

# What is SEPAC?

The Special Education Parent Advisory Council is a volunteer organization made up of families of students with special needs within the Hadley community. This includes Hadley Preschool, Hadley Elementary School, Hopkins Academy, School of Choice students, and Hadley students at private/out-of-district placement schools.




“...The school community of any city, town, or school district shall establish a parent advisory council on special education. Membership shall be offered to all parents of children with disabilities and other interested parties. The parent advisory council duties shall include but not be limited to: advising the school committee 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 committee’s special education programs...”

(Section 3 of Chapter 71B MA special education law)

## Contact Hadley SEPAC



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## Hadley Public Schools Special Education Parent Advisory Council



**Welcomes you!**

## Members of SEPAC

- Parents and/or guardians of children who receive any type of special education services or accommodations in school, including an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 accommodation, or an out-of-district school placement.
- Parents who think their child may have some learning difficulties and/or have an interest in understanding special education.
- Educators and any other member of the community who want to learn more!

## What does SEPAC do?

- Meet regularly during the school year to discuss district special education needs, progress, concerns and/or questions related to overall district special education programming.
- SEPAC co-chairs meet with administrators to collaborate on special education programming and policies in our district.
- Provide a support network for families to voice personal concerns and experiences without judgement.
- Organize surveys to see how our district's special education and general education can improve.
- Provide resources, workshops, and information on events related to special education.

## Helpful Resources

Federation for Children  
With Special Needs  
1-800-331-0688  
[www.fcsn.org](http://www.fcsn.org)

Family TIES of Massachusetts  
1-800-905-TIES (8437)  
[www.massfamilyties.org](http://www.massfamilyties.org)

Additional resources available in the Student Services Office at HES.

## When do we meet?

Please contact [hadley.sepac@gmail.com](mailto:hadley.sepac@gmail.com) or the Student Services office at Hadley Elementary School for this year's schedule or find us on Facebook at "Hadley SEPAC".

These meetings are open to anyone in the community.

**We would love for you to join us!**

