



CEC 2026

SPECIAL EDUCATION CONVENTION & EXPO

SALT LAKE CITY

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, March 11

7 am - 6:30 pm	Badge Pickup/ Registration
7 am - 6:30 pm	CEC Hub Open
9 am - 12 pm	Pre-Convention Workshops (separate ticket purchase required)
9 am - 4 pm	Pre-Convention Workshop (separate ticket purchase required)
1 pm - 5 pm	Expo Hall Open
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	First Time Attendee Orientations
1 pm - 4:30 pm	Convention Programming included in registration begins • 1-2 pm • 2:15-3:15 pm • 3:30-4:30 pm
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	First Time Attendee Orientations
5 pm - 6:30 pm	OPENING KEYNOTE Dr. Jody Britten "Opportunity in the Shift: Honoring IDEA's Legacy and the Future You're Leading and Learning in the Age of AI"
6:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Opening Reception

Thursday, March 12

7:30 am - 5:30 pm	Badge Pickup/ Registration
7:30 am - 5:30 pm	CEC Hub Open
8 am - 9 am	Pre-Service Teacher Mentoring Breakfast
8 am - 10 am	Coffee in the Expo Hall
8 am - 4 pm	Expo Hall Open
8 am - 3:15 pm	Programming • 8-9am • 9:15-10:15am • 10:30 - 11:30am • 11:45-12:45pm • 1-2pm • 2:15-3:15pm
9:15 am - 10:15 am	Early Career Mentoring Breakfast
11 am - 1 pm	Food Concessions Open in Expo Hall with snacks and lunch options available (cost on own)
11:30 am - 1 pm	Awards & Recognition Luncheon (separate ticket purchase required)
4 pm - 5 pm	KEYNOTE SPEAKER Kim Strobel "The Science of Happiness"

Friday, March 13

7:30 am - 4 pm	Badge Pickup/ Registration
7:30 am - 1 pm	CEC Hub Open
8 am - 1 pm	Expo Hall Open
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11 am - 1 pm	Food Concessions Open in Expo Hall with snacks and lunch options available (cost on own)
11:45 am - 2 pm	Representative Assembly
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Yes I Can Awards Ceremony
6 pm - 8 pm	CEC Celebration (separate ticket purchase required)

Saturday, March 14

7:30 am - 11:30 am	Badge Pickup/ Registration
8 am - 11:30 am	Programming • 8-9am • 9:15-10:15am • 10:30 - 11:30am
8:30 am - 11:30 am	Post-Convention Workshops (separate ticket purchase required)

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

All attendees are welcome at:

- Opening Reception
- Yes I Can Awards Ceremony

Visit the Special Events desk for tickets to:

- Awards Recognition & Luncheon
- CEC Celebration

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- Student Run Enterprises, sponsored by **factor 110**
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CEC 2026 CONVENTION APP

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WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE - MARCH 11, 2026

	150 A/B/C	150 D/E/F	150 G	151 A/B/C	151 D/E/F	151 G	250 A	250 B	250 C	250 D	250 E
9:00 AM	Pre-Convention Workshop 1: Legally Defensible IEPs	Pre-Convention Workshop 3: Success through UDL, HLPs, Evidence-Based Practices and AI tools	Pre-Convention Workshop 2: Co-Teaching Evolved: Strategies, Structures, and Smart Tech	Pre-Convention Workshop 4: From Support to Success: Tools for Teachers and Administrators to Build Paraeducator Capacity	Pre-Convention Workshop 6: From Struggle to Strategy: Supporting ADHD, Executive Function, and Student Mindset in the Classroom	Pre-Convention Workshop 5: Empowering Special Education with AI: A Hands-On Workshop	Pre-Convention Workshop 7: The Power of Induction: Supporting New Special Ed Teachers with the Survival Guide for New Special Education Teachers 3rd edition.	Pre-Convention Workshop 10: TURN Around Behavior: Implementing a Behavioral Framework to Reduce Exclusionary Discipline, Promote Inclusion, & Build Relationships w/ Students	Pre-Convention Workshop 9: Specially Designed Instruction in Action: Strategies and Techniques to Improve Student Outcomes		
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1:00 PM		Together We Learn: Building Inclusive Collaboration Skills in Post-Secondary Education	Ten Years of Teacher Residency Preparation and Partnerships: Impact and Lessons Learned	Disproportionality in Testing Accommodations	Creating Calm Classrooms: Inclusive Sensory Strategies for Effective Behavioral Management	Bridging the Gap: Applying the Science of Reading to Learners with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	Teacher Exchange: Precision Teaching for Elem. Teachers: Practical Tools, Phonics, SEL, & Differentiation for Every Learner	Bridging the Cliff: Student-Centered Innovations in Transition Planning and Employability	Expanding Pathways for Communication: Inclusive Strategies to Support All Learners	Stimulus Preference Assessment for Individuals with Severe, Multiple Disabilities: Case Studies, Results, and Implications	
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2:15 PM		From Opportunity to Action: Using AI to Track and Monitor Teachers' Delivery of OTRs	Strategic Leadership and Disability Compliance: Making Sense of Reading Policy	Culturally Responsive-Sustaining Transition: Supporting Students and Families Praxis	Increase Accessibility With Low-Cost Assistive Technologies	IEP CoPilot: Leveraging Open-Source Resources to Improve Outcomes for Students with Disabilities	Possible Selves: Helping Your Student Through Transition	Improving the Outcomes of Young Children with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	Social Competence and Inclusion for Individuals with Autism/Dev. Disabilities	Promoting Equity, Advocacy, and Civil Rights in Special Education	Planning and Providing Professional Development for Para-educators
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3:30 PM		From Average to Excellent: Leveraging Collective Efficacy and Data Ownership to Support All Learners	Teaching at the Intersections: Love and Rigor for Students of Color with Disabilities	Preparing Teachers with Disabilities: Voices and Visions	Accessible Digital Content that Works for Learners with Disabilities	Increasing Special Education Teacher Retention Through Targeted Coaching: Focusing on HLPs	Are Word Problems a Problem? Evidence-Based Strategies for Word-Problem Solving	Advancing Equity with the WESS-SP: The First Spanish SEL Survey Assessing Students with Learning Disabilities	Bridging Language, Spirit, and Resistance: Transforming Bilingual Special Education	Trauma, Voice, and Connection: Supporting Students and Families	Teacher Exchange: Empowering Connections: Family Advocacy, Collaboration, and Identity in Special Education
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5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Opening Keynote: Opportunity in the Shift: Honoring IDEA's Legacy and the Future You're Leading and Learning in the Age of AI (Expo Hall - Main Stage)										
6:30 PM - 10:00 PM	CEC 2026 Opening Reception - All Welcome (Ballrooms A-F)										

