

Marin County SELPA
Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting
September 22, 2026
9:30 – 11:00 AM

1111 Las Gallinas Avenue, San Rafael, CA

AGENDA

Interpreter available upon request
(48-hour notice is required)

1. Call to Order
2. Establishment of a Quorum
3. Public Comment
Government Code § 54954.3 provides that the public will have an opportunity to address the board on any item described on a regular or special meeting agenda either before or during the consideration of the item. Per MCOE Board Policy 9323, members of the public shall have an opportunity to address any item on the agenda either before or during the consideration of the item. Individual speakers will be allowed two (2) minutes to address the OSC on each agenda or non-agenda item, and the total time for public input on each item will be limited to twenty (20) minutes
4. Action Items
 - a. Approval of Minutes from March 24, 2026 SEAC meeting
The Minutes from the March 24, 2026 SEAC Meeting will be presented for adoption.
 - b. Approval of Agenda for September 22, 2026 SEAC Meeting
The Agenda for the September 22, 2026 SEAC Meeting will be presented for adoption.
5. Information Items
 - a. SEAC Chairperson Report
Information and communication will be presented by the SEAC Chairperson.
 - b. SEAC Advisory Steering Committee (ASC) Liaison Report
Information and communication will be presented by the SEAC ASC Liaison.
 - c. SEAC Member Report
Information and communication will be presented by each member of the SEAC.

- d. SELPA Administrator Report
Information and communication will be presented by the SELPA Director.
- 6. Discussion Items
 - a. SEAC Member Nomination(s) – Standing Item
SEAC member nomination(s) will be presented by the SELPA Administrator for consideration.
 - b. High Quality IEPs Parent Resource Toolkit
Information will be shared regarding a new parent resource created by the High Quality IEP State Resource Lead and discussion regarding how the SEAC can share this resource with parents in the Marin County SELPA.
 - c. 2026 – 2027 Marin County SELPA Parent Workshop Development
A discussion will be held regarding the development of parent workshops and training opportunities for the 2026–2027 school year, with a focus on workshop topics, dates, times, and locations.
- 7. SEAC Recommendations to SELPA Governing Board
Recommendations will be identified to move forward to the SELPA Governing Board for consideration.
- 8. Future Planning
Topics and/or areas for future SEAC discussion(s) will be identified and/or reviewed, as needed.
- 9. Next Meeting Date: November 17, 2026 at 9:30 am at Marin County Office of Education
- 10. Adjournment

Marin County SELPA
Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting
March 24, 2026
9:30 – 11:00 AM
1111 Las Gallinas Avenue, San Rafael, CA
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Kristin Cikowski called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM.

2. Establishment of a Quorum

A quorum was established with four (4) members in attendance. The following members were present Kristin Cikowski, Arwen Brown, Christina Fass, Birget Switenki, and Kimberly Zian.

3. Public Comment

Code § 54954.3 provides that the public will have an opportunity to address the committee on any item described on a regular or special meeting agenda either before or during the consideration of the item. Per MCOE Board Policy 8566, each person shall limit comments to five (5) minutes.

There was no public comment.

4. Action Items

a. Approval of Minutes from January 27, 2026 SEAC meeting

The Minutes from the January 27, 2026 SEAC Meeting will be presented for adoption.

The minutes from the January 27, 2026 SEAC Meeting were adopted as presented.

Motion: Kristen Cikowski Second: Birget Switenki Carried: Unanimous

b. Approval of Agenda for March 24, 2026 SEAC Meeting

The Agenda for the March 24, 2026 SEAC Meeting will be presented for adoption.

The Agenda for March 24, 2026 SEAC Meeting was adopted as presented.

Motion: Kristin Cikowski Second: Birgit Switenki Carried: Unanimous

c. SEAC Meeting 2026 – 2027 Calendar

The 2026 – 2027 Special Education Advisory Meeting Calendar will be presented

for adoption.

The 2026 – 2027 Special Education Advisory Meeting Calendar was approved as presented.

