



In-Dues Educator Professional Liability Plan

An enhanced membership benefit designed exclusively for CEC Premier Members

\$250,000 in Coverage

The **Council for Exceptional Children's In-Dues Professional Liability Plan** is the solution to uncertain or inadequate liability coverage. As a Premier Member, you'll have peace of mind knowing that if your school district doesn't have sufficient coverage or refuses to defend you, your back-up plan is in place. Your association's affiliation with the Trust for Insuring Educators (TIE) makes this valuable member benefit possible.

Features

Your in-dues plan:

- Pays up to \$250,000 for damages arising from professional liability and employment liability lawsuits.
- Pays defense costs in addition to the liability limit for professional liability lawsuits.
- Provides Job Protection Benefits if you are threatened with a job action such as termination, demotion, involuntary transfer or suspension.
- Covers claims brought at any time, as long as the act or omission that resulted in the claim occurred while your policy was in effect.
- Provides coverage as long as you remain a CEC member in good standing and CEC continues to offer this professional liability plan as an in-dues member benefit.

What's Covered

The in-dues plan protects you against a broad range of exposures associated with your educational duties, such as:

- Injuries to students under your supervision
- Improper placement of students
- Hiring unqualified people
- Defamation
- Failure to educate
- Failure to promote students or grant credit
- Improper methods employed in instruction, counseling, research design, etc.

- Violation of student civil rights
- Negative consequences in implementing the recommendations of research studies.

Additional Protection

After a \$100 deductible, the plan also pays 90 percent of your attorney's fees if you:

- Are **accused of sexual misconduct**, provided you are found not guilty or the charges are dismissed (limit of \$35,000 per claim / \$100,000 aggregate per policy period).
- **Face criminal charges arising out of corporal punishment**, provided you are found not guilty or the charges are dismissed (limit of \$10,000 per claim, per policy period).
- Are **named in a lawsuit seeking non-monetary relief** (limit of \$35,000 per claim, per policy period).

Job Protection Benefits

If you are threatened with a job action, such as termination, demotion, involuntary transfer or suspension, the plan's **Job Protection Benefits*** will pay:

- Up to \$750 for consultation with an attorney of your choice and up to \$1,000 for attorney's services resulting from a request for a formal hearing of a school board or other authority.
- Up to \$4,000 for legal fees, subject to \$100 deductible, if you decide to sue because of the job action and the judgment in the suit is in your favor. Of that \$4,000, \$750 is available to you regardless of the suit's outcome.

** job protection benefits are not available to student members.*

Eligibility

As a Premier Member of CEC, you are automatically insured for \$250,000 of professional liability coverage. You must be a W-2 employee of a school, college or university; private or public, local regional, state or federal school system, agency or organization. This must be your main occupation.

The plan becomes effective the date your membership is accepted by CEC and continues as long as you remain an CEC member in good standing. This is a benefit of your membership.

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If you are a registered nurse, a licensed/certified school psychologist or a physical therapist, you must be performing medically-related teaching or services in the normal course of your duties as an employee of a school to be eligible for coverage.

Exclusions

School board members and owners of private schools are not eligible. If you are an educator primarily in private practice or an independent contractor, you are not eligible for this program. Please contact the plan administrator at (800) 821-7303 for information about professional liability plans for which you may be eligible.

Other Insurance

The insurance provided by CEC's in-dues professional liability plan is excess of any other valid and collectible insurance or indemnity you might have with regard to the claim, including coverage provided by your school district and/or school board.

Limitations

The plan is available to members who reside in the United States and District of Columbia. Coverage applies to acts that take place in the United States, its territories and possessions, Puerto Rico and Canada.

Filing a Claim

If you are named in a lawsuit and you anticipate incurring legal fees, please complete an [Incident Form](#) and submit it to FTJ & Company, the plan administrator, along with copies of all legal documents, papers and invoices.

By email: p&ceducators@ftj.com

If you need assistance in filing a claim, please contact our Customer Service Department at (800) 821-7303 weekdays between 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Central Time.

Upgrade your Coverage

CEC members may purchase one of the following upgrades to the in-dues plan:

- \$750,000 additional benefit – increases your professional liability coverage to \$1 million for a \$20 annual premium.
- \$750,000 additional benefit plus part-time coverage – increases your professional liability coverage to \$1 million, and provides coverage for your part-time educational activities, for a \$43 annual premium.
- \$1,750,000 additional benefit – increases your professional liability coverage to \$2 million for a \$39 annual premium.
- \$1,750,000 additional benefit plus part-time coverage – increases your professional liability coverage to \$2 million, and provides coverage for your part-time educational activities, for an \$81 annual premium.

Eligibility for Part-Time Coverage

To be eligible for the optional part-time coverage, the following requirements must be met:

- Your primary employment must be with an educational organization.
- Your part-time or secondary job must be educational and not medically related, and must fall within the same underwriting guidelines as your main occupation.
- You must receive payment for the job.
- You must remain a member in good standing of CEC to be eligible for the optional coverage.

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Registered nurses, licensed/certified school psychologists and physical therapists performing medically related teaching or service in the normal course of their duties as an employee of a school, university or college are not eligible for part-time coverage.

How to Apply

To add additional coverage, complete the upgrade application online at: www.ftj.com/cec. This process will allow you to complete your application, pay for your additional coverage, and access your policy documents.

Payment Options

You may pay by ACH, VISA, Mastercard, Discover, or AMEX at the time of application.

You will receive a renewal notice in the mail in advance of your upgrade policy's termination date.

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