



I Don't Agree With The IEP... Now What?

What Steps Are Available?

- **Request an IEP Meeting/Case Conference:** With goal of having meaningful conversations with IEP team.
- **Document Your Disagreement**
- **10-School-Day Rule:** If you indicate disagreement within 10 school days of receiving the proposed IEP, the school generally cannot implement the disputed changes, and the current IEP stays in place (referred to as a "stay put").
- **Option of requesting a Facilitated IEP:** No cost service, available at the request of schools and parents for conflict prevention and resolution.
- **Option of requesting an Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE):** If you disagree with the school's evaluation, you have the right to request a second opinion from an independent evaluator at no cost to you.

Formal Dispute Resolution

If meeting again does not resolve the issue, Indiana offers formal dispute resolution options:

Complaint: A claim that a school has not implemented federal or state special education rules, or has failed to comply with an order issued by an independent hearing officer.

Mediation: A free, confidential process where a trained mediator helps you and the school reach an agreement.

Due Process Hearing: A formal legal proceeding before an independent hearing officer. This should be used for significant disagreements, often with the help of an attorney.

Reporting hierarchy for concerns/questions:

Teacher Of Record → Building Principal → District Director

Meet Your TEAM

Executive Director: Dr. Erin Hawkins

Duneland: Jackie Hood,
Rebecca Shellito

E.P./Kouts: Jessica Kruger

E.P./Morgan: Jaclyn Rodriguez

Portage: Cass Pogue

Porter: Alexis Kegebein, Maja Nikolov

SELF School: Kaley Piercy

Valpo: Jessica Witherspoon, Jill Isley



Resources & Support

IN*SOURCE:

Provides special education training and support to Indiana families.

Indiana Disability Rights:

Assists with navigating legal rights regarding education.

Ability Allies:

Provides legal advice and advocacy for families who cannot afford an attorney.



2025/2026 SEPAC OVERVIEW

- ◆ Partnered with 8 schools and attended Back to School Events
- ◆ Hosted our first Meet Your CommUNITY Resource Fair
- ◆ Local & Statewide Guest Speaking Engagements
- ◆ Held CommUNITY Meetings at new locations, including partnering with Wheeler

As parents on this same journey of parenting a student with an IEP, we want you to know we are here for you!

You are not alone on this journey!

Visit Our Website at: pces.k12.in.us/sepac

Your SEPAC Team Is Preparing For 2026-2027 Year & Wants To Hear From YOU



Thank You!

We look forward to hearing your input for the 2026/2027 School Year!

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