

What is the Special Education Advisory Committee?



Every school district is required to have a **Special Education Advisory Committee**.

This committee is an advisory committee to the Board of Trustees on matters pertaining to Special Education programs and services.

SEAC has certain responsibilities that have been outlined in provincial legislation, Regulation 464/97.

Parents with children who have been identified as exceptional through the Identification, Placement, Review Committee (IPRC) process should know about SEAC.

SEAC is a broad-based, educationally focused committee. The membership engages in a variety of discussions and activities, all related to the educational programs of students with special needs.

SEAC members can offer insight into their own communities and the kinds of supports that are available for children and their families.

At SEAC meetings, the representative members from different organizations share knowledge of their own agency programs with the committee. Additionally, the members take back points of information about the Board's educational programs to the agencies that they represent.

SEAC Membership

The members of the committee include representatives of local associations as defined in the regulation, members of the school board, and Native representatives, and may include additional members who do not belong to any of these groups.

SEAC Responsibilities

- make recommendations to the board in respect of any matter affecting the establishment, development, and delivery of special education programs and services for exceptional pupils of the board
- participate in the board's annual review of its special education plan
- participate in the board's annual budget process as it relates to special education
- review the financial statements of the board as they relate to special education

SEAC Meetings

- are usually held on the third Thursday of each month
- are organized around a dinner meeting
- are collaborative in nature
- are energetic and positive

Please contact the Board Office for meeting information.



An Invitation to Parents

SEAC is an integral part of the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board public consultation process.

SEAC meetings throughout the year involve presentations and discussions about various board and community programs and services. This format allows SEAC to have ongoing opportunities to influence the establishment, development and delivery of special education programs and services.

SEAC meetings are wonderful places to learn more about special education programs and links to community services, agencies, and programs.

SEAC members collaboratively work together to share ideas, concerns, and celebrations of issues pertaining to special education.

The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board Special Education Advisory Committee welcomes your participation and membership. There are many agencies not currently represented on our committee.

If you are a member of an organization with a vested interest in the education of students with special education needs, we welcome you to represent your agency on this committee.

OR

You might be interested in joining the committee as an ad hoc member. Please contact the Board Office with inquiries.