 Concurrent Session	 Data Blitz	 Deep Dive	 Division Showcase
 Exhibitor Showcase (not eligible for CEU hours)	 Hot Topic	 Teacher Exchange	 President's Theme
 Program Chairs's Theme	 Workshops (separate ticket purchase required)		

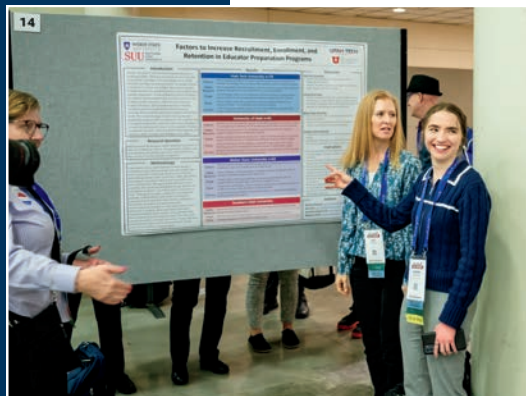
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	Pre-Convention Workshop 11: Inclusive by Design: Embedding Inclusion into the DNA of Your School	Pre-Convention Workshop 8: From Dots to Decisions: Making Student Data Work for Real Kids	Pre-Convention Workshop 13: Specially Designed Instr. & Legal Compliance: From IEP Align. to System-Wide Integration	Pre-Convention Workshop 14: Using Early Warning Indicators to Improve Graduation Outcomes for Students with Disabilities	Pre-Convention Workshop 16: Strategies to Increase Positive Behaviors: Antecedents, Instruction, and Consequences						
Implementing Math Strategies to Support Elementary English Language Learners With Disabilities	Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health: Advancing Practices in Personnel Preparation	Taming the "Beast": Using Close Reading to Help Secondary Students Tackle Complex Texts	Inclusion-Oriented Practice for Students With ESN: A Pragmatic Approach to the Challenge of Meaningful Inclusion	Preparing Teacher Candidates to Support Students w/ Speech-Language Impairments: Insights from Mixed-Reality Simulation Study	Bridging Gaps in Teacher Preparation for Bilingual Learners With and Without Mathematics Disabilities	Deep Dive: Identifying Dyslexia and DLD Using Dynamic Assessments of Language and Literacy	AI for MTSS: Using Artificial Intelligence to Support Students At Risk or With Disabilities	Empowering Paraeducators Through Evidence-Based Practices for Autistic Students	Hot Topic: Building Expertise: Training the ECI Workforce in Critical Service Delivery Components	Bridging Realities: Practical Tools for Social Skill Generalization at Home and at School	First Time Attendee Orientation
Exploring the Experiences of Twice-Exceptional Youth with Section 504 Plans	Collaborating Across Early Childhood and Special Education to Advance Inclusive Literacy Practices in Teacher Preparation	Mentoring That Matters: Research-Informed and Practitioner-Tested Approaches	DADD: Bridging Research to Practice: Role of Research-Based Curriculum to Support Systematic Instruction	Virtual Learning Community: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Addressing Challenging Behavior	Unlocking the Power of Data Based Individualization (DBI) for Specially Designed Instruction (SDI)		Program Chairs Spotlight Session: Empowering Early Career Special Educators by Building Communities of Practice	President Theme: Innovative Ways to Provide Rural Communities Access to Mental Health Services Thru Tech.& the MTSS Model	Hot Topic: Supporting AI Integration in Your School and Classroom		
						Deep Dive: Implementing Peer-Mediated Interventions with Students with Diverse Learning Needs in High School Classrooms					
Reframing Challenges: Strategies for Working with 2e Students	Promoting Positive Behavior in Middle School Students at Risk for EBD Using Class-Wide FIT	State Policy Advocacy: The Birth of Educators United for Action Wisconsin	A Meta-Analysis of Interventions for Algebraic Concepts and Skills of Secondary Students with Mathematics Disabilities	Let's Go! Teaching Travel Skills to Young Adults with IDD	Special Education (SPED) and English Language Teaching (ELT) Implementing Differentiated Literacy		What's Happening in Washington, DC	Beyond the Basics : Promoting Rigor and Growth in Self-Contained Classrooms	AI Tools in Special Education: Translation, Assessment, and Ethical Use	Innovation Showcase: Smarter IEPs, Faster Decisions: Districts Using AI...	First Time Attendee Orientation

More to Learn & Explore in the Expo Hall

POSTER SESSIONS

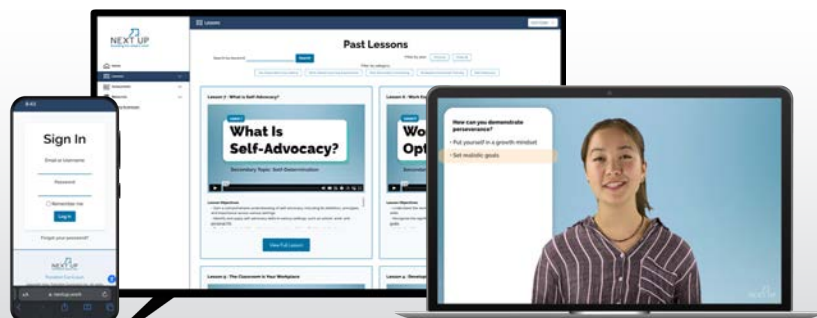
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THURSDAY SCHEDULE (PART 1) - MARCH 12, 2026

