



## Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

The *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* (IDEA) requires each state to maintain a [state advisory panel](#) for the purpose of providing policy guidance related to special education and related services for children with disabilities. This panel is referred to as the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) and advises the [State Board of Education](#) and the [Michigan Department of Education](#) on policies affecting students eligible for special education services in Michigan.

### SEAC's Mission

The mission of the SEAC is to promote positive outcomes for all Michigan students with disabilities.

### SEAC Membership

SEAC accepts nominations for membership made by the State Board of Education, organizations, and individuals.

Members serve a three-year term and come from diverse backgrounds representing all categories of students with disabilities, parents, stakeholder groups, organizations, and agencies with an interest in students with disabilities from all over Michigan.

[SEAC membership](#) rotates to allow any interested person to apply for an opening. Openings for SEAC are posted on the [SEAC website](#) as they occur.

[View the Current SEAC Member List](#)

### SEAC Meetings

The public is welcome to attend SEAC business meetings once completing the [SEAC Visitor Registration Form](#). Please see the [SEAC website](#) for more information. Those interested in providing public comment are advised to attend a State Board of Education meeting where public comment is welcomed.

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## SEAC Functions

SEAC maintains six functions to fulfill each year:

- Identify unmet needs within special education and bring them to the attention of the State Board of Education (SBE) and the Michigan Department of Education (MDE).
- Comment publicly on proposed rules.
- Advise the MDE Office of Special Education (OSE) on the setting of State Performance Plan (SPP) targets.
- Advise the OSE regarding federal monitoring corrective action plans (if issued).
- Advise the OSE regarding the coordination of efforts across MDE offices as well as the unmet needs priority areas and related targets as submitted to the U.S. Department of Education (USED) through the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP).
- Receive and review findings and decisions of all completed due process hearings related to special education.

## Resources

- *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA):*
  - » [State Advisory Panel](#)
- Michigan Department of Education (MDE) Office of Special Education (OSE):
  - » [Special Education Advisory Committee \(SEAC\)](#)
  - » [Family Matters SEAC Membership Fact Sheet](#)
- SEAC Governance:
  - » [SEAC Annual Report](#)
  - » [Duties and Role](#)
  - » [Operating Procedures](#)
  - » [Legal References to SEAC](#)



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