

A Little Education

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Would you like to learn a little more about Special Education and have input as to how your local school district responds to the needs of students on an Individual Education Program (IEP)? Check out your local school district's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC). The SEAC serves in an advisory capacity to your local district's Board of Education and to the Special Education Department within your district (Student Achievement Services in CCSD and Exceptional Student Services in APS).

The role of the Special Education Advisory Committee in Cherry Creek School District and the Special Education Advisory Council in Aurora Public Schools is described a bit differently for each district, but the general premise is the same: to help parents and students learn more about the overall Special Education process, stay informed with specific district updates, learn more about IEP team members' roles and learn about policies, laws and legal responsibilities specific to the education of students with special needs.

Your local Special Education Advisory Committee/Council would be an excellent place for you to get some additional knowledge about Special Education while making a difference! Agendas for both districts are driven by input from their respective SEAC members. All the SEAC meetings are open to the public. Go, be a fly on the wall, and see what you learn. It just might make a difference!

If you want to start slow, below are links to find a little more information, including meeting dates, times and locations.

[Aurora Public Schools](#)
[Cherry Creek School District #5](#)

If you are seeking to find a larger sandbox, consider The Colorado Special Education Advisory Committee to the State Board of Education. Under the Individuals with Disabilities Educational Act, otherwise known as IDEA, states are mandated to create a Special Education Advisory Committee, as

are the local school districts. The Colorado Special Education Advisory Committee (CSEAC) is founded as per Colorado's Exceptional Children's Educational Act (ECEA).

The CSEAC provides their input and recommendations to the State Board of Education regarding the education of students with disabilities. On the grand scale, the Colorado Special Education Advisory Committee is the liaison between all the local SEAC's and the Colorado State Board of Education (SBE) as well as the Colorado Department of Education (CDE).

If you would like more information about The Colorado Special Education Advisory Committee, [click here](#).

The [CSEAC Bylaws 2015](#) is a good place to read more specifics regarding the Purpose and Duties, Membership Meetings, etc.

If you would like a shortcut to the CSEAC meeting dates, times and locations, [click here](#).

As with the district level SEAC meetings, the state level meetings are open to the public. Whether you sit in on your district's SEAC meeting and/or at the state level, you are guaranteed to walk away with a little education!