	150 A/B/C	150 D/E/F	150 G	151 A/B/C	151 D/E/F	151 G	250 A
8:00 AM	Building Strong Foundations & Empowering Paraprofessionals: BST and Antecedent Interventions for Reducing Challenging Behavior	Educator Preparation: "A Whole New Game"		PD That Works: Customizing Learning for Educators by What, Who, and How	Understanding the Reading and Language Needs of English Learners with Dyslexia	Greater Than the Sum of its Parts: Adding Math-Vocabulary Instruction to a Word-Problem Intervention	Enhancing Learner Success with the Neuroinclusion Framework
8:15 AM							
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9:00 AM							
9:15 AM	Making Math Click: Multiple Representations in Intervention	Teacher Exchange: Stronger Every Day: Reading and Survival Tips for Educators	Defining Excellence in Transition: The Updated CEC/DCDT Competencies to Transform Postsecondary Outcomes	From Data to Direction: Advancing Special Education Teacher Preparation Through the 2025 State of the Profession Report	Creating Connection: Multi-Modal Pathways for Inclusive Learning	Evidence-Based Strategies to Prevent Maltreatment and Support Students Who Have Experienced Trauma	From Silos to Systems: Building Inclusive MTSS
9:30 AM							
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10:30 AM	Collaboration in Action: Developing Best Practices for Interagency Teams	Making Learning Accessible: Research-Driven Practices for Math and Literacy Success	Self-Assessing for Program Improvement: A High Leverage Framework for Evaluating Your Special Education System	Facilitating Kindergarten Transition: Practitioners Address Hopes, Fears, and Needs of Families with Disabilities	Implementing an Early Warning System to Support On-Time Graduation of Students with Disabilities	Staying Power: Navigating and Promoting Resilience and Teacher Leadership	TAG Showcase: Trellis and Blossom with Roots: Designing for Strengths and Supports in Twice-Exceptional Education
10:45 AM							
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11:45 AM	No More "Frankensteining" Literacy: Effective Reading Instruction for Students with Significant Disabilities	Empowering Transitions: A Statewide Model to Enhance post-School Outcomes for Students with Disabilities	Mitigating the Impact of Bullying: The Protective Role of Family Strengths for Youth With Disabilities	Teaching Computational Thinking to Special Education Students and Research Demonstrating its Efficacy	Leveraging Virtual Mentoring to Retain Rural Special-Education Teachers through a Residency Model	Multilingualism & Dyslexia: Essential Literacy Practices for Emergent Multilingual Learners with Dyslexia	Transition Planning for Students with Deafblindness: What Do Teachers, Parents, and IEPs Tell Us?
12:00 PM							
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1:00 PM	Mind the Gaps: Auditing Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for Meaningful Alignment	Getting Writing on the Radar for Students with Significant Physical, Communication and Intellectual Disabilities	Future-Ready: Leveraging Assistive Technology for Successful Transitions	Leveraging Behavior Intervention Plans and Crisis Response Plans to Foster Consistency Across Educational Settings		From Margins to Momentum- Leading Systemic Change and Improving LRE	Word Problem Worries? Know What to Expect on State Tests and How to Support Students
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2:15 PM	Effective Principal Leadership: Assessing, Reflecting, and Strengthening IDEA Implementation	Growing a Teacher Pipeline in ECSE: Preservice to Leadership	Bridging the Gap: Identifying and Supporting Students with Disabilities Transitioning from Alternate to General Assessments	Cooking Up Confidence: A Cross-Curricular Approach to Life Skills and Vocational Readiness	Friends Matter!: The Relationship Between Peer Social Support and Peer Victimization for Students with EBD	Supporting Functional Communication in the Classroom	Data Blitz: Inclusive Innovation: Advancing Autism Supports from Preschool to Adolescence
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3:15 PM - 4:00 PM							
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Thursday Keynote: The Science of Happiness (Expo Hall - Main Stage)						

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THURSDAY SCHEDULE (PART 1)

