



Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meetings

The focus of the Suffolk Special Education Advisory Committee is to:

- Advise the School Board of needs in the education of children with disabilities.
- Participate in the development of priorities and strategies for meeting the identified needs of children with disabilities.
- Submit periodic reports and recommendations regarding the education of children with disabilities to the Superintendent for transmission to the school board.
- Assist SPS in interpreting plans to the community for meeting the special needs of children with disabilities for educational services.
- Review the policies and procedures for the provision of special education and related services prior to submission to the School Board; and
- Participate in the review of the SPS annual plan, prior to submission to the School Board.

Please come out and join the Suffolk Special Education Advisory Committee which meets every other month, **6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Kings Fork Middle School**. Meetings will also be available virtually through a link on the SEAC webpage. Meetings are open to the public.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled as follows:

May 19, 2021

July 21, 2021

For more information, please contact:

Chairperson, **Pamela Charles**, at PCharles.seac@gmail.com

Vice Chairperson, **Saul Godinez**, at Godinezsl@verizon.net



SEAC needs new members for the 2021-2022 school year. For information on how you can help to improve Special Education in SPS, contact SEAC.



Special Education Parent Resource Center (PRC)

The Special Education Parent Resource Center (PRC) provides resources, advice, and guidance to families, students, educators, and community members. Together, we help our children and youth develop and live full, productive lives to the maximum extent possible.

If you need help navigating the Special Education maze, need access to resources, have questions about available services, or need help in resolving issues related to services, please contact the PRC.

A listing of available resources in the PRC Lending Library may be found on the SPS PRC website at https://www.spsk12.net/departments/special-education/parent_resource_center_-_special_education. Resources are currently being inventoried and additional material will soon be added to the list. If you would like to suggest additional resources, please contact Vivian Evett at the telephone number or email address below.

Currently, the **PRC is open virtually, Monday through Friday from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., except on Wednesdays when in-person appointments are available**. Additional hours are available by appointment. The PRC is located in Booker T. Washington Elementary School at **204 Walnut Street, Room 305**, in Suffolk.

For more information, please contact Vivian Evett at:

(757) 925-5785 or VivianEvett@spsk12.net.

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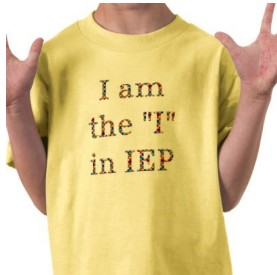
Special Points Of Interest

- Next SEAC Meeting May 19th at 6:30 p.m. at KFMS and available virtually.
- Special Education PRC available in-person (Please call for appointment).
- PRC hours of operation Monday - Friday, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Upcoming Workshops/Training Opportunities

Upcoming Parent Resource Center Workshops



The Special Education Parent Resource Center will host workshops and training sessions to support students receiving services in special education and their families. These workshops will focus on topics such as:

- Understanding Special Education processes
- Developing effective Individual Education Programs (IEP)
- Creating successful plans to transition from high school
- Resolving issues in services

For more information on upcoming PRC workshops,

please contact Vivian Evett at VivianEvett@spsk12.net or visit the PRC website at:

https://www.spsk12.net/departments/special-education/parent_resource_center_-_special_education.

Upcoming Workshops from Other Agencies

<u>Date</u>	<u>Title/Link</u>	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Focus</u>
May 3 - May 10, 2021	7th Annual Advocacy Online Symposium https://peatc.org/event/7th-annual-advocacy-online-symposium/	PEATC/VDOE	Importance of self-advocacy, new seclusion and restraint regulations, mental health and social wellness, conflict resolution, national special education priorities, dispute resolution, transition and more.
May 6, 2021	Turning 18 in Virginia: What Individuals with Disabilities Need to Consider https://peatc.org/event/turning-18-in-virginia-what-individuals-with-disabilities-need-to-consider-2/	PEATC/VDOE	Discusses legal, financial, medical, and educational challenges of the age of majority for people with disabilities.
May 11, 2021	Don't Forget to Remember: Tools to Support Memory https://www.pacer.org/workshops/	PACER	Provides a variety of apps, programs, devices, and strategies to help youth remember things such as instructions, tasks, appointments, and more.
May 11, 2021	Life Planning Series: Special & Supplemental Needs Trusts https://www.pacer.org/workshops/	PACER	Focuses on power of attorney, health care directives, special and supplemental needs trusts, ABLE Accounts, and stimulus payments for SSI recipients.
May 15- June 19, 2021	Early Childhood Academy https://peatc.org/event/early-childhood-academy-2021-spring/	PEATC/VDOE	Navigating the Early Childhood system in Virginia, parents as 1st teachers, early childhood services, special education, resources available to parents of young children with disabilities.
May 18, 2021	What's So Special About Turning Three? https://www.pacer.org/workshops/	PACER	Families on IFSPs learn how to actively participate in the transition from Early Intervention Services to Preschool Special Education services/other community-based services.
May 19 - May 22, 2021	Behavior Summit https://peatc.org/event/2021-behavior-summit/	PEATC/VDOE	Basic understanding of the science of behavior, importance of data in evaluating behavior, developing strategies to address it, Functional Behavioral Assessments, Behavior Intervention Plans, new Restraint and Seclusion regulations.
May 24, 2021	Top 10 Mistakes to Avoid in Transition Planning/Evaluation https://peatc.org/event/top-10-mistakes-to-avoid-in-transition-planning-evaluation/	PEATC/VDOE	Top ten mistakes to avoid during post-secondary transition planning, vocational evaluations, involving students to empower families, as well as post-secondary employment, education and independent living.



