Approaching the November 8, 2016 election, as citizens it is our civic responsibility to vote. As special educators, it is our job to promote civic responsibility with the needs of children and youth with exceptionalities in mind. And as advocates on behalf of students with disabilities and/or gifts and talents, it's important to be aware of the education positions of each candidate so that you vote knowing how your decision will affect your life and those of students with exceptionalities. Our goal is to ensure that you have the information you need to make the best decision for yourself, children and youth and your programs.

That’s why CEC is providing you with our nonpartisan voter education guide: *I Educate, I Participate: 2016 Presidential Election Voter Education Guide*. Its purpose is to provide you with a one-stop shop for information and resources to help guide you during this election season. In this guide you’ll find information on candidate positions and party platforms, resources on voter registration information, voter deadlines and finding your polling place.

In addition, be sure to check out CEC’s brand new “Get Out to Vote” (GOTV) [State and Federal Election page](https://www.cec.sped.org/action-center) on the [Legislative Action Center](https://www.cec.sped.org/action-center). This new feature is state specific and allows you to view both federal and state candidate profiles, find out basic voting information for your state and register to vote!