Motion: Kristin Cikowski Second: Arwen Brown Carried: Unanimous

5. Information Items

a. SEAC Chairperson Report

Information and communication will be presented by the SEAC Chairperson.

The SEAC Chairperson shared an attendance update from the first two SEAC workshops. The Navigating Eligibility for Special Education workshop held on February 26 had 3 attendees out of 5 registered. The IEP Journey: Beginning, Middle, and End workshop on March 3 had 2 attendees out of 6 registered. The Chairperson also noted that Novato USD hosted several neurodiversity related activities in March, including the Neurodiversity Fair held at San Marin High School on March 20, 2026.

b. SEAC Advisory Steering Committee (ASC) Liaison Report

Information and communication will be presented by the SEAC ASC Liaison.

The SEAC Advisory Steering Committee Liaison shared the following information:

- ***Updates covered the 2026–2027 Master Contract, SB 88 transportation requirements, clarification of instructional minutes, and the need for district calendar revisions.***
- ***Additional guidance was provided on Education Code requirements related to notifying the CDE when law enforcement is contacted, teacher certification requirements, and clarified staff-to-student ratios.***
- ***Updates on outstanding Master Contracts and ISAs***
- ***New instructional minute requirements for NPS programs***
- ***AB 1159, which strengthens protections for student personal information***
- ***AB 2241, supporting inclusive playground development***
- ***SB 373, requiring districts to provide procedural safeguards directly to parents and students beginning July 1, 2026***

6. SELPA Administrator Report

Information and communication will be presented by the SELPA Coordinator.

The SELPA Administrator shared the following information:

The current Facilities MCOE 5-Year Plan, which concludes at the end of the 2025–26 school year, outlines each district's classroom obligations for the 2026–2031 cycle, with April 1 as the deadline for LEAs to submit required information. Using a snapshot of students enrolled in MCOE programs, facility obligations were calculated for each

district, and notices were issued prior to March 1. By April 1, districts must provide SELPA and MCOE with the specific classroom locations they have available to meet their obligations.

7. Discussion Items

- a. SEAC Member Nomination(s) – Standing Item
SEAC member nomination(s) will be presented by the SELPA Administrator for consideration.

The SELPA coordinator provided the committee with the current SEAC membership roster. There were no new nominations.

- b. Parent Workshop 2026 Series Promotion
The members of SEAC will identify strategies to promote the committee at upcoming parent workshops and ensure a representative is present at each event.

The SEAC discussed re-manning dates and identified attendees for each workshop. All upcoming re-manning workshops are fully covered, with at least one representative assigned to each.

8. SEAC Recommendations to SELPA Governing Board

Recommendations will be identified to move forward to the SELPA Governing Board for consideration.

The SEAC had no recommendations for the Marin County SELPA.

9. Future Planning

Topics and/or areas for future SEAC discussion(s) will be identified and/or reviewed, as needed.

The Committee identified the following topics for future discussion:

- ***The SEAC is interested in collaborating with districts to develop an annual special education community event to promote awareness, inclusion, and recognition of outstanding special education staff.***
- ***Discussion on how to support and honor neurodiversity countywide 2026 -2027 school year.***
- ***Parent Outreach to Increase Awareness of SEAC for 2026-2027 school year.***
- ***Parent Education Opportunities Workshops fall 2026.***
 - ***The SEAC wants to explore recording capabilities for next year's workshops.***

10. Next Meeting Date: May 5, 2026 at 9:30 am at Marin County Office of Education

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 am.

Motion: Birgit Switenki Second: Arwen Brown Carried: Unanimous

2026 - 2027 Marin County SELPA Goals

Domain: Continuous Program Improvement

Goal: Enhance and sustain a culture of continuous improvement across member districts by strengthening systems of compliance, behavioral programming, and implementation of evidence-based practices to support positive outcomes for students with disabilities.

Task/Activity: Provide Compliance and Improvement Monitoring (CIM) technical assistance to 100% of identified member districts.

