

You're invited!

In order for the WCPS SECAC to be an effective advisory committee, parental and community participation is needed and welcomed. Our meetings may feature guest speakers. Please join us at the following meeting dates from 6:30-8:00pm:

September 27

October 25

November 15

No December meeting

January 17

February 28

March 27

April 24

May 22

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make a difference

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What is the Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee (SECAC) of the Washington County Public Schools?

The Washington County Public Schools Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee (SECAC) is part of a statewide network of advisory committees that are required by state and federal law.

The Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires that each State operate a statewide advisory panel. In accordance with the law, Maryland has a Special Education State Advisory Committee (SESAC). The mission of the SESAC is to advise and assist the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services in administering, promoting, planning, coordinating, and improving the delivery of special education and related services to assure that all children with disabilities, three through 21 years of age, and their families have access to appropriate education and related services.

The Maryland State Department of Education supports the development of local advisory committees in each local school system. Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee enables a local director of special education to seek meaningful input from parents, community partners, service providers, and school administrators on local issues relative to the provision of a free appropriate public education and the achievement of students with disabilities.

What is the Purpose of the Local SECAC?

The WCPS SECAC provides the opportunity for parents, educators, community leaders and community resource agencies to work together, to provide meaningful input and to optimize the efficiency of special education.

The WCPS SECAC aligns its mission to promote district educational goals, with recognition that students with special needs will aspire to reach each of the following goals in accordance to their unique individual educational programs and abilities:

- GOAL 1 Enhance early learning opportunities in Washington County Public Schools' (WCPS) prekindergarten and kindergarten**
- GOAL 2 Allocate district resources to maximize operational and instructional efficiencies to support student learning**
- GOAL 3 Improve literacy and overall student achievement**
- GOAL 4 Promote communication and collaboration with all stakeholders**

Why should you join SECAC?

- You will have the opportunity to improve the education of students with disabilities.
- You will have the opportunity to have input into local and state policy making decisions.
- You will have the opportunity to network with other parents, professionals, and service providers.
- You will have the opportunity to enhance and strengthen existing partnerships between parents, families, community leaders, and educators.

Your Voice Can Make a Difference!

If you have specific concerns, please address each one with your child's Individual Education Plan team and the administration of your school first.

For general questions, concerns, suggestions for SECAC presentations, or feedback on special education programming please e-mail the SECAC officers at:

secac@wcps.k12.md.us