

Part 3: The Board's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

The Role of SEAC

- to advise the Board with respect to the establishment, development, and delivery of programs and services to students with special education needs
- to participate in the Board's annual review process of the Special Education Plan
- to participate in the OCDSB annual budget process as it relates to special education by appointing a SEAC member to the Budget Committee
- to encourage the public to bring special education issues to the attention of SEAC through the public question period at SEAC meetings
- to pass motions which are presented as advice to the Board
- to appoint a non-voting representative to the Committee of the Whole to ensure that the interests of students with special education needs are considered in Board deliberations
- to review procedures and make recommendations
- to organize and prepare meeting agendas prior to monthly SEAC meetings with a focus on issues of concern and requests for information;
- to respond to reviews of special education programs and services
- to guide parent(s)/guardian(s) in policies and procedures relating to students with special needs and inform them of their rights and responsibilities, as requested;
- create and maintain a guide of SEAC members and contact information

SEAC Meetings

- occur on the second Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at 7:00 p.m., at the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board, 133 Greenbank Road, Ottawa (Nepean), Ontario
- all members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend

Composition of SEAC

- consists of three trustees, representatives of local associations, and three community members committed to furthering the interests of students with special education needs

Members of the public are encouraged to make their views known to SEAC by attending monthly meetings and/or contacting representatives directly.

For more information on the role of SEAC and the nomination process, see [Special Education Advisory Committee Policy P. O19.GOV](#). This can be located on our website at www.ocdsb.ca. A hard copy is available upon request. Please contact Communications and Information Services at 613-596-8211, ext. 8310.



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