Timeline: September 2026 – June 2027

Responsibility: SELPA Office/Director

Task/Activity: Deliver a minimum of three (3) SELPA-supported professional learning opportunities focused on evidence-based practices for students with autism.

Timeline: October 2026 – May 2027

Responsibility: SELPA Office/Director

Task/Activity: Support the delivery of a minimum of three (3) professional learning opportunities focused on positive behavioral supports.

Timeline: September 2026 – April 2027

Responsibility: SELPA Office/Director

Task/Activity: Support the delivery of three (3) collaborative learning opportunities related to the implementation of universal design for learning strategies.

Timeline: October 2026 – May 2027

Responsibility: SELPA Office/Director

Evidence of Completion: Training Materials, CIM Plans, LEA Surveys

Responsibility: SELPA Director

2026 - 2027 Marin County SELPA Goals

Domain: Local Governance - Local Plan Development

Goal: Ensure the SELPA Local Plan remains responsive, compliant, and reflective of member district priorities through a collaborative review of Section B and development of Section C (Assurances).

Task/Activity: Establish an Ad Hoc Local Plan Committee with representation from member Local Education Agencies and relevant educational partners.

Timeline: October 2026

Responsibility: SELPA Director

Task/Activity: Conduct a minimum of six (6) committee meetings to review Section B and develop Section C (Assurances).

Timeline: October 2026 – May 2027

Responsibility: SELPA Office/Director

Task/Activity: Solicit educational partner input and document consideration of feedback throughout the revision process.

Timeline: November 2026 – May 2027

Responsibility: SELPA Office/Director

Task/Activity: Complete recommended revisions to Section B and development of Section C within established state timelines.

Timeline: May 2027

Responsibility: SELPA Office/Director

Task/Activity: Present proposed revisions and assurances to the Operational Steering Committee for review and approval.

Timeline: June 2027

Responsibility: SELPA Director

Evidence of Completion: Meeting Agendas and Local Plan

Responsibility: SELPA Director

2026 - 2027 Marin County SELPA Goals

Domain: Program Development – CAPTAIN Leadership & Sustainable Practices

Goal: Build regional capacity for inclusive practices through CAPTAIN Demonstration Site implementation, cadre member development, coaching, and sustainability planning to ensure continued growth and success beyond direct SELPA support.

Task/Activity: Train and support new Cadre members through CAPTAIN Summit participation, training, coaching, and APERS implementation.

Timeline: September 2026 – June 2027

Responsibility: Regional Implementation Lead/SELPA Director

Task/Activity: Complete all Year 2 Demonstration Site activities and deliverables.

Timeline: August 2026 – June 2027

Responsibility: SELPA CAPTAIN Cadre/Director

Task/Activity: Administer the Autism Program Environment Rating Scale (APERS) at the Lucas Valley Site.

Timeline: April 2027

Responsibility: Regional Implementation Lead/CAPTAIN Cadre

Task/Activity: Host Demonstration Site visitation opportunities for educators and leaders to observe evidence-based practices, learn from colleagues, and access tools and resources that support local implementation efforts

Timeline: January – May 2027

Responsibility: Regional Implementation Lead/SELPA Office/Director

Task/Activity: Establish a sustainability plan to support Demonstration Site implementation in Year 3 without ongoing SELPA facilitation.

Timeline: June 2027

Responsibility: SELPA Office/Director

Evidence of Completion: Meeting Agendas, Coaching and Training Logs, Site Visit Materials

Responsibility: SELPA Director

2026 - 2027 Marin County SELPA Goals

Domain: Family Engagement and Advisory Committee Participation

Goal: Cultivate meaningful family partnerships by strengthening the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), increasing SEAC representation and participation, and expanding opportunities for families to engage in learning and advisory roles within the SELPA.

Task/Activity: Increase active SEAC membership by at least 50% through targeted recruitment and outreach efforts.

Timeline: October 2026 – May 2027

Responsibility: SELPA Office/Director

Task/Activity: Offer at least three family learning opportunities addressing topics identified through the SEAC.