250 B	250 C	250 D	250 E	250 F	251 A	251 C	251 D
Lovin' LIFE and Empowered to Work: Strengthening Employability Through Inclusive Postsecondary Programs	Using the Latest Online Resources from the IRIS Center		Empowering Educational Assistants in Rural Communities through Targeted Professional Development	Three Steps Toward Inclusion: Practical Strategies for Private School Educators		A Framework to Support Neurodiversity in a Global Context	Empowering Access: Driving Subgroup Academic Growth Through Data and Coaching Cycles
DDEL Showcase: Interrogating and Animating Inclusion in Diverse Educational Contexts	Empowering Early Childhood: DEC Resources to Support Quality Practices from Preschool Through the Early Grades	Expo Showcase: Free, Flexible, Effective: ANTON for Diverse Learning Needs	Retaining High-Quality Teachers in Deaf Education		Expo Showcase: Beyond the Budget Cut: Creative Solutions for Sustaining Special Education Programs		Confusion to Clarity: Building a Shared Language for Special Education Services
Measuring What Matters: Turning Behavior Data into Effective Behavior Practices	Empowering Every Reader: Strategies for Differentiated and Personalized Literacy Instruction	Beyond Behavior: A Trauma-Informed Approach to Learning and Connection	Expo Showcase: Manipulatives Bring Algebra Success for All Students	DVIDB Showcase: The Impact of Dual Math Braille Codes: UEB and Nemeth in the United States	Expo Showcase: Transforming Group Instruction to Support Inclusion and Behavior	Children with Autism Will Never be "Normal": Praise be to Gauss!	All Are Welcome: Expanding Inclusion in Early Childhood
Teacher Exchange: Unlocking Language Success: Orthographic Mapping, Data-Driven Coaching, and Strategies for Every Learner	Unlocking Writing Success for Elementary Students with LD: Lessons Learned from Professional Development in SRSD	Supporting Young Children's Emotional and Behavioral Communication through Evidence-Based Read Alouds: Project GROW	Expo Showcase: Reimagining Intensive Literacy Intervention & Making It Work	Using Data-Based Individualization to Support Students with Dyslexia	Breaking Barriers: Expanding Access for Gifted and Twice-Exceptional Learners through MTSS Integration	How to Create a Classroom to Provide Positive Reinforcement	Data Blitz: Supercharge Special Education: Cutting-Edge AI and Assistive Technologies in Action
Stability Before Standards: Trauma-Informed, Data-Driven Approach to Supporting Students with Significant Emotional and Behavioral Needs	Teacher Exchange: Beyond the Bell: Navigating the Middle School Maze through Financial Fluency and Life Skills	Expo Showcase: Training as Turnover Mitigation: Building District Capacity That Outlasts Staffing Changes	Meeting Children's Needs in a Holistic, Least Restrictive Environment: A Focus on Clinical Practice	Let's Get Curious About Children with Cerebral/Cortical Visual Impairments (CVI)	Expo Showcase: Leading with Clarity: Evaluating and Implementing AI in Special Education Responsibly	Supporting Gifted Multiple Language Learners Using Specially Designed Academic-Instruction in English (SDAIE) and Parenting Classes	Moving Beyond Land Acknowledgments: Collaborative Frameworks for Inclusive, Culturally Responsive Global Professional Development
Science Word Work: Morphology and Vocabulary Strategies That Stick	Advanced Standards in Gifted Educator Preparation: Update and Next Steps	Expanding Tele-TAPP: Using Technology to Deliver Evidence-Based Behavioral Interventions in Rural Schools	Activating the Value of Your CEC Membership	Planning for the Future: Estate Planning and Special Needs Trusts Made Simple		Expo Showcase: Storytelling to Help Students Cope with Everyday Challenges	Using the SESSS to Build Data-Informed Behavior Expectation Matrices
Thursdays Keynote: The Science of Happiness (Expo Hall - Main Stage)							

