

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

What is SEAC?

SEAC stands for Special Education Advisory Committee. Legislation requires that all school boards in Ontario have a SEAC.

What does SEAC do?

The purpose of SEAC is to advise the Board of Trustees on all matters related to the provision of special education programs and services to exceptional pupils.

An exceptional student is one whose behavioural, communicational, intellectual, physical, or multiple exceptionalities are such that he or she requires placement in a special education program (Learning Centre / Resource Room Support or Special Class Placement). A pupil is designated as exceptional by an Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) established by the School Board.

Who serves on SEAC?

SEAC is largely made up of parents, many of who represent a local association that is concerned with children with special needs. Also serving on SEAC are members of the Board of Trustees, and in an advisory capacity, members of the school board's administrative staff.

What happens at the SEAC meetings?

SEAC meetings usually include a variety of agenda items. Discussion may focus on evaluation of ongoing programs, proposed changes to current special education services or development of new procedures. SEAC also has input with respect to the allocation of special education finances.

When are meetings held?

SEAC meets once each month from September to June, at 4:30 p.m., via videoconference from a number of sites. The meeting schedule can be obtained from the Board Office by calling 274-2931 or toll free at 888-311-2931.