

WHAT IS A SEPAG?

(Special Education Parent Advisory Group)

A SEPAG is a collaboration among members of a school district and its parent community that facilitates the meaningful exchange of information, ideas, and input on matters affecting students with disabilities.

Role in the District

SEPAGs recognize parents and caregivers as essential stakeholders in the special education system and facilitate purposeful, strengths-based dialogue between families and the district to improve special education programs and services.



Benefits for Families & Districts

- Addresses student needs and strengthens the quality of special education services.
- Improves school climate and minimizes stigma.
- Establishes ongoing two-way communication between families and the district.
- Expands parent knowledge of special education processes, rights, and resources.
- Improves parent confidence
- Fosters community, collaboration, and trust among families and schools.
- Facilitates resource sharing and mutual support among parents.
- Serves as a trusted, district-wide source of information and guidance for families.

All Voices are Welcome

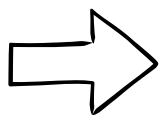
While SEPAGs focus on supporting students who receive special education services, meetings are open to all members of the school community, including:

- Parents and caregivers of students (those receiving services, or not)
- Educators and school staff
- Community partners and service providers
- Anyone interested in learning more and improving local special education services.

Focus on Systemic Change

SEPAGs are most effective when members focus on delivering systemic input and keep in mind that:

- SEPAGs are not support groups or PTOs
- SEPAGs are not for individual complaints.



Ready to get started? Contact your district's Director of Special Education for more information about joining your local SEPAG.

