

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 196
Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Public Schools
Educating, developing, and inspiring our students for lifelong success.

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Title **Special Education Advisory Council**

1. **Purpose** – The purpose of the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) is to increase the involvement of parents of children with disabilities in district policy making and decision making.
2. **Role**
 - 2.1 The SEAC receives reports and gives input and advice concerning the goals and objectives of special education programming in District 196.
 - 2.2 The SEAC represents the interests of district learners with disabilities from birth until age 22.
 - 2.3 The SEAC advises the Special Education Department on current issues, program development, parental concerns and involvement, and department priorities.
 - 2.4 The SEAC serves as an advocate for high quality special education programs.
 - 2.5 The SEAC promotes communication between family, school and community, actively seeking input from students and parents.
3. **Membership**
 - 3.1 The SEAC is comprised of up to 25 individuals with a shared interest in the provision of special education services to students with disabilities. At least half of SEAC members must be parents of students with a disability and at least one member must be a parent of a nonpublic school student with a disability, or an employee of a nonpublic school if no parent of a nonpublic school student with a disability is available to serve.
 - 3.2 The director of special education and up to three members of the School Board serve as ex-officio members of SEAC.
 - 3.3 Member terms begin with the first SEAC meeting in the fall. Terms are for two years and are staggered. Members shall be eligible to serve two consecutive two-year terms.
 - 3.4 New members are selected by SEAC at the last meeting of the school year, and approved by the School Board.
4. **Meetings**
 - 4.1 The SEAC holds at least one meeting each year, as determined by the council, and members communicate electronically between meetings.
 - 4.2 SEAC meetings are publicized on the district website.
 - 4.3 SEAC meetings are open to the public. The SEAC may, at its discretion, permit members of the public to address the council.
 - 4.4 The director of special education ensures that minutes are taken at each meeting and maintains a copy in district records.

References:

- Minnesota Statute 125A.24, Parent Advisory Councils