Hot Topic
 Teacher Exchange
 President's Theme
 Program Chairs' Theme

THURSDAY SCHEDULE (PART 2) - MARCH 12, 2026

	251 E	251 F	253 A	Ballroom A	Ballroom B	Ballroom C	Ballroom D			
8:00 AM	Helping Parents Thrive: A Relational Approach to Family Education and Support for Early Intervention	Finding, Selecting, and Using Children's Books to Promote Inclusion and Equity for Students with Disabilities			Virtual Connections: Using VR to Boost Social Communication in Transition-Aged Youth with Autism		From Anxious Thoughts to Action Plans: "Testing. Recognize. Relax. Record," A Teacher-Led Tier 2 Intervention			
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9:15 AM	Maximize Behavioral Outcomes Using Trauma-Informed, Neuroscience-Aligned, Neurodivergence-Affirming FBA & BSP		Think Tank Thursday Designed for networking, brainstorming, and solution-sharing	AI and Education: Use Cases, Toolkits, and Resources		CASE Showcase: 90 Tips in 120 Minutes	Supporting Students with Intellectual Disabilities Through Explicit Instruction - HLP 16			
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10:30 AM	DISES Showcase: Reimagining Inclusion: Global Perspectives on Expanding Access and Participation in Education	Teacher Exchange: Breaking Barriers and Building Brains: Engaging Math Myths, Community, Stories, and Problem Solving for Elementary Learners		Biliteracy in Practice: Using Bilingual Books to Support Biliteracy Development and Morphological Awareness	Resilient Schools: Evaluating the Outcomes of Community Engaged Research to Mitigate ACEs and Advance PCEs		Hot Topic: Foundations of Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) in the Classroom: Integrating Academic and Behavior Support			
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11:45 AM	Empowering School Leaders to Observe and Coach Teacher Use of Feedback and Opportunities to Respond	Innovations in Supporting Children with Autism & Literacy-Related Disabilities		Student Well-Being Through Co-Regulation, Executive Function Coaching, and Trauma-Informed Practices	From Chaos to Clarity: AI for Self-Contained Special Education Teachers	Strengthening the Special Education Workforce with the SPARC Center and LEAD IDEA	Townhall: Strengthening Family-Professional Partnerships "with" Families			
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1:00 PM	From Burnout to Breakthrough: Cultivating a Healthy Special Education Workforce	Critical Conversations Toward Equity: Unmasking Bias in Education Research		Infusing Physical Activity into the School Day: Research-Based Strategies for the K-12 Classroom	Safe Space Solutions: Using Behavioral Science Strategies to Promote Emotional Regulation in the Classroom	Bridging the Gap: Improving IEP Implementation with the IEP Cycle Measurement Tool	Hot Topic: A New Pathway for School Leadership: Registered Apprenticeships and Disability-Inclusive Practice			
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2:15 PM	Learning from German Schools: Study Aboard Course Design for Inclusive Education	Emotional, Creative & Regulation Skills for Improved Life Outcomes	Think Tank Thursday Designed for networking, brainstorming, and solution-sharing	Thriving with CEC's New 3rd Edition of the Survival Guide for New Special Education Teachers	Beyond Zero Tolerance: Centering Culturally Responsive Social Emotional Learning for Equitable Outcomes and Dismantling Disparity	Project SUSTAIN: Developing and Implementing a Collaborative Intervention to Enhance Special Educators' Working Conditions	Hot Topic: Navigating Workload in Schools: Tips and Tools for Success			
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Ballroom E	Ballroom F	Ballroom G	Ballroom H	Ballroom I	Ballroom J	Technology Playground	Learning Stage
	Students Can Praise Their Peers! Three Student-Delivered Strategies Supporting Classroom Management	Pre-Service Mentoring Breakfast	Regulations, Roles, and Supervision Structures for Paraeducators in Schoolwide Implementation of Multitiered Systems of Support	A School Leader's Guide to Navigating Uncomfortable Conversations	Effective Early Literacy Intervention for Students with Disabilities: Building Reading Fluency and Comprehension		
