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## Recommended Sessions for Special Population Teachers/Support

From the perspective of  
**Kristopher McDonald, Coordinator of Instructional Technology**  
*TCEA Convention Advisory Panel*

### Monday, January 30

#### **Digital Tools for Classroom Management and Student Behaviors**

60-minute Session  
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
Room 214D

#### **Technology Grants: Write It, Sell It, Get It!**

90-minute Session  
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
Room 211

#### **Five High-Leverage Equitable Practices to Increase Engagement and Inclusion**

60-minute Session  
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
Room 210AB

#### **The Power of a Teacher**

60-minute Session  
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
Stars at Night Ballroom B2/B3

#### **You're Speaking My Love Language!**

90-minute Hands-On Experience  
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Room 220

#### **Using Ed Tech to Support Language Learning, Emerging Bilinguals, and Dual Language Students**

90-minute Session  
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Room 214D

#### **Equity in Esports: How to Responsibly Build Your Program at Scale**

60-minute Roundtable Discussion  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Room 205

#### **Six SEL Strategies for Teachers**

60-minute Session  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Stars at Night Ballroom B1

#### **Chromebooks and Google Workspace Productivity Apps for Students with Disabilities**

60-minute Session  
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Room 217A

#### **Fabulous Free Virtual Field Trips for Careers, STEM, and Wellness**

60-minute Session  
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Room 205

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## Tuesday, January 31

### **Breakout Learning without the Box**

3-hour Hands-On Experience  
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Room 304A

### **Exploring Social-Emotional Learning**

60-minute Session  
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
Room 220

### **Unlock Your Students' Self-Expression with Six-Word Memoirs**

60-minute Session  
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Room 221B

### **Chart a New Course: Teaching Essential Skills for Tomorrow's World**

90-minute Session  
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Stars at Night Ballroom B4

### **Exploring the Pathway to Truly Inclusive Schools**

60-minute Panel Discussion  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Room 212AB

### **Classroom to Community: How Student-Centered Learning Results in Authentic Learning Experiences**

Poster Session  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Tower View Lobby: Posters

### **eBooks for All: Supporting Your Special Education Students with Digital Content**

60-minute Session  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Room 221D

### **Building Blocks of Change**

60-minute Session  
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Room 221B

## Wednesday, February 1

### **Meeting Each Student's Needs Through Blended Learning**

60-minute Session  
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
Room 225B

### **Fostering Connectedness and Promoting SEL**

90-minute Session  
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
Room 220

### **Accessibility and Accommodation Tools that Reduce Learning Barriers**

90-minute Session  
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Room 221D

### **Digital Choices for Stronger ELL Voices**

60-minute Session  
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Room 225C

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## Dedicated Exhibit Hall Hour

Special Event  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Exhibit Hall

## Redefining Assistive Technology in the Dyslexic Classroom

60-minute Session  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Room 221D

## Leveraging Student Voices: How to Build Capacity Through Student Technology Leaders

60-minute Session  
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Room 211

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## Thursday, February 2

### Yakkety Yak - Please Talk Back!

60-minute Session  
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
Room 211

### Language of Behavior

90-minute Session  
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
Room 221D

### Nearpod Inclusivity: Empowering ELL and Special Education Voices

90-minute Hands-On Experience  
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
Room 301B

### The Power of Choice

60-minute Session  
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
Stars at Night Ballroom B2/B3

### Building a Language-Rich Digital Environment

90-minute Session  
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Room 221D

### Dedicated Exhibit Hall Hour

Special Event  
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Exhibit Hall

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## From the Author, Kristopher McDonald

In creating a recommended schedule, I wanted to focus not only on sessions that are specifically directed toward special needs teachers, but also sessions that meet the diverse needs of teachers and students within this demographic. It includes sessions that focus on social emotional learning for all classroom stakeholders, develop small-group and differentiated learning opportunities, and utilizing tools that provide access that often seems out of reach for our students. I have attempted to include a variety of session types, as well as alternative options if a session becomes unavailable.

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For the full schedule, visit [convention.tcea.org](http://convention.tcea.org).



I am currently a coordinator for instructional technology and work closely with our special programs department to promote access and opportunities for leveraging technology in the classroom. Having come from the Special Education world, I am mindful of universal access and design when seeking out and guiding these opportunities.

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