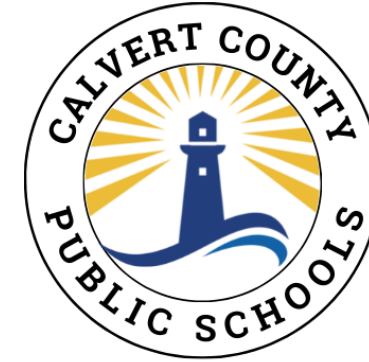


Calvert SECAC Report 2022-2023



- ▶ Joseph Cormier - Chairperson
- ▶ Vacant - Vice Chairperson
- ▶ Ashton Nelson - Secretary
- ▶ LaShonda Scott - Member at Large
- ▶ Tina Hall - Member at Large
- ▶ Director Dr. Kendy Anderson -Treasurer

What is SECAC?

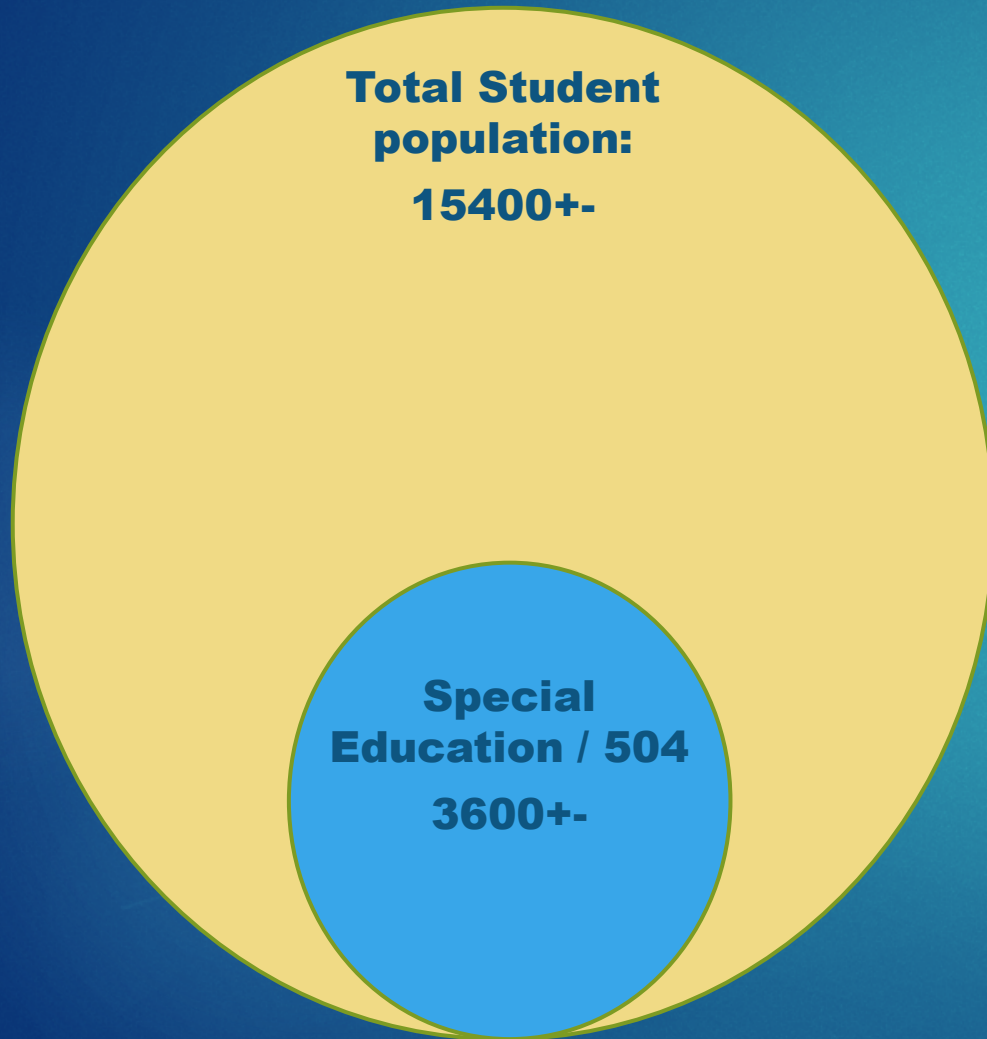
Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee

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LEA, Local Education
Agency, must establish
a SECAC to advise the
local school system on
the needs of students
with disabilities within
the jurisdiction.

Membership is open
to those who reside
or work in Calvert
County, provide
educational or
community services
to CCPS students,
are parents or
guardians of a CCPS
student with a
disability.

Calvert SECAC is a
Parent/Guardian led
committee, dedicated
to community
education,
communication, and
the improvement of
access to special
education services in
the county.

