

B-125 NEW MEMBERS

A district wishing to become a member of the cooperative should submit a request in writing to the ECCEC Board prior to December 1 of the year preceding their desired membership. The Board policy generally does not allow for late submissions, however certain circumstances may warrant an exception. The district requesting to become a new member past the deadline must provide an explanation of the delay and their reason for the request. The Board will take proactive steps to mitigate the impact of the delay and ensure the progress aligns with the goals of the Unit. The following criteria shall be used in considering the request:

1. Size of the district.
2. Geographic location.
3. Effect on existing program.
4. Willingness to accept East Central Center for Exceptional Children's policies, procedures and plans.
5. The reason for requesting admittance.

The ECCEC Board shall consider such request and render a decision by February 1 of the year preceding the actual application for membership. Any school Board of any school district which has been excluded from a multi-district special education program and wishes to have its school district included in such program, may make a written petition to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, requesting inclusion in the multi-district program. The petition shall contain the requirements specified in the Department of Public Instruction's guidelines and regulations for such a petition. Appeals may be made to the State Board of Public Education.

Approval for membership in East Central must be 60% of Board members. Any district accepted shall be required to pay an admission fee based on the fund balance of the East Central at the close of the preceding fiscal year.

In making the charge for admission to the program the following two calculations will be used with a weight of 50% each

1. Current number of K-12 students in the district = % X the fund balance

Number of K-12 students in the unit

2. Preceding year taxable valuation of the district = % X the fund balance
Total taxable valuation of the districts in the unit

1+2=Total divided by 50% is the total payment required to join the unit.

ORIGINAL POLICY MANUAL

Revised: 1.15.25