

Community Advisory Committee

The Community Advisory Committee is composed of parents, educators, pupils, and adults with disabilities, representatives of public and private agencies, and persons concerned with the needs of individuals with Special Needs.

PURPOSE OF THE CAC

The purpose of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is to advocate for effective Special Education programs and services, and advise the Board of Education on priorities in the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA). The State Education Code mandates that each SELPA must have a CAC and that a majority of CAC members be parents.

Our Community Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public, everyone is welcome to attend.

Joining the CAC gives you an opportunity to have your opinions heard and make a difference in the way Special Ed is conducted in our area.

Please Join!

CAC Responsibilities

The CAC advises the governing board and the SELPA administration on Special Education programs and services. Such responsibilities shall include;

1. Reviewing the Special Education Local Plan and providing ongoing input on special education services, accountability, and outcomes.
2. Recommending annual priorities to be addressed in the Plan;
3. Advocating for, supporting, and assisting in parent education;
4. Assisting in recruiting parents and other volunteers who may contribute to the implementation of the plan;
5. Encouraging the community involvement in the development and review of the Local Plan;
6. Providing active support of students with disabilities;
7. Providing reviews and input in the development of SELPA policies, procedures, and forms.

**Riverside Unified
Special Education
Local Plan Area**

**Community
Advisory
Committee
(CAC)**

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Our Mission, Values and Objectives

Mission Statement

The Community Advisory Committee serves as a forum to provide resources to the families of children with Special Needs. The Committee will support the educational needs of these children in partnership with the Riverside Unified School District.

Values

- We believe that children with Special Needs have the same right to the same opportunities as others.
- We treat everyone with dignity and respect.
- We respect and acknowledge the role of parents and the challenges they face.
- We value our partnerships with entities who are interested in helping disabled children.

Objectives

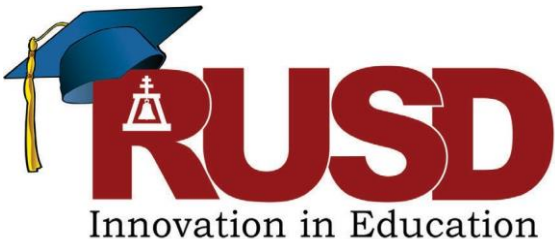
- To provide parent information through presentations, workshops, and links to other resources.
- To support educational activities for our children.
- To network with other concerned parents.
- To work in partnership with other volunteer organizations and business.
- To offer a wide range of resources and activities to our transitional students which support them in meeting their goals.

What can the CAC do for me?

- Provide parent information.
- Serve as a bridge to resources available for our children in the community.
- Provide access to the SELPA staff and educational resources.
- Network with other parents.

How can I become part of the CAC meetings?

- Attend our meetings.
- Volunteer for committee work.
- Share information and talents.
- Submit nomination forms for professional, parent, student and program recognition.



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How can the CAC benefit my child?

The more you know, the more empowered you become. This allows you to effectively participate in your child's IEP.

Who can attend?

Everybody! All meetings are open to the public.

Do my ideas count?

Yes, the CAC is member-driven. Members are encouraged to help build the focus of the group by collaboratively working together.

When does the CAC meet?

Our meeting schedule is posted on the RUSD website under Special Education Department/CAC tab. Check our CAC calendar/links or contact the SELPA office.