Demographics:



Over 10% of CCPS Students Receive some form of Special Education Services. From birth to age 3 through Infants and Toddlers, 3-5 through Child Find and 5-21 in the classroom. Currently there are approximately 1960 +- IEPs and 310 +- IFSPs active in CCPS.

Additionally, Under ADA, CCPS also provides 504 accommodations for approximately 348 Elementary, 372 Middle, and 645 High School students.

During the 2022-2023 School Year, SECAC was held virtually for convenience of its membership and hosted the following:

- What To Do During A Traffic Stop Event & Resource Fair
- Presentations during meetings:
 - “The Science of Reading”
 - Secondary Transition
 - Inclusive Education
 - “Thinking about Thinking: What is Executive Functioning”
 - Parks and Recreation Summer Programs
- 6th Annual Calvert SECAC Staff Appreciation Awards



Calvert SECAC Staff Appreciation Awards

April 20th,
2023

- ▶ Over 100 parent/guardian nominations for
- ▶ 189 individual staff members were recognized:
 - ▶ Special/General education teachers
 - ▶ Instructional Aides
 - ▶ Service providers
 - ▶ Building services
 - ▶ Transportation

The 2023
Individual
Support Staff
Spotlight
goes to...

Desmond Creek Physical Education Teacher Calvert High School



Mr. Creek was nominated
by the Porecki Family

The 2023
Individual
Direct
Service
Provider
Spotlight
goes to...

Allison Switzer
Speech Language Pathologist
Mutual Elementary School



Ms. Switzer was nominated
by the Beisel Family

The 2023
Individual
Special
Education
Teacher
Spotlight
goes to...

Gwen DeHenzel
Special Education Teacher
Calvert Middle School



Ms. DeHenzel was nominated by the
Baden Family.

The 2023
Individual
Education
Plan Team
Spotlight
goes to...

Kimberly Jackson, Special Education Teacher

Denise Lennon, Instructional Assistant

Elizabeth Taby, Instructional Assistant

John Prince, Instructional Assistant

Calvert Elementary School



This team was nominated by the
Phillips Family

Local Business Partnership Spotlight

Bart Braica **Three Brothers Italian Restaurant** **Prince Frederick, MD**



This local employer goes above and beyond to help students with special needs develop critical job skills.

Work Based Learning Environment Opportunities

North County

- Safeway – Dunkirk
- Calvert Library – Twin Beaches
- Miss Bev's Place - Dunkirk
- Prime Time Children's & Youth Activity Center
- Chesapeake Grill
- Sneades Ace Home Center
- The Help Association Thrift Store
- The Humane Society
- The Autism Project
- Dunkirk Hardware

Mid-County

- Three Brother's Rest.
- Lord Calvert Bowling Center
- Bulrushes Café
- The Lobby Coffee Bar & Cafe
- Big Lots
- Marriott Springhill Suites
- Holiday Inn Express
- Chick-fil-a
- Calvert Library – PF
- Emmanuel Church
- Platinum Motor Sports
- Black Belt Academy
- Garner & Duff Florist
- The Spot Thrift Store
- Sneade's Ace Home Center – Charlotte Hall

South County

- The Imaginarium
- Calvert Library - Southern Branch
- Sneade's Ace Hardware - Lusby
- Calvert Marine Museum
- The Pier Restaurant
- The Lighthouse Restaurant
- Chesapeake Ranch Estates Campground

Feed back from the community:

- ▶ Clear communication and improve transparency in decision making.
 - ▶ Created a chain of responsibility from the Director through supervisors, school-based admin, direct service providers and case managers.
- ▶ More support for participation in athletics and clubs
 - ▶ Training for coaches and club sponsors to support students with disabilities.
- ▶ Mutually agreeable IEP meeting times.
 - ▶ Increase staffing to provide more flexibility in scheduling. Don't restrict IEP meetings to certain days of the week.

Feed back from the community:

- ▶ Substitute teachers and support staff do not have access to IEP or specialized training to support the students who need it.
 - ▶ HR needs more training time with substitutes beyond what is provided.
- ▶ Transportation concerns: Extended time on bus, stop sign cameras, more training for bus aides and building staff regarding mobility devices and safety tie downs.
- ▶ Playground Accessibility
 - ▶ CC Parks and Rec create accessible playgrounds, partner with them to refurbish or renew elementary sites.

SECAC in the Community:

Supporting Local Law Enforcement in their fundraising for local programs for individuals with Special Needs



Expanding partnerships in local communities and The Judy Center



SECAC in the Community:

Many SECAC members, their families and children attended this years' Inclusive Track and Field and Young Athletes Event



BOCC Autism Awareness Proclamation





Meetings are held virtually via Microsoft Teams. See [website](#) or email SECAC@Calvertnet.k12.md.us for links, to be added to our mailing list and more information about upcoming meetings

*You make a difference in the lives of children and families.
Never underestimate your influence.*