



PORTER COUNTY EDUCATION SERVICES

SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



PARENTS HELPING PARENTS

We are

- addressing system-level challenges affecting students with disabilities and their families.
- acting as liaisons while working collaboratively with the Executive Director sharing comments and concerns.
- a source of information for parents to steer them in the right direction.

We are not

- a Special Education PTO/PTA which plans fundraisers, activities, or other events.
- focused on individual advocacy or a single issue.
- an advocacy group that focuses on upholding rights from outside the system.

Source: National SEPAC Handbook

What is the PCES SEPAC?

The Porter County Education Services Special Education Parent Advisory Council (PCES SEPAC) is a parent-driven group that provides input and makes recommendations on Special Education policy, practices, programs and services that have an impact on students with disabilities and their families. SEPAC parent representatives will act as liaisons to share comments/concerns, however does not have formal authority to issue directives or set policy. We work collaboratively with the PCES Executive Director to create change.

Contact us!

If you need any advice or just want to talk to another parent in your district about special education matters, please email us along with the district name and your inquiry will be forwarded to the parent representative(s) in your district.

pcesparentgroup@pces.k12.in.us

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Acronym List

AAC	Alternative Augmentative Communication	IEE	Independent Educational Evaluation
AT	Assistive Technology	IEP	Individualized Education Program
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder	IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan
BIP	Behavioral Intervention Plan	IHO	Independent Hearing Officer
BLV	Blind or Low Vision	ISTAR	Indiana Standards for Alternative Reporting
CCC	Case Conference Committee	ITP	Individualized Transition Plan
CSEP	Choice Scholarship Education Plan	LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
CD	Cognitive Delay	LSI	Language or Speech Impairment
CF	Cystic Fibrosis	MD	Multiple Disabilities
CP	Cerebral Palsy	M-TEAM	Multidisciplinary Team
CST	Child Study Team	NOPS	Notice of Procedural Safeguards
DB	Deaf-Blind	OHI	Other Health Impairment
DD	Developmental Delay	OI	Orthopedic Impairment
DPH	Due Process Hearing	OT	Occupational Therapy
DS	Down Syndrome	PAR	Public Agency Representative
DHH	Deaf or Hard of Hearing	PD	Physical Disability
ECA	End of Course Assessment	PP	Paraprofessional
ECE	Early Childhood Education	PLOPs	Present Levels of Performance
ED	Emotional Disability	PT	Physical Therapy
EI	Educational Interpreter	RTI	Response to Intervention
ESD	Extended School Day	SBOE	State Board of Education
ESL	English as a Second Language	SE	Special Education
ESY	Extended School Year	SI	Sensory Integration
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education	SLP	Speech Language Pathologist
FBA	Functional Behavior Assessment	SLD	Specific Learning Disability
FERPA	Family Education Rights and Privacy Act	SOP	Summary of Performance
GE	General Education	SP	Service Plan
IAC	Indiana Administrative Code	TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
IAES	Interim Alternative Education Setting	TOR	Teacher of Record
ID	Intellectual Disability	TOS	Teacher of Service
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act	VI	Visual Impairment
IDOE	Indiana Department of Education	VR	Vocational Rehabilitation

Did you know...

- In Indiana, an IEP team is referred to as a Case Conference Committee. *511 IAC 7-42-5*
- Parents can request a Case Conference Committee at anytime throughout the school year. *511 IAC 7-42-5(a)(3)*
- Article 7 is Indiana's version of Special Education law and is the same law the parent, school, and student must follow. *511 IAC 7-42-3*
- The role of the parent is an equal member of the Case Conference Committee. *511 IAC 7-42-3(b)(5)*

Meet your Parent
Representatives!