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More Upcoming Workshops from Other Agencies

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May 26, 2021	A Comparison of Augmentative Communication iPad Apps https://www.pacer.org/workshops/	PACER	Provides a brief comparison of some of the major iPad apps for augmentative and alternative communication - learn about the defining features that make each app unique.
May 27, 2021	Planning for Educational Inclusion: A Viewing of "Including Samuel" https://www.pacer.org/workshops/	PACER	Documentary designed to help schools, families, community groups, and others work toward educational inclusion in an informed and innovative way, examines the educational and social inclusion of youth and young adults with disabilities.
June 2, 2021	Legal Rights and Options for Youth Receiving Employment Services https://www.pacer.org/workshops/	PACER	Focuses on employment services available for young people with disabilities and what rights youth have when receiving employment services, including employment services under Home and Community-Based Services waivers and vocational rehabilitation services.
June 6 - June 21, 2021	Capacity Building for IEP Teams https://peatc.org/event/capacity-building-2021-june-session/	PEATC/VDOE	Designed to help IEP teams build capacity around participating in IEP meetings and collaboration, seven elements of highly effective IEP teams, practical strategies aimed at helping future IEP meetings be more positive, productive and collaborative.
June 9, 2021	The Keys to Job Success: Tools to Support Executive Function https://www.pacer.org/workshops/	PACER	Explores technology to support executive function at work. Topics will include managing time, staying organized, completing tasks, and maintaining focus. Demonstrations will include devices and mobile apps.
June 14 - June 17, 2021	I'm Determined Youth and Parent Summit http://www.imdetermined.org/youth-summit/	I'm Determined	Youth with disabilities, ages 13-21, and parents who support their youth, meet to network and discuss issues of importance to youth and young adults with disabilities.
June 24, 2021	Exploring Switches, Keyboards, and Other Access Tools https://www.pacer.org/workshops/	PACER	Discusses tools providing alternative means of accessing devices, computers, and more. Provides a broad overview of tools including switches, interfaces, adaptive mice, alternative keyboards, and more.
July 18 - July 20, 2021	I'm Determined MOVE Summit https://www.imdetermined.org/event/move-summit/	I'm Determined	Empowering African-American males with disabilities to overcome barriers, become self-determined, and to graduate high school college and career ready.



FIELD DAY AT NIKE PARK

SATURDAY. MAY 22nd 3:00-5:00 PM
NIKE PARK PICNIC PAVILION
 13036 Nike Park Rd. Carrollton VA
 Rain date: Sunday, May 23rd - same time & place



SNACKS AND DRINKS WILL BE SERVED
 Outdoor games and activities for adults with special needs and their families.
 Open to surrounding communities.

Representatives from local and area organizations will be on hand to offer information on programs and resources for adults with special needs.

For more information: jjeffrey@isleofwightus.net, (757) 357-2291.
 Sponsored by the **Isle of Wight County Task Force on Adults with Special Needs.**
CDC Guidelines will be followed to ensure the safety of all.
PLEASE WEAR A MASK.



Special Education Parent Resource Center

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Have questions about the Special Education Process



Relief from Broadband Service Fees Available to Eligible Households!
Enrollment begins **May 12th**
For more info:
<https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit>

Contact the Parent Resource Center for more information on:

- Advocating for Your Student
- Child Find Services
- Special Education Process
- Individual Education Programs (IEP)
- Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)
- Parent Support Groups and Networking
- Transitioning from School to Adulthood
- Workshops/Training Opportunities

Check us out online at:

https://www.spsk12.net/departments/special-education/parent_resource_center_-_special_education



Hope and Happiness

Local Social Opportunities for People with Special Needs

Hope and Happiness is a Suffolk-based group that provides recreational and social opportunities for the special needs population in Hampton Roads.

If you have questions or if you would like to participate with an individual or group with special needs, **please contact Donna Saffold – 757-484-4490, Betty Lamonea at 757-686-8316, or Lynn Pratt at 757-986-3353.**

Events include: parties and dances, Norfolk Tides games, carnivals, picnics, and more!

Most events are held at The Family Life Center of Ebenezer United Methodist Church at 1589 Steeple Drive in Suffolk.

If you have limited online access or prefer printed copies of the information included in this newsletter, please contact Vivian Evett at (757) 925-5785, VivianEvett@spsk12.net, or visit the PRC website at:

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