

Welcome to Sevastopol SEPAC

- Do you live in Sevastopol School District, and have a child with a disability?
- Do you want more information about special education services?
- Would you like to meet and talk with other parents of children with disabilities?
- Do you have concerns or problems with the special education services currently received by your child?

**If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, then please come and join us.
Still not sure? You can always contact us!**

What is SEPAC?

SEPAC stands for Special Education Parent Advisory Council.

The **Sevastopol Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)** advocates for children with disabilities in our schools. The **SEPAC** also strives to provide information and support to the parents or guardians of those children. The **SEPAC** is an autonomous parent organization which collaborates with administrators and educators in our schools and functions in an advisory role relative to special education issues.

The **SEPAC** is comprised of individuals involved in, or concerned with, the education of students with disabilities. Membership is open to parents or guardians of students with disabilities, teachers, and administrators. Together, this group works to provide a supportive environment for students, families and educators that will help each student achieve their potential.

The **SEPAC** needs the support and participation of parents in order to remain viable. Please attend one of our meetings or contact us.

Parents often find their greatest support in other parents who are in a similar situation. **SEPAC** members work as a resource for others who are unfamiliar with regional services or are looking for information that might support the special needs of their child. **SEPAC** sponsors regular meetings where parents can learn from each other, gain awareness on pertinent issues, and find opportunities that will help build positive relationships with schools and community. Any **SEPAC** member will tell you, *“We can’t promise to have all the answers, but we are willing to work with you to help find the answers you need to make your child’s educational experience the best it can be.”*

The Sevastopol Special Education Parent Advisory Council's mission is to support and assist children in special education to reach their full potential.

To carry out our mission SEPAC will:

- Support and encourage involvement of families of learners with disabilities in their school and educational programs.
- Develop cooperative relationships between regular and special education.
- Share information and resources
- Help parents at their IEP
- Provide suggestions from past experiences
- Provide and attend trainings to become more informed about parenting children with special needs
- Provide communication, awareness and an advisory function between parents, the community, the school district
- Participate in the development of the special education plan
- Provide parent to parent support
- Increase the involvement of parents of children with disabilities in district policy making and decision making.

SEPAC will do this by:

- Promoting collaboration and increased means of communication as a means to improve the education process for all learners.
- Influencing change, policy and procedures by informing and educating parents, school staff, administrators, students, and community members through: workshops, websites and printed materials.
- Serving as a forum for the expression of concerns and recommendations pertaining to the education of students with disabilities in the Sevastopol School District

Members of the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee will uphold the following principles:

- Honor confidentiality
- Promote high standards of services to children
- Maintain the dignity of all children
- Encourage acceptance of differences