



SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (SPEDPAC) BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of this self-governing organization shall be the Match Special Education Parent Advisory Council.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The Match Special Education Parent Advisory Council will:

1. Advocate for students with disabilities and, on behalf of those students, for parents of students with disabilities.
2. Foster better understanding and communication between staff, parents, families and administrators concerning all aspects of special needs education.
3. Serve as consultants and/or advisors to parents or guardians concerning all aspects of Special Education procedures and to provide information concerning available resources.
4. Provide to the school system with parental input and recommendations for its special educational programs and policies via pre-designated meetings with the Special Education Coordinator.
5. Serve as a support network for parents/guardians of children with special needs regarding procedures, educational and non-educational issues.
6. Provide information and training concerning rights and responsibilities under state and federal special education laws to parents of children with disabilities.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

The membership of the Match Special Education Parent Advisory Council shall be comprised of:

1. Parents, foster parents, persons acting as parents, and guardians of children with disabilities who have an IEP or 504 Plan who are students at Match Charter Public School.



2. Parents, foster parents, persons acting as parents, and guardians who have requested an evaluation for special education services for their child.
3. Students with disabilities who have reached their eighteenth birthday.
4. Any other interested party.

Section 2

There shall be a Chairperson who shall be responsible for conducting the business of the Match Special Education Parent Advisory Council.

The responsibilities of the Chairperson are to:

1. With support from the Special Education Director and/or Coordinator, prepare the agenda for the Council meetings.
2. Act as a liaison between the Match Special Education Parent Advisory Council and Match Charter Public School.
3. Call and preside at all meetings of the Match Special Education Parent Advisory Council.
4. Facilitate quarterly meetings
5. Annually request a review of the Bylaws

ARTICLE IV: ELECTIONS

Section 1

Elections for the Chairperson shall take place each year at the last meeting of the school year. Parents shall have the opportunity to nominate themselves or anyone else.

Section 2

The elected Chairperson shall hold office for one school year. If a vacancy shall occur for any reason, the members shall nominate and elect a successor at the next meeting of the Match Special Education Parent Advisory Council.

Section 3

To be eligible to serve in the role of Chairperson, an individual must be the parent, foster parent, person acting as parent, or guardian of a child with special needs who is currently enrolled at and attends Match Charter Public School.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

Section 1

The Chairperson will meet with the director and/or coordinator of Special Education to identify topics for upcoming general meetings for that school year.

Section 2

At the start of the school year, the Chairperson shall establish and publish a schedule of meetings for the Council. The meetings will generally take place at Match Community Day Campus or Match Middle School Campus.

Section 3

The Council shall have at least four meetings per school year. The Chairperson may call additional meetings as needed. Each meeting is geared towards a specific topic:

SPED PAC meeting #1: Welcome/Introductions, Student and Parent Special Education Legal Rights Training Workshop

SPED PAC meeting #2: An Overview of Supports and Programs at Match Charter Public School

SPED PAC meeting #3: Summer Opportunities, Transition Supports for Students with Disabilities.

SPED PAC meeting #4: Elect Chairperson for Next School Year, Identify Topics for Next School Year, Parent Feedback

ARTICLE VI: REVIEW OF BYLAWS

The bylaws must be reviewed at the first Council meeting of each school year. The bylaws can also be amended at any other Council meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present if the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing to members for their review prior to the meeting.

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