	DEBH Showcase: Defining Emotional and Behavioral Disorders: Challenges, Perspectives, and Pathways Forward	Early Career Mentoring Breakfast	President Theme: A Collective Effort: Navigating Research to Implementation of Innovative Transition Strategies" with Melanie Allen	Linking Classroom Strategies, Coaching, and Extracurriculars: Pathways to Student Outcomes	Understanding the State's Role: How SEAs Shape Gifted Education Policy and Practice	Strategic AI Integration to Improve IEP Quality: Early-Stage Modeling from a Systems Perspective	Writing Without Limits: Tools and Strategies for Learners Who Haven't Spelled or Scribbled, Yet!
Reimagining Access: Building Special Education Workforce Capacity Through Mentorship of Faculty at MSIs	Adapting and Using CW-FIT in Special Education Classrooms	Deep Dive: Laugh and Learn! Special Education Law & Advocacy 101	AI Revolution: Strategic Implementation for Special Education Professionals	How Educators Can Support PK-12 Students Who Are Using Digital Math Tools in the Classroom	Transition Planning Made Powerful: Inside LCE 2.0		Overcoming Barriers to Progress Monitoring with Free Resources
Creating Change Through Transition-Specific Collaboration Using Person-Driven Planning to Promote Dignity, Advocacy, Determination, and Justice	Picking Up the Pace: Effective Approaches to Accelerate Fluency and Comprehension in Students with Disabilities		Assessing Math Writing and Implementing Interactive Reading for Diverse Learners	Bridging Executive Function and Behavioral Support for Culturally Diverse Students	Getting to the Core of Students' Fraction Misconceptions	Innovation Showcase: Smarter IEPs, Faster Decisions: Districts Using AI to Redefine Special Education	From Screen to Sentence: Boosting Expressive Writing with Video Modeling and STOP & LIST
		Deep Dive: Student Outcomes When Co-Teaching Is Used with Fidelity in Secondary Education: Learn how it works!					
Making it Special: Practical Approaches for Adapting Instructional Content, Methodology, and Delivery	The State of the Special Education Profession 2025: Advancing Leadership Through General And Special Education Administrators' Perspectives		Hot Topic: Let's do From Insight to Action: Using AI to Enhance Teaching and Learning for All Students	Exploring Shifts in Educational Leaders' Learning Outcomes: Impact of the Enhanced C3T Professional Learning Series	AI for Special Education: Using Artificial Intelligence to Develop and Implement High-Quality Educational Programming	Level Up Learning: Where AI, XR, and Universal Design for All Align	Use of Project ECHO® to Foster Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Neurodiversity Affirming Practices for Autistic Students
CEC-DLL Showcase: How School Leadership Teams can Strengthen Meaningful Partnerships with Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Families	Beyond Survival Mode: Empowering First-Year Special Education Teachers	Program Chairs Spotlight Session: Transform, Adapt, Inspire: The Power of Professional Identity in Education	What's Happening in Washington, DC	Meet Me at the Intersection of Autism and Visual Impairment: An Exploration of Educational Needs	Are We Writing Meaningful Goals? Lessons from an analysis of IEP Goals from 1,103 IEPs	ISET Showcase: Utilizing AI Chatbot as a Math Tutor	Write That Down! Supporting Emergent Writing for Students with Multiple Challenges
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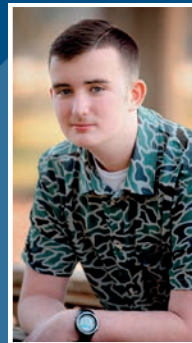
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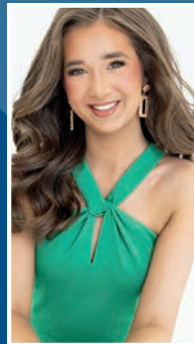
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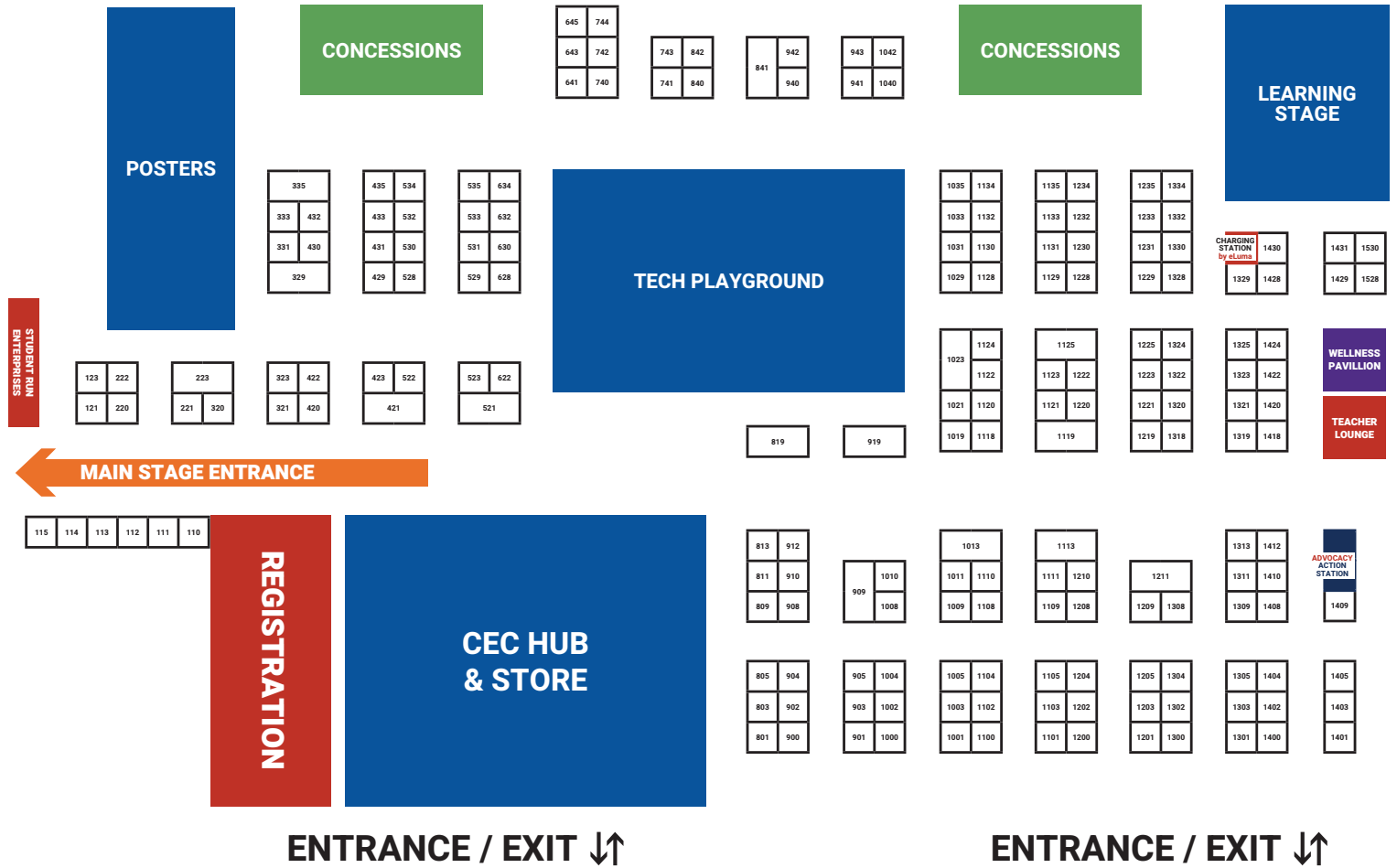
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10:30 am – 11:30 am	251 A	Transforming Group Instruction to Support Inclusion and Behavior	Shelli Cerveka-Glenndening, STAR Autism
11:45 am – 12:45 pm	250 E	Reimagining Intensive Literacy Intervention & Making It Work	Gerrett Ivey & Karis Sullivan, EPS Learning
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	250 D	Training as Turnover Mitigation: Building District Capacity That Outlasts Staffing Changes	Nate Marsden, STAR Autism
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	251 A	Leading with Clarity: Evaluating and Implementing AI in Special Education Responsibly	Mara Steiu, Journify Learning
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Friday, March 13

