

## What is the objective of the CAC?

The Community Advisory Committee's goal is to improve communication and understanding between parents and staff of special education students and parents and staff of regular education students. To achieve this, the CAC will:

1. Advise the policy and administrative entity of the District regarding the development and review of the local plan, including a process for review and consideration of CAC comments,
2. Recommend annual priorities to be addressed by the plan,
3. Assist in the education and recruitment of parents and other volunteers to help implement the plan,
4. Encourage community involvement in the development and review of the local plan,
5. Support activities on behalf of individuals with exceptional needs.

## Who can attend CAC meetings?

The CAC is open to all with an interest in Special Education.

## Why be a part of the CAC?

Getting involved in a child's education is one of the most important choices we will make, and your attendance at our CAC meetings will offer you a chance to share your views, receive training in topics related to Special Education, and network with other families and District personnel. Whether you are a parent of a special needs child, teach someone with special needs, or if you are a community member who desires to make a difference, we encourage you to join our next CAC meeting.



## What is the Community Advisory Committee (CAC)?

The state of California is divided into "areas" for the purpose of administering special education services for Students with disabilities. These areas are called Special Education Local Planning Areas or SELPAs. Usually, smaller school districts are grouped together to form one SELPA. Larger school districts, such as San Bernardino City Unified School District, create a single SELPA. Each SELPA must submit a Local Plan to the state every few years describing how services will be delivered to students receiving special education services in their planning area in accordance with the law. State law requires that every SELPA have a Community Advisory Committee (CAC).

## What is the Purpose of the CAC?

The purpose is to provide education and support to parents, encourage community awareness of children with special needs, improve communication between parents, district administrators, and the Board of Education, and enhance the quality of special education in the SELPA.