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PARENT RESOURCES

Massachusetts ARC

217 South Street
Waltham, MA 02453
781-891-6270
<http://www.arcmass.org>

Mass. Association of Special Education Parent Advisory Councils (MASSPAC)

P.O. Box 167
Sharon, MA 02067
617-962-4558
<http://www.masspac.org>

Federation for Children with Special Needs

1135 Tremont Street, Suite 420
Boston, MA 02120
617-236-7210/800-331-0688
Fax: 617-572-2094
<http://www.fcsn.org>

Massachusetts Advocacy Center

100 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02116
617-357-8431
<http://www.advocacyservices.org/mass-advocacy-center>

Massachusetts Department of Education

75 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148
781-338-3000
<http://www.doe.mass.edu>

Bureau of Special Education Appeals

75 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148
781-338-6400
<http://www.doe.mass.edu/bsea>

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Special Education Parent Advisory Council



*Supporting the education of
students with disabilities in
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Special Education Department

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Welcome!



The Newburyport Special Education Parents Advisory Council is composed of parents of children with special needs, staff of the school system and any other interested members of the general community. We are not an appointed Board. Meetings are open. Membership is informal. Participation, advice and suggestions are encouraged.

Our common link is the awareness that special needs children need a voice in the school system and community. We are that voice. Help us to help our kids.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Newburyport Parents Advisory Council (PAC) is to work towards appropriate education for all children with special needs through providing information, understanding and support in our community.

Why PAC?

Massachusetts Special Education regulations mandate that each school district have a parent advisory committee (PAC) to advise the district on matters that pertain to the education and safety of students with disabilities; meeting regularly with school officials to participate in the planning, development, and evaluation of the school district's special education programs.

How can PAC help my child?

Many children are served by an IEP (Individual Education Program). The Newburyport PAC can serve as a link between your child and the special needs programs, services and personnel of our community and school system. We provide a network of support, relevant information, training and resources to your family. We stay current and can keep you current on public education policy—locally, at a state level and nationally.



PAC Goals & Objectives

- Provide guidance for parents, access to relevant information, regulations and laws, training and emotional support.
- Work with the school community to continue to improve educational opportunities to continue to improve the educational opportunities within and outside our schools in order to promote improved educational outcomes for children with disabilities.
- Promote communication and programs within the community in an effort to provide greater understanding, acceptance, compassion and inclusion of children with Special Needs.
- Stay up-to-date on public policy issues that impact all education in Massachusetts and respond as necessary.

2011-2012 Meeting Schedule

October 20th

November 10th

January 5th

February 9th

March 8th

April 12th

May 10th

All meetings begin at 7:30PM in the library of the Rupert A. Nock Middle School. Please check the Special Education web site for meeting topics at Newburyport.k12.ma.us

PAC Chairpersons

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