

## **AAPAC Mission**

To positively impact the education of all students with an emphasis on those with special needs in the Ann Arbor Public Schools by representing students and parents of students needing or receiving special education services, advocating improvements, acting as a resource for our constituents, staff, and administration, creating opportunities for education, reporting regularly, facilitating communication, clarifying process, and creating an actual link between our constituents and the administrators responsible for all aspects of special education in the Ann Arbor district.

## Special Education



Equal access to the curriculum for all students in the least restrictive environment

# Parent Meetings

#### Tappan Middle School

2251 E. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor, Media Center ( $2^{nd}$  floor)

6:15 – 6:50 PM with SISS team (individual meetings with parents and administrators)

7 – 9 PM general meeting on the first Monday of the month, October-June

Monthly meeting topics including guest speakers, panels, fairs, and more relevant to IEP and 504 Plan students.

Exact dates and any location changes posted to website

Website and social media will be updated monthly with upcoming agendas, handouts and minutes from previous parent meetings.

#### Website:

https://a2pac.wordpress.com/

#### Yahoo Group Contact:

A2PAC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

<u>Facebook</u>: search for *Ann Arbor Parent Advisory Committee for Special Education* 





AAPAC
Ann Arbor Parent
Advisory
Committee for
Special Education

Who we are. What we do. How we can help.



# WHAT. WHO. HOW.

#### What is AAPAC?

The Ann Arbor Parent Advisory Committee for Special Education (AAPAC) is a group of parents whose focus is on supporting children in AAPS who have IEPs or 504 Plans.

#### Who is included in AAPAC?

Any parent or guardian of a student with an IEP or a 504 Plan. Our volunteer executive board and individual building reps provide parents with a helping hand to go to anytime with questions.

#### How do we do it?

AAPAC meets monthly in the evenings during the regular school year to share ideas and to collaborate with district administrators about important issues and concerns for students with special needs and diverse abilities.

We also share resources through our meetings, website, and social media. Our members are able to be on building interview committees.

## How can I help?

We always have openings for volunteer building reps at our schools. Please contact any AAPAC officer to find out more. Our building reps can offer a guiding hand to others parents or guardians in their building who are on the same journey. They act as a referral point for getting help.

Our volunteer executive board also has openings for parents who would like to collaborate directly with AAPS administration via monthly in-person (daytime) meetings, take minutes, organize the monthly informational meetings for parents, and share news online.

Contact <u>aapacexecboard@vahoogroups.com</u> for info.

# Q&A

#### What can AAPAC do for me?

AAPAC can provide resources, contact with new and experienced parents, an understanding of where the district is going and ensure the parents' voice is heard in policy decisions. It is a source to help navigate the special education maze within AAPS.

#### How can I contact AAPAC?

Executive Board email:

### aapacexecboard@yahoogroups.com

Elementary, Middle and High School individual building representative contact directory is located at:

## https://a2pac.wordpress.com/

Our executive board members and building reps will not share your information with other parents or administration without seeking your permission to advocate for you.

#### For More Information:

Links to special education resources such as a summer camp lists, advocacy manual, and Ann Arbor & Michigan associations are at:

https://a2pac.wordpress.com/helpful-links/