

Parent Resources

Federation for Children with Special Needs

617-236-7210 / 800-331-0688

www.fcsn.org

Massachusetts Association of Special Education Parent Advisory Councils (MASSPAC)

781-784-8316

www.masspac.org

Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

781-338-3000

www.doe.mass.edu/sped

Special Education Law and Advocacy

www.wrightslaw.com

Massachusetts Advocates for Children

617-357-8431

www.massadvocates.org

New England INDEX: Database of MA Disability Resources

www.disabilityinfo.org

Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress

781-221-0024

www.mdsc.org

Central Mass Autism, West Boylston

508-835-4278

www.autismresourcescentral.org

Seven Hills Foundation

508-755-2340

www.sevenhills.org

You are welcome to attend!

The Auburn District School Board invites all parents and interested members of the public to attend Special Education Parent Advisory Council meetings. Meetings may include, but are not limited to, invited speakers, “Basic Rights” workshop, and **SEPAC** resources and information.

The Committee meets at 5 West Street, Auburn.
Meeting schedule available at

www.auburn.k12.ma.us

SEPAC membership is open to any resident of Auburn, as well as non-resident parents or guardians of Auburn students. There is no fee to join Auburn **SEPAC**, send us an email at

auburnmasepac@gmail.com

with the following information:

Name
Mailing address
Phone Number
Email

or attend one of our meetings to become a member!

Special Education Parent Advisory Council 2018-2019

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www.auburn.k12.ma.us
www.facebook.com/groups/auburnsepac

What is a special education parent advisory council?

A Special Education Parent Advisory Council (**SEPAC**) is a state mandated and supported advisory group. **SEPAC** provides input to the School Committee pertaining to the education of students with disabilities. The group also provides information to parents, guardians and the community about the special education programs offered to children and youth.

Who should be involved?

- ✓ Anyone with a child who receives special education services
- ✓ Anyone who thinks their child may have learning issues or differences, behavioral, attention, social, or emotional issues
- ✓ Anyone with a student eligible for receiving services under an IEP or 504 plan
- ✓ Anyone who would like to network and expand their advocacy skills
- ✓ Anyone who want to help other parents by sharing what they have learned from past experience
- ✓ Parents, community members and educators who want to learn about special education procedures and resources

About the Auburn SEPAC

The **AuburnSEPAC** is an organization of parents, guardians, teachers and administrators who have joined together to provide information, support and partnership to promote an educational environment where children with learning challenges have equal access to educational opportunities.

Support: Families should never feel alone. The members of **SEPAC** understand the daily struggles that families have and the need to talk through concerned.

Educate: The **SEPAC** provides parents with tools, resources and information that they need to navigate and effectively participate in the Special Education process.

Parents: The **SEPAC** is a volunteer parents' organization focused on helping parents of special needs children.

Advocate: Although we do not represent each family individually, our role is to represent the collective voice of our parents to the School District. We are heard at multiple tiers within the school district and work with and provide input to school administrators.

Community: As a result of the good work being done through the **SEPAC**, parents have entered into a community to accomplish great things.

Meetings & Events

September 18th (6:30pm – 8:30pm) – Welcome to SEPAC, 504/IEP questions & answers

October 16th (6:30pm – 8:30pm) – Emergency Preparedness for those on 504's and IEP's

November 13th (6:30pm – 8:30pm) – Community Resource Fair

December 18th - Parent Support/Night Out – Email Auburnmasepac@gmail.com for more details and to RSVP.

January 15th (6:30pm – 8:30pm) – Exceptional Lives Presentation

February 12th (6:30pm- 8:30pm) – Applying for Mass Health guidance.

March 19th (6:30pm – 8:30pm) – Understanding 504's, IEP's, Initial Special Education Evaluation and why formal testing is done.

April 23rd (6:30pm-8:30pm) – ADHD/Executive Functioning

May 14th (6:30pm-8:30pm) – Parent's Basic Rights

June 18th - Parent Support/Night Out – Email Auburnmasepac@gmail.com for more details and to RSVP.

All meetings to be held at 9 West St (New Middle School) unless otherwise noted. Please see www.auburn.k12.ma.us for any changes in the meeting schedule.