

Understanding CEU's and Why They Are Important



"Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser."—Proverbs 9:9

Every workshop you attend is like opening a gift. Sometimes it's a brand-new teaching **strategy**. Sometimes it's a fresh **perspective**. Sometimes it's **encouragement** you didn't know you needed. Occasionally, it's a reminder of something you've known for years but had forgotten.

What if we all switched hallways?

We all know that the best teachers have one thing in common. They've never stopped being students.

Why CEU's Matter:

- Growing professionally
- Staying current
- Learning from other educators
- Bringing fresh ideas into the classroom

Frequently Asked Questions:

- What counts? 50 minutes = 1 contact hour
 - Teacher conventions
 - Webinars
 - College classes 1 class = 10 hours (toward education degree)
 - In-service training
 - Professional books (if pre-approved)
 - Other sources (if pre-approved)
- What doesn't count? anything not listed or pre-approved
- How many hours are required? 15-35, depending on individual degrees
- When are they due? June 1-May 31
- Can I carry hours over? good only for each year
- What if I lose my certificate?
- Can I earn CEUs during the summer?
- How should I organize my documentation?

Note: CEUs should be appropriate to whatever age/subjects you teach.

Note: A class may only be taken one time.

The Process:

Listen to 50-min. instruction → take quiz/test → receive certificate → make a copy for personal life
→ give a copy to office or designated person (or leave in office mailbox).

School sends certificate to ACEA → certificate is returned and placed in teacher's personnel file → personal copy of certificate is placed in teacher's mailbox → completed task is tallied toward yearly goal.

A reminder: We are all both learners and teachers. Everybody is an expert only in his own field.

Learning from Each Other: Teachers love hearing one another's ideas.

- What workshop has changed your teaching the most?
- What classroom strategy do you still use years later? – close door to start class; recite; dismiss w/voice
- If you could attend a workshop on anything, what would it be? - game ideas? Canva? time management
- What is one thing you wish someone had told you when you first started teaching? -

"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."—Galatians 6:9