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Student Chapter Membership Guidelines:

- Have an interest for meeting students' individual needs.
- Attend monthly meetings
- Pay annual dues to the National CEC at a 20% discount for up to 6 years
- Be a current or recently graduated student in the field of education

"Our CEC student chapter gives me the opportunity to discuss current events in research, my classes at UAF and my experiences in the classroom. I look forward to talking with my colleagues each month." –Mercedes, President 2015-2016

Meetings

WHEN: 2nd Saturday of each month WHERE: Old University Park Building, 1000 University Avenue, Room 162 *OR* videoconference

Due to scheduling of conferences and other events, please email a board member if you are planning to come to ensure our meeting time.

Light snacks and drinks are provided.

Contact Us

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Benefits of joining CEC:

- Enhance your educational résumé regardless of your major (elementary, secondary or special education)
- Discuss areas of need across the state, our community, and even our own classrooms
- Access to resources available through CEC, including the Pioneer Mentor Program
- Access to cutting edge assistive technology
- Opportunities for discounted or free professional conferences
- Become an educational leader

What is CEC?

CEC stands for Council for Exceptional Children. As a special educator, this is YOUR professional organization. CEC sets the standard for children and youth with exceptionalities, making sure that their education needs are met in legislation, establishing professional standards, and pushing initiatives forward to improve the field.

Most general education classrooms have <u>5-6 students</u> with an Individual Education Plan. Membership in the CEC Student Chapter will prepare you for your future classroom.

Alaska Statewide Special Education Conference

In February of every year, there is a statewide special education conference and you have the opportunity to present your research. It's a great opportunity to speak to a more diverse, and welcoming, group of teachers. Club membership may sponsor your travel.

Pioneer Mentor Program

The Pioneer Mentor Program pairs you with a seasoned special educator with 30+ years of experience.

Mentors serve as valuable resources no matter where you are in your career. Your mentor can answer questions, reflect on experiences, guide your research, and prepare you for interviewing and your first job.

Alaska Walk for Autism

Each year, our student chapter participates in the Fairbanks Walk for Autism in May. This is one way we show our support for the Autism Society of Alaska