

## Special Education Parent Advisory Council FAQs

- **What is the Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)?**
  - SEPAC is a state-mandated, parent-run group working to promote a network of parents, guardians, and caregivers of children with special needs.
  - SEPAC advises the district on matters that pertain to the education, health, and safety of students with special needs and disabilities from ages 3 to 22 years.
  
- **Why SEPAC?**
  - Network with parents, guardians, and caregivers
  - Share your own expertise and experiences
  - Learn about the available services
  - Learn to advocate for your child's needs
  - Volunteer and bring excellence to the educational experience of all students
  
- **When?**
  - SEPAC holds parent workshop about 4 times per school year. Workshops are typically after school at one of the Match School sites.
  - Special Education staff will be reaching out to parents with specific information.
  
- **What topics are discussed?**
  - SEPAC works with specialists and school officials to provide workshops on topics of importance to parents.
  - SEPAC will meet regularly with school and district administrators to participate in planning, developing, and evaluating the school's special education programs.
  - Our first topic will be **understanding parents' basic rights in special education.**
  - Please complete the provided survey to give us your input!
  
- **Interested in joining SEPAC? Join if you...**
  - Are parents and/or guardians of children who receive any type of special education services or accommodations in school, such as an Individualized Education Program (IEP), a 504 accommodation, or out-of-district placement.
  - Think your child has learning challenges.
  - Would like to understand or have an interest in the Special Education process.
  - Are a parent, educator, or any member of the community who wants to learn more!

**Ask our Special Education staff how you can get involved!**

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