core Values

Forward Thinking

- Demonstrated by forward-thinking and courageous decision-making; dedicated to shaping the future of special education in

Integrity

- Demonstrated by ethical, transparent, and accountable behavior in all actions; ensuring consistency between word, policy, and practice.

Inclusiveness

- Demonstrated by a commitment to diversity, caring, respect for dignity and worth of all individuals; ensuring that all voices (students, families, professionals) are included in decision making and that policies promote equity.

Operating Principles

These are the foundational ways in which the Ohio CEC Board will operate in order to advance the vision, mission, and values:

Responsiveness & Adaptability

- The Board shall maintain flexibility to respond to emerging needs in Ohio's special education field—policy, demographics, research—and adapt initiatives and priorities accordingly.

Collaborative Partnerships

- The Board will actively build and sustain partnerships with educators, families, service providers, institutions of higher education, chapters, local/multi-district units, and state agencies to leverage resources and multiply impact.

Strategic Plan Goals & Objectives

Goal	Objectives
Goal 1: Strengthen Ohio's education workforce	• Enhance support for preservice and early-career educators and related service providers. • Continue to mentor and provide peer support programs for early-career educators. • Promote professional development focused on inclusive instructional strategies and evidence-based practices. • Advocate for support and retention incentives.
Goal 2: Increase advocacy impact for children with exceptionalities and their families	• Strengthen Ohio CEC's voice in state policy and legislation affecting special education. • Mobilize members, families, and community stakeholders as advocates. • Build capacity for understanding and influencing funding, accountability, and service delivery systems.
Goal 3: Elevate Ohio CEC's visibility, influence, and member value	• Expand member benefits: resources, networking, professional learning, supports. • Improve communications and outreach to educators, families, and communities. • Form strategic alliances with universities, state agencies, nonprofits to amplify impact. • Celebrate success stories of members and students.