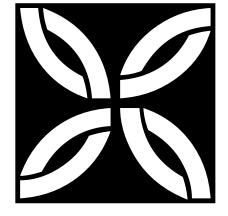
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Special Education Advisory Committee 2021-2022

Charles City Public Schools 10035 Courthouse Rd. Charles City, VA 23030



#### What is the Special Education Advisory Committee?

Charles City Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) works with the school board, administrators, parents, and teachers who are responsible for students receiving special education services.

## Who are the students receiving special education services?

They are students who have been diagnosed with one or more of the following conditions:

□ Autism

- Orthopedic impairmentOther health impairment
- Deaf-blindness
  Developmental delay
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- Emotional disability
- □ Hearing impairment
- □ Intellectual disability
- □ Multiple disabilities
- Specific learning disability
  Speech/language impairment
- Traumatic brain injury
- Visual impairment

### Who serves on the committee'.

Members are appointed by the local school board. The majority of the committee must be either **parents of children with disabilities or individuals with disabilities.** Membership must also include **one teacher.** Additionally, membership may include public/county human service agency representatives, community/civic organization representatives, and/or business/industry representatives The Supervisor of Exceptional Education, the Superintendent and additional school employees serve as consultants to the committee.

#### When does the SEAC meet?

The SEAC meets regularly throughout the school year. Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at Charles City Public School's School Board Office room 216. A virtual link will also be available.

This year's tentative schedule is as follows:

Introductions and Roles The SpEd Process Accessing Resources Assistive Technology Annual Plan Development Celebrations and Presentation

## Who may attend Special Education Advisory Committee Meetings?

All meetings are open to the public. The SEAC welcomes anyone interested in special education. There is designated time for public comment during the meeting. This is an opportunity to share successful educational experiences and express general concerns regarding educational issues for students with disabilities.

#### What is the function of the Special Education Advisory Committee?

a. Advise the local school division of needs in the education of children with disabilities;

b. Participate in the development of priorities and strategies for meeting the identified needs of children with disabilities;

c. Submit periodic reports and recommendations regarding the education of children with disabilities to the division superintendent for transmission to the local school board;

d. Assist the local school division in interpreting plans to the community for meeting the special needs of children with disabilities for educational services;

e. Review the policies and procedures for the provision of special education and related services prior to submission to the local school board; and

f. Participate in the review of the local school division's annual plan.

For complete Virginia regulations, refer to 8 VAC 20-81-230

## How can the Special Education Advisory Committee help you?

It can help you better understand how to work with the school division and how special education can meet the needs of children and youth with disabilities.

# How can I get more information about attending meetings and/or joining the committee?

If you would like to talk to someone about the SEAC, or get an application for membership, contact Suzan Denby, Supervisor of Exceptional Education at sdenby@ccps.net or (804)366-2786.

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