Timeline: November 2026 – May 2027

Responsibility: SELPA Office/Director

Task/Activity: Increase participation in SEAC learning opportunities from underrepresented districts.

Timeline: November 2026 – June 2027

Responsibility: SELPA Office/Director

Task/Activity: Engage the SEAC in Local Plan development and continuous improvement planning

Timeline: June 2027

Responsibility: SELPA Office/Director

Evidence of Completion: Meeting Agendas, Participant Rosters, Workshop Materials

Responsibility: SELPA Office/Director



Marin County SELPA 2026-2027 Professional Learning Opportunities

Legal

Legal Updates for Education Specialists, School Psychologists & Related Service Providers (Virtual)
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm January 27

Legal Updates for Administrators and Administrative Designees (Virtual)
9:00 am - 10:00 am February 10

Special Education Legal Hot Topics: Monthly Lunch Series (Virtual)
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm October 12, January 25, & March 22

Behavior

Behavior Intervention and Emergency Intervention (In Person) September 29 8:30 am - 11:30 pm

Safety Care - New Certification 2-day training (In Person) 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
September 10 & September 11 and February 3rd and 4th
Cost: \$150 per person (2-days)

Transition Planning

Transition Planning/Alternative Pathway to a Diploma (Virtual) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
October 8 (High School Case Managers) March 2 (8th Grade Case Managers)

IEP Facilitation

Facilitating Legally Compliant IEPs - 3 part series (In Person) 8:15 am -12:00 pm
For Site Administrators and Case Managers October 22, December 10 & March 9

Coaching Sessions/Office Hours (Virtual) 12:00 pm -1:00 pm or 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
November 16, January 11, February 8, April 12

Paraeducator Series

Paraprofessional Academy: 5 Part Series (In Person) 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
September 16th, September 30, October 14, October 28, November 18



Marin County SELPA 2026-2027 Professional Learning Opportunities

SEIS

SEIS Office Hours (Virtual) 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
October 15, November 19, December 17, January 14, February 11, March 18, April 15, May 13, June 17

CALPADS

Fall 1 Office Hours (Virtual) 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
October 19 and November 2, 2026

End of Year (EOY) 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
May 17 and May 31, 2027

Administrative Support Staff

Administrative Support Staff New School Year Orientation (In Person) 9:00 am - 10:30 am
September 25, 2026

Administrative Support Staff End of Year Wrap Up (In Person) 9:00 am - 10:30 am
April 28, 2027

SELPA Community of Practices & Academies

California PBIS 3.0: Marin County Cohort

Quarterly Meetings (full day, in-person): September 15, December 8, February 9, April 13
District Participation: Reed Union, Mill Valley

Inclusion Academy 1.0

Trimester Trainings (8:30 - 2:30, in-person): October 20, January 27, and March 18
One (1) two-hour virtual session: Date TBD after first training
District Participation: Shoreline Unified, Novato Unified, Sausalito Marin City

Universal Design for Learning Community of Practice with Open Access

Trimester Trainings (12:30 - 3:30, in-person): August 12, September 22, February 23, and May 18th
Monthly Meetings (virtual) - dates and times TBD
District Participation: Ross Valley, Marin County Office of Education - Special Education

California Autism Professional Training and Information Network (CAPTAIN)

Trimester Trainings (8:30 - 12:00, in-person): October 19, January 25, March 15
Coaching (60 minutes, in-person): November, February, May - dates TBD
Office Hours (virtual, 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm): December 7 and April 19
District Participation: Bolinas Stinson, Lagunitas

