



## CER Membership Agreement 2026-27 School Year

Comprehensive Educational Resources (CER) is an educational consortium that currently serves twenty-nine school districts in Northeast Tennessee and across the state. CER is a collaboration between these twenty-nine districts and The Niswonger Foundation that currently reaches approximately 147,000 students. CER began in May 2020.

### **Vision**

Comprehensive Educational Resources aims to improve student outcomes as measured by the state assessment by giving students and teachers equal access to a variety of teacher created and reviewed materials that are aligned to Tennessee state standards, rigorous, and easily accessible. We are also committed to analyzing state assessment and benchmark data collaboratively with districts to guide instructional adjustments and improve student outcomes.

### **District Participation**

By March 1, existing CER districts must complete a “membership agreement.” The membership agreement will include the number of students from the state report card as of March 1. Districts will be invoiced from the Niswonger Foundation at the cost of \$2/per student based on the state report card as a “membership fee”. For districts that join after March 1, they will complete the membership agreement based on the number of students on the state report card at the time of joining.

The membership agreement and membership fee will provide the district with access to the CER website and all materials, including the professional development courses. It will also give the district one representative on the Steering Committee and a regular progress report to Superintendents. Finally, it will also give the district yearly reports using the state assessment data.

CER offers districts vast and dynamic offerings to support their changing needs. Districts have the option to participate in several data sharing sessions throughout the year. CER data sharing sessions have been correlated with improved district performance. CER also offers support for principals through the new principal cohort, regular study council meetings, and two in-person conferences each year. CER has a large instructional coach collaborative that offers both general and content specific coaching support. Both the Leadership Academy and the Job Embedded Course offer districts an opportunity to support niche educators, which they may not be able to do outside of a collaborative. Teacher participation in the CER teams (curriculum, EARN, instructional focus documents, common formative assessments, and pacing guides) provides professional learning opportunities for teachers and builds their capacity

through collaboration. Short-term working groups, such as the Science Textbook Collaborative and the Algebra Readiness Working Group, provide districts with support and a platform to problem-solve in a collaborative way. CER membership also offers a variety of vendor partnerships. These vendor partners provide a discount on their products and services to CER member districts. Often, these discounts help to defray the CER membership cost.

**District Costs**

In addition to the membership fee, there are optional costs associated with CER. If districts contribute a teacher to a curriculum team, districts will be responsible for compensating each teacher. This compensation could include three (3) days of flex time to compensate for creating materials. Districts can decide how this flex time will be provided to each teacher. In addition, each teacher on a curriculum team may need to be provided with three (3) days of a substitute and travel to review materials. CER will pay the district \$75 per day to help defray the substitute cost. By May 1, the Steering Committee will finalize the curriculum team compensation.

If districts participate in the benchmark, there will be an annual contract with the company that meets the needs of the district.

District: Murfreesboro City Schools  
Number of students on the state report card: 8929

By signing and returning the membership agreement, your district will participate in CER for the 2026-27 school year.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_