

What is the Special Education Advisory Committee?

The Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) works with the School Board, administrators, parents, and teachers who are responsible for students receiving special education services.

How can the Special Education Advisory Committee help you?

It can help you better understand how to work with the school division and how special education can meet the needs of children and youth with disabilities.

Who may attend Special Education Advisory Committee meetings?

All meetings are open to the public. The SEAC welcomes anyone interested in special education. There is designated time for public comment during the meeting. This is an opportunity to share successful educational experiences and express general concerns regarding educational issues for students with disabilities.



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2025–26

SCHOOL	REPRESENTATIVE
Apple Pie Ridge ES	Kate Movius
Armel ES	Brad Comstock
Bass-Hoover ES	Amy Rabren
Evendale ES	Kate Palmer
Greenwood Mill ES	Emma Claborn
Indian Hollow ES	Mallory Beiler
Jordan Springs ES	Alisa Cole
Middletown ES	Sam Scalph, <i>Vice Chair</i>
Orchard View ES	Brittany Kesinger
Stonewall ES	Brooke Smith
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Sherando HS	Lori Barbe, <i>Chair</i> , Parisa Coffman
NREP	Levy Romero
Student Representative	Emily Smith
Teacher Representative	Linda Stasiak
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SEAC: SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE



**Advocating for the
educational needs of
children with disabilities**

They are students who have been diagnosed with one or more of the following conditions:

- ## Who serves on the committee?

Members are appointed by the local School Board. The majority of the committee must be either parents of children with disabilities or individuals with disabilities. Membership must also include one teacher. Additionally, membership may include public/county human service agency representatives, community/civic organization representatives, and/or business/industry representatives.

The Director of Special Instructional Services and several members of the SIS staff serve as consultants to the committee.

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What is the function of the Special Education Advisory Committee?

- a. Advise the local school division of needs in the education of children with disabilities;
- b. Participate in the development of priorities and strategies for meeting the identified needs of children with disabilities;
- c. Submit periodic reports and recommendations regarding the education of children with disabilities to the division superintendent for transmission to the local School Board;
- d. Assist the local school division in interpreting plans to the community for meeting the special needs of children with disabilities for educational services;
- e. Review the policies and procedures for the provision of special education and related services prior to submission to the local School Board; and
- f. Participate in the review of the local school division's annual plan.

For complete Virginia regulations, refer to 8 VAC 20-81-230.

When does the SEAC meet?

The SEAC meets five times a year from 6:00–7:00 p.m. The meetings are held at the James Wood MS Library, located at 1313 Amherst Street, Winchester, VA 22601.

2025-26 SEAC Meetings

September 29, 2025
November 17, 2025
February 9, 2026
March 23, 2026
April 13, 2026