

# **SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)**

## ***What is the Special Education Advisory Committee?***

Sussex County Public Schools' Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) works with the school board, administrators, parents, and teachers who are responsible for students receiving special education services.

## ***Who are the students receiving special education services?***

They are students who have been diagnosed with one or more of the following conditions:

Autism Deaf-blindness Orthopedic impairment Other health impairment Specific learning disability Speech/language impairment Traumatic brain injury Visual impairment
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Developmental delay Emotional disability Hearing impairment Intellectual disability Multiple disabilities
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## ***Who serves on the committee?***

Members are appointed by the local school board. The majority of the committee must be either **parents of children with disabilities or individuals with disabilities**. Membership must also include **one teacher**. Additionally, membership may include public/county human service agency representatives, community/civic organization representatives, and/or business/industry representatives, District's Special Education Specialist, the Director of Pupil Personnel and a representative from the school board serve as consultants to the committee.

## ***When does the SEAC meet?***

The SEAC is required to meet four times a school year. The meeting dates will be posted on the website. SEAC typically will meet during the months of October, December, March, and June.

## ***What is the function of the Special Education Advisory Committee?***

- a. Advise the local school division of needs in the education of children with disabilities;
- b. Participate in the development of priorities and strategies for meeting the identified needs of children with disabilities;
- c. Submit periodic reports and recommendations regarding the education of children with disabilities to the division superintendent for transmission to the local school board;
- d. Assist the local school division in interpreting plans to the community for meeting the special needs of children with disabilities for educational services;
- e. Review the policies and procedures for the provision of special education and related services prior to submission to the local school board; and
- f. Participate in the review of the local school division's annual plan.

For complete Virginia regulations, refer to 8 VAC 20-81-230.

## ***How can I get more information about attending meetings and/or joining the committee?***

If you would like to talk to someone about the SEAC, or get an application for membership, contact the Office of Special Education at 434-246-8906.