9:15 am – 10:15 am	250 D	How NextUp Transition Curriculum Can Enhance Your School's Transition Program and Services	Corey Fineran & Lindsay Zerull, Transition Curriculum Inc. (NextUp)
9:15 am – 10:15 am	251 A	Building Inclusive Classrooms for Students with Autism: Integrating Behavior Supports and Evidence-Based Practices	Kristi Porter, STAR Autism
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	251 A	The Impact of Raising Children on Technology	Tristan Scott, Daylight Computer Co

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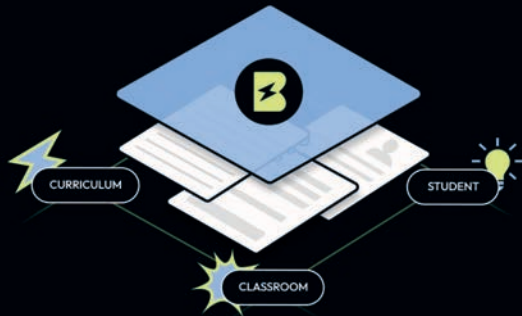


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	150 A/B/C	150 D/E/F	150 G	151 A/B/C	151 D/E/F	151 G	250 A
8:00 AM	Co-Teaching: Research Based Recommendations for Implementation	Exploring Measures for the Quantity and Quality of High-Leverage Practices in Tiered Reading Instruction	From Paras to Pros: Training and Retaining High-Impact Paraprofessionals	Expanding the IRIS Behavior Series: New Resources on Functional Assessment and Intervention	Ten Conditions for Learning: Supporting Comprehensive Literacy	Multisensory Instruction + AI: One District's Success Story	Publishing Journal Articles, Books, and Other Materials with CEC
8:15 AM							
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9:15 AM	Expanding Communication: Narrative Language and Social Media Participation for Individuals with IDD and CCN	Collab. AAC Implementation for Students with Multiple Disabilities and Visual Impairment	Making Teacher Licensure Possible: Paraeducator to Intervention Specialist Preparation Program	Igniting Outcomes: Empower Secondary Transition Specialists and Admins to Revolutionize Adult Outcomes	Supporting Black Families Raising Autistic Children through an Online Psycho-educational Training	AI in Education: From Research on Safeguards to Practical Classroom Implementation and Progress Monitoring	Aligning Reading Comp. Instruction in Core and Intervention Settings
9:30 AM							
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10:30 AM	Build A Game Changing Special Education Teacher Pipeline: The Aspiring Special Educator Pathway Project!	From Compliance to Connection: How Principals can Champion Family Engagement in Special Education	Creating Access for All: Embedding Inclusive Practices Across the School Day	From Compliance to Connection: Elevating Student Voice for Equity, Access, and Engagement	Bullying, Family Support, and Suicide Risk among Students With Disabilities: Evidence and Strategies for Schools	Empowering Communities, Elevating Awareness: The Role of Grassroots Organizations in Special Education	Graduate Student Research Colloquium: Exploring the Hallmarks of Excellent Special Education Research
10:45 AM							
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11:45 AM	Unlocking Potential, Honoring Differences: Empowering Autistic Students Through UDL	Bridging the Silos: Improving Educator and Student Outcomes Through SLP-Teacher Collaboration	The Assessment Escape Room: Unlocking the Power of Data Without the Stress	Out of Sight, Out of Mind? Exposing and Addressing Informal Removals in Special Education	Building Bridges, Not Barriers: Strengthening Partnerships Through Trust, & Collaboration	Voices That Matter: Empowering Students to Engage in Disability Policy	Creating Trauma Informed Environments for Students on the Spectrum
12:00 PM							
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1:00 PM	Teaching UDL Differently: An Inquiry-Based UDL Unit for Beginning Educators	A Modular Approach to Support Teachers Implementing Evidence-Based Practices for Students with ASD	Navigating Teacher Preparation in a Shifting Policy Landscape: Implementing the SAFE Framework	Moving the Needle: Changing Postsecondary Readiness for Students with Extensive Support Needs	Beyond Behavior Charts: Reframing & Rethinking Behavior Through a Neurodiversity Affirming Lens	Transform Writing Outcomes with Strategic, Adaptive, and Technology-Based Instruction	Teacher Exchange: Bridging Bias to Belonging: Equity in Behavior Support
1:15 PM							
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2:15 PM	Changing Mindsets, Changing Classrooms: Building SDI Confidence in General Educators		"I'm Interested in Starting an Inclusive Postsecondary Education Program. Where do I start?"	Preparing Future Education Teachers: A Reflection of Three Years of Developing Future Special Educators Grant	Feelings Shouldn't Be Political: Making the Case for Social Emotional Development		Who Gets to Be Gifted? Teacher Race, District Demographics, and Student Representation in Florida
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3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Yes, I Can! Awards Ceremony (Main Stage)						
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250 B	250 C	250 D	250 E	250 F	251 A	251 C	251 D
Turning the Page on Dyslexia: Equitable Strategies for Diverse Learners	The Power of Partnership: What PLCs & Instructional Coaching Teach Us About Transformational Practice		Beyond the Classroom: Family-School Partnerships that Multiply Math Opportunities	Classwide Intervention to Increase Social Engagement with Socially Isolated Preschool Students	Vocational Rehabilitation Services and Employment Outcomes of Foster Youth with Disabilities in the United States	What Can Your School SLP Do for You?	Relating in the Classroom: Engaging Educators in Intervention Development and Coaching for Collaboration
"On the Road to Equity: Transportation Solutions for Students with IEPs"	Leveraging Student Voice Within Transition-focused FBA-BIP Development	Expo Showcase: How NextUp Transition Curriculum Can Enhance Your School's Transition Program and Services	Breaking New Ground: Transformative Lessons from the CEC Accreditation Process	Orton-Gillingham Training for Pre-Service Special Education Teachers: A Collaborative Model	Expo Showcase: Building Incl. Classrooms for Students w/Autism: Behavior Supports & Evidence Based Practices	Left out of the Narrative: Including Gifted and 2e Readers in the Literacy Reform Conversation	DARTS Showcase: Accessible Arts through AT
Teaching Self-Determination Skills to Young Children: Integrating Disability, Culture, and Diversity	Goal Chasers in Action: Applying the SDLMI-R to Intensify Reading Intervention		GT Crit: Identifying & Empowering Marginalized Gifted Learners in Trying Times of Raids & Fear	Moving Beyond Borders and a Savior Mentality: African and Diasporic Families' Experiences with Inclusive Education		Beyond Band-Aids: The School Nurse's Role in the Special Education Process	Level Up: An In-District, Evidence-Based Alternative to Outside Placement
Adapting Check-in/Check-out (CICO) for High School Contexts: Research Findings and Implications for Practice	Maximizing Reading Intervention Effectiveness for Students with Disabilities Using High-Leverage Practices		Evidence-Based Strategies for Teaching Fractions	Understanding and Supporting Multilingual Learners in the Classroom: Teacher Perspectives		Octopus Coaching: A Deep Dive into Guiding Teachers Through Effective Observations in Private Day Schools	Responsive Roots: Where Culture Meets Collaboration in SPED Preparation
Math Words: Five Ways to Practice Math Vocabulary!	More Than Words: What Effective Pre-teaching Really Looks Like	Caring Under Pressure	Does Student Voice Matter? Findings from a Meta-Analysis on Student Voice in Behavioral Self-Regulation Interventions	Data Blitz: Shared Vision, Shared Success: Collaborative Inclusion for All Students	Expo Showcase: The Impact of Raising Children on Technology	Roles of Educators in Supporting Students with Using Image Descriptions to Access Curriculum Content	Data in Action: Decision-Making for Intensive Reading Intervention
Empowering Student Writers: Perspectives on Self-Regulated Strategy Development Writing Instruction from High Schoolers	Enhance System-wide PD with Dynamic Online Tools that Support Educators, Coaches, and Student Learning		Evaluating the Effects of a Social Studies Curriculum for Elementary Students with ESN	Teacher Exchange: Purposeful Learning: Empowering SEL, Dual-Identified Students, CBI, and Collaboration in Special Education		Unlocking Communication: A Beginner's Guide to Augmentative and Alternative Comm. in the Classroom	What Matters Most: A School-wide Framework for Teachers of Students with/at Risk for Learning Disabilities
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Hot Topic



Teacher Exchange



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FRIDAY SCHEDULE (PART 2) - MARCH 13, 2026