**Marin County SELPA
SEAC Membership
August 2026**

MEMBER	REPRESENTING	DISTRICT	TERM EXPIRES
<i>Vacant</i>	Special Education Parent	Bolinas Stinson	<i>Vacant</i>
Arwen Brown	Special Education Parent	Miller Creek Elementary	December 31, 2026
<i>Vacant</i>	Special Education Parent	Kentfield	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>Vacant</i>	Special Education Parent	Laguna Joint	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>Vacant</i>	Special Education Parent	Lagunitas	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Special Education Parent</i>	Larkspur Corte Madera	<i>Vacant</i>
Christina Fass	Special Education Staff	Marin County Office of Education	December 31, 2026
Birgit Switenki	Community Agency	Matrix	December 31, 2026
<i>Vacant</i>	Special Education Parent	Mill Valley	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>Vacant</i>	Special Education Parent	Nicasio	<i>Vacant</i>
Kristin Cikowski	<i>Special Education Parent</i>	Novato	March 31, 2027
<i>Vacant</i>	Special Education Parent	Reed	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>Vacant</i>	Special Education Parent	Ross	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>Vacant</i>	Special Education Parent	Ross Valley	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>Vacant</i>	Special Education Parent	San Rafael Elementary	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>Vacant</i>	Special Education Parent	San Rafael High	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>Vacant</i>	Special Education Parent	Sausalito Marin City	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>Vacant</i>	Special Education Parent	Shoreline	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>Vacant</i>	Special Education Parent	Tamalpais	<i>Vacant</i>



Marin County SELPA 2026-2027 Parent Workshops

Transition Milestones

School transitions can bring both excitement and uncertainty. These workshops will help parents understand what to expect, what questions to ask, and how to prepare for each milestone in their child's educational journey. Parents will gain practical tips, learn what to expect, and discover how transitions may impact their child's IEP, services, supports, and independence. Parents will leave with practical information, increased confidence, and strategies to partner with schools and support their child's success.

Infant to School Age (Part C to B): January 7, 2027 11:30 - 12:30 (Virtual)

Elementary to High School: March 4, 2027: 11:30-12:30 (Virtual)

High School to Transition/Post- Secondary: March 16, 2027: 6:00 - 7:30pm (In-Person)

Alternative Pathways

Understanding diploma options is an important part of planning for the future. This workshop will provide parents with an overview of the alternative pathways to a high school diploma available to students receiving special education services, including key requirements, available options, and important considerations. Parents will learn what questions to ask, how to collaborate effectively with the IEP team, and how to support informed decisions that align with their child's strengths, goals, and post-secondary plans. Parents will leave with greater knowledge, tools, and increased confidence to navigate this important stage of educational planning.

January 14, 2027 11:30 - 12:30 pm (Virtual)

Emotional Disabilities

This parent training will help families understand how emotional disabilities may impact a child's learning, behavior, and school experience, and how special education can provide appropriate support. Parents will gain information about eligibility, IEP considerations, available services, and strategies for collaborating with school teams.

October 28, 2026 11:30 - 12:30 pm (Virtual)



Marin County SELPA 2026-2027 Parent Workshops

Behavior and the IEP

Supporting positive behavior starts with understanding the tools and strategies that help students succeed. This workshop will introduce parents to key behavior concepts, positive behavior interventions, and the differences between discipline and behavior intervention. Parents will learn about Behavior Intervention Plans (BIPs), other behavioral supports, and important considerations for working with school teams.

December 8, 2026 11:30 - 12:30 pm (Virtual)

IEP Communication and Strategies

This parent training series provides practical strategies for parents of students with IEPs to build positive, productive relationships and communicate effectively with members of their child's school team. Parents will learn how to prepare for IEP meetings and conversations, ask effective questions, communicate concerns and priorities, and collaborate with the team to support their child's educational success.

[Seed of Partnership: Strengthening Partnerships for Students with Disabilities Webinar Series](#)

Fourth Thursday of Each Month 11:00 - 12:00 pm (Virtual)

IEP Journey: Referral and Assessment, IEP Process, and Post- IEP Meeting

Meaningful participation in the special education process begins with understanding how it works. This workshop will help parents learn about key stages of special education, including referral and assessment, the IEP meeting, and what happens after the meeting. Parents will gain information about their rights, opportunities to provide meaningful input, and strategies for effective communication and collaboration with school teams.

The IEP Journey: Before, During, and After the Meeting

November 17, 2026 9:00 - 10:00 am (In Person, before SEAC Meeting)

January 19, 2026 11:30 - 12:30 pm (Virtual)