

State Advisory Committee (SAC) For Children with Disabilities

May 2, 2018 – 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm – NH Department of Education, Room 15

AGENDA

<p>4:30 – Welcome, Introductions, Approval of Minutes, Public Comment</p> <p>4:40 – Update on Legislation, Rules and/or Regulations Impacting Children with Disabilities</p> <p>5:00 – Bureau updates – Santina Thibedeau</p> <p>5:30 – Comment and vote on SAC letter to the Commissioner on SAC priority issue, the inclusion of students with disabilities in general education courses/programs, particularly at the high school level.</p> <p>5:45 – Update on Voc. Rehab – Lisa Hinson-Hatz</p> <p>6:00 - SAC Recommendations on the “n” Size for Determining Significant Disproportionality – Stakeholder Input on Definition of Significant Disproportionality</p> <p>6:25 – Date and Location for September SAC Retreat</p> <p>6:30 – Nominations, Vote on Chair Nomination, Old Business, New Business, Announcements</p> <p>7:00 – Adjourn- Have a nice summer!!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Meeting Norms</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Avoid acronyms♦ No sidebar conversations♦ All members feel comfortable to ask questions♦ Respect group time (keep meetings to 2½ hours)♦ Be mindful of others’ communication needs♦ Be “present”. Stay on topic, be respectful of others♦ Allow for processing time before asking members to make decisions♦ Be welcoming of all public participation♦ Focus group efforts on SAC responsibilities
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The State Advisory Committee's responsibilities include the following (excerpts from RSA 186-C:3-b):

- **Purpose:** to advise the commissioner of education on issues relating to special education, and to promote communication and cooperation among individuals involved with students with disabilities. In addition, the committee shall review the federal financial participation and the level of state funding to determine their impact on the programs and delivery of services to children/students with disabilities.
- Advise the New Hampshire Department of Education regarding unmet needs within the state related to the education of children/students with disabilities.
- Comment publicly on the state plan and rules and regulations proposed for issuance by the state regarding the education of children with disabilities.
- Assist the state in developing and reporting such information and evaluations as may assist the US Secretary of Education in the performance of responsibilities under Section 618 of the Individuals with Disabilities Act.
- Advise the Department of Education in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in federal monitoring reports.
- Advise the Department of Education in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children/students with disabilities.
- Provide an annual report to the Governor and the State Legislature on the status of education of children with disabilities in New Hampshire.

Additionally, in accordance with §300.514 of IDEA, findings and decisions of due process hearings are to be transmitted to the SAC, after any personally identifiable information has been deleted. [Note: Due process findings and decisions may be found at: http://www.education.nh.gov/legislation/special_ed_due_process.htm]

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Guidelines for Public Comment

The SAC appreciates the input the general public provides by commenting on the committee's priorities and/or other issues they wish to bring to the committee's attention. Public comment will be included on the agenda for each SAC meeting, generally at the beginning of the meeting.

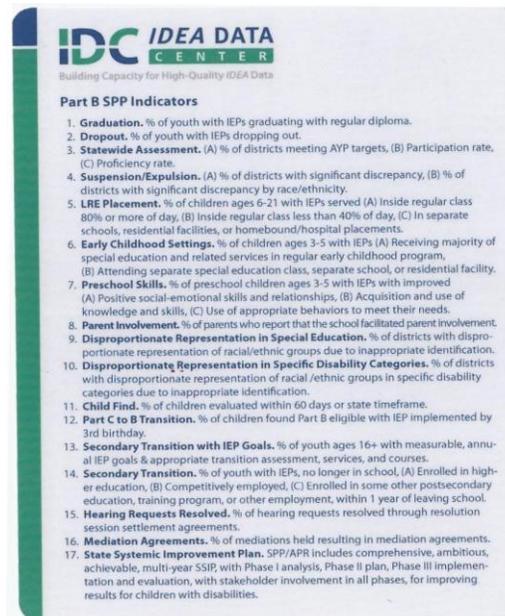
The SAC has established the following guidelines for public comment:

- Be factual and objective; please do not mention a student and/or school staff by name.
- Limit comments to no more than five minutes.
- Be aware that neither the SAC nor the NH Department of Education staff will be prepared to respond to public comment at the meeting. Your input will be considered and, at their discretion if the issues raised are related to the SAC's statutory role/responsibilities, SAC may take further action at a later meeting.
- The SAC appreciates hearing about positive experiences, "success stories", and best practices, as well as concerns with the status of the education of children with disabilities, new or emerging needs, or situations that may warrant further consideration.
- Please note that the SAC is not able to intervene in situations having to do with individual students, but to the extent these issues may have broad implications for children with disabilities and, the SAC appreciates the public's assistance in making the SAC aware of the issue(s).

Persons or organizations requesting to make public comments or a presentation that exceeds the five minute limit for public comment are directed to make a written request to the SAC Chair at least 14 days in advance of the SAC meeting at which they wish to comment/present. The request should include a brief description of the topic on which the individual or organization plans to present, and the amount of time being requested. The SAC Chair has the authority to determine whether the request is related to a topic/issue that is consistent with the duties and responsibilities of SAC. At his/her discretion, the Chair may provide additional time of up to 10 minutes to the individual or organization for public comment. The Chair will notify the individual or organization that made the request of his/her decision about whether to allow extended public comment time for the individual or organization.

Please note: In addition to providing public comment at a SAC meeting, interested persons may also provide input to the SAC, by telephone at (603) 271-3741, email at SAC_Chair@doe.nh.gov, or letter to:

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