



Hello Families, School Leaders, and Teachers:

We just wanted to take a moment to share information about The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC), serving exceptional children in Wake County.

Our Mission:

The Special Education Advisory Council serves as a conduit between the families of students receiving special education services and the school administrators to promote communication, create opportunities for families to better understand the school system and special education policies, and to create a positive working relationship so that all students can become valued, respected and contributing members of their school and community.

Our Vision:

- Solicit input and direction from parents and the community on the education of children with special needs.
- Disseminate information about special education programs and services to parents and the community.
- Enhance programs and services for children with special education needs, and forge a productive, beneficial and sustained link between those who offer these services and those who receive them.

We are so pleased to partner with Wake County Special Education Services, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Lisa Grillo, parents, and the community to help students and their families find the support and information they need to be successful. We look forward to hearing from you and working together.

In Partnership,
Jennifer Pfaltzgraff, Chair SEAC
representing The Arc of Wake County
Leslie Welch, Vice Chair SEAC
representing The Wake County Autism Society

Do you have a question or concern?

The best way to have your questions or concerns about your child heard is to contact one of our member agencies. The representative from that group will bring your question to the next regular SEAC meeting. Or you can contact the Council directly at specialeducationadvCouncil@gmail.com.

Specific questions will be generalized for the sake of privacy and time. We will do our best to address concerns in a timely manner, especially when we are hearing the same question from more than one family. You will be contacted with updates when they become available. Please keep in mind, the SEAC is not able bring specific questions to the group. We can assist you in finding the proper chain of command if you are looking for one-on-one discussions about your child's situation with the appropriate person in the school system.

NEWS:

The 2011-12 Special Education Supplemental Handbook will be available online soon.

Look for a SEAC *webpage* (part of WCPSS') and a new *brochure*

Save the Date! Join us March 1, 2012 for our annual Special Education Open House.

Follow us on **Facebook** to get information on these things as well as other news from the Council, its members, and WCPSS. Search "Wake County Special Education Advisory Council".



Special Education Advisory Council Member Agencies:

- The Arc of Wake County, Inc.
- Exceptional Children's Assistance Center
- Family Support Network of Wake County
- Miracle League of the Triangle
- National Alliance on Mental Illness [NAMI]
- NC Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments [NAPVI]
- NC Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Triangle Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder [CHADD]
- Triangle Down Syndrome Network
- Wake County Autism Society
- Wake County Cerebral Palsy Support Group
- Wake County PTA Council Special Education & Inclusion Committee