	251 E	251 F	Ballroom A	Ballroom B	Ballroom C	Ballroom D	Ballroom E
8:00 AM	Bridging Digital Learning and Real-Life Socialization: Evaluating a Social Skills App for Students with Autism	Designing Accessible and Engaging Online Learning for Students with Autism and Developmental Disabilities	Co-Teaching with an AI Upgrade	Person-Centered Planning for Justice-Involved Youth with Disabilities	Behind the Curtain – Dev.Pipelines for Non-Trad. Students to Address Teacher Shortages & Teacher Retention	Why Smart Strategies Can Fall Short: The Overlooked Barriers Driving Student Behavior and Academic Struggle	Developing IEPs for English Learners with Language and Reading Disabilities
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9:15 AM	Keeping the “In” in Inclusion Means Belonging	Teacher Exchange: Collaborate to Elevate: AI, ABA, DIR, and Social Skills Support for Diverse Learners	Coaching Co-Teachers with PASS: Practical, Actionable Strategies for Success (Back by Demand!)	Leaders Unlocking Potential: Strengthening Services for Students with Disabilities	Practical Pathways to Inclusion: Communication, Independence, and Family Engagement	Give Me a Break! A Proactive, SEL-Based Intervention for Supporting Behavior Change	Word Problem Warriors: 5 Evidence-Based Math Practices within Word Problem Intervention
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10:30 AM	Learning Braille Through Play	Linking Data and Practice: Assessment and MTSS for Diverse Learners	Promoting Inclusion of Students with Challenging Behavior: A Framework for Classroom Management	Unlocking Potential: Engagement Strategies for Diverse Learners	Question: Where Is Your IEP Progress Data? Answer: Let Me Show You.	From Word Problems to Real Life: Meaningful Finance Instruction for Students w/ Intell./Dev. Disabilities	Math Fluency Matters: Essentials for Math Intervention
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11:45 AM		Impacts of Integrated Handwriting Instruction on Literacy Skills of a Middle Schooler with Complex Difficulties	Empowerment in Action: Centering Student Voice and Elevating Learning Experiences	Evidence-Based Instructional Practices that Promote Access and Progress in General Education	Understanding Teacher Wellness Strategies: A Focus Group Investigation into Current Practices and Needs	Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) that Elevate Student Success with the General Education Curriculum	Workload Management for Itinerant Special Education Professionals
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1:00 PM	Thriving with AI: Responsive Literacy Practices for Twice-Exceptional Learners	Resilience in Education: Advancing Literacy, Behavior, and Professional Well-Being	From Barriers to Bridges: Community Collaboration for Youth with Disabilities in Arkansas	Small Steps, Big Future: The Power of Early Transition Planning	Designing with Dragons: Co-Teaching Reimagined	A Deep Dive into AI Prompt Engineering: Hands-on Activities to Bring Back to Your Classroom	Providing Culturally Relevant Inclusive Education and Co-Teaching PD for International Teachers in the U.S.
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2:15 PM	Building Pathways to Postsecondary Success for Rural Students With Disabilities	Our Stories, Our Choices: Centering Student Voice through Self-Determination	Doing More by Doing Less: Promoting Effective and Sustainable Job Coaching in Secondary Transition...	Cultivating Inclusive Instruction, Content Area, and Positive School Climate for Emergent Bilingual Students with Disabilities	Elevating Co-Teaching: Action-Driven Professional Learning for Sustained Inclusive Excellence	Reducing Teacher Turnover in Inclusive, Rural Preschools: A Collaborative, Non-Evaluative Coaching Approach	Using IRIS Resources for Flexible Professional Development on High-Need Topics
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FRIDAY SCHEDULE (PART 2)

Ballroom F	Ballroom G	Ballroom H	Ballroom I	Ballroom J	Technology Playground	Learning Stage
Turning Data into Growth: Engaging Students Towards Independence	Utilizing a High-Leverage Practices Continuum to Prepare Educators to Teach and Reach All Students	Use of Generative AI to Improve Geometric Reasoning for High School Students with Learning Disabilities	Strategies to Facilitate Student Engagement and Voice in the Development and Implementation of IEPs	Using Data-Based Individualization to Support the Identification of Students with Specific Learning Disabilities		
Having Trouble Teaching Mathematics Intervention? Here Are 6 Instructional Strategies.	What Every Aspiring Special Education Admin. Needs to Know	Bridging Academics & Transition: Inclusive, Standards-based Strategies for Students with Intell. & Dev. Disabilities	A Cultural Approach to Inducting and Mentoring Beginning Special Education Teachers	Special Education Case Management is Hard: Preparing Pre-Service Special Education Teachers for this Complex Responsibility		Strengthening IEP Compliance and Quality: Validated Rubrics and Practical Tools for Educators
Analyzing and Refining Your Co-Teaching: An Observation Tool to Ensure Fidelity of Practice	Hot Topic: Let's Talk About MTSS: A Panel Presentation by Members of the MTSS Leadership Collaborative	Getting "Unstuck": Strategies for Responding When an Intervention Isn't Working	FLIP Recess: Promoting Social Skills and Belonging for Students with Extensive Support Needs at Recess	Incorporating the Contributions of Individuals with Disabilities into Classroom Instruction	Using AI in Writing Feedback: Improving Student Writing Outcomes with Automatic Scoring	Digital Media Literacy for Youth: A Scoping Review of Programs
Science of Reading in Practice: Building Educator Knowledge and Instructional Practices to Support Readers	Representative Assembly (RA) Meeting	President Theme: Innovative Ways to Engage, Empower, & Excite Students with Disabilities and their Peers	Hot Topic: Get the Tea from Teachers!	Beyond Compliance: Using Educational Benefit Reviews to Strengthen FAPE & Drive Meaningful Student Outcomes	Student Vocabulary Gains from AI-Generated vs. Researcher-Created Modules: A Randomized Control Trial	
The Road to Inclusion: A District Journey in Innovating Special Education Itinerant Services		Hot Topic: Informed Parents, Empowered Choices: Understanding School Choice Options	The THRIVE Framework: Building Systems Where All Students Succeed	Exceptional Lives, Exceptional Stories		
WEA Apprenticeship Residency in Teaching: Transitioning to Competency Based Education Teacher Prep		Program Chairs Spotlight Session: An Unexpected Journey, The Story of Teaching in Classrooms Across the Career Span	Morphology in Action: Teaching Secondary and Adult Learners to Tackle Complex Words	Safety First Then Comes Culture: Shifting Mindsets Around Restraint and Seclusion		
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Hot Topic
 Teacher Exchange
 President's Theme
 Program Chairs' Theme

SATURDAY SCHEDULE - March 14, 2026

	Ballroom C	Ballroom D	Ballroom E	Ballroom F	Ballroom H	Ballroom I	Ballroom J
8:00 AM							
8:15 AM							
8:30 AM							
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