



# Colorado Special Education Advisory Committee

## Membership Information

### Mission

Our mission is to actively represent children and youth with disabilities and impact decisions made on their behalf to enhance the quality of educational services.

### Purpose

The Colorado Special Education Advisory Committee (CSEAC) is a state level committee mandated by federal and state law that:

- Provides input and assistance to the Colorado State Board of Education
- Advises the Executive Director of the Exceptional Student Services Unit
- Advocates for communication, cooperation and partnership among educational service providers, children and youth, parents and administrators
- Serves as a liaison between parents of children and youth with disabilities, local educational agencies and the Colorado Department of Education Exceptional Student Services Unit

### Composition

The Colorado State Board of Education, with recommendations of the Advisory Committee, appoints members of CSEAC. Appointments to CSEAC must be representative of the state population and include individuals concerned with the education of children and youth with disabilities including:

- Parents of children and youth with disabilities
- Individuals with disabilities
- Teachers
- State and local education officials, including officials who carry out activities under Subtitle B of Title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
- Administrators of programs for children with disabilities
- Representatives from:
  - Institutions of higher education that prepare special education and related services personnel
  - Other state agencies involved in the financing or delivery of related services
  - Private schools and charter schools
  - Vocational, community or business organizations concerned with the provision of transition services
  - Division of Youth Corrections in the Department of Human Services
  - Department of Corrections
  - Child Welfare Services in the Department of Human Services
  - Colorado's Parent Training and Information Center



Vacancies that have not expired can be filled by appointment of the co-chairs, with the confirmation of the Executive Director of the Exceptional Student Services Unit at the Colorado Department of Education.

The majority of the members must be individuals with disabilities or parents of children and youth with disabilities.

### Time Commitment

The term of appointment is two years. Members may be appointed for successive terms, not to exceed three terms. CSEAC meets officially five times per year including a two-day planning meeting. In addition, each member participates on at least one of four standing subcommittees. Attendance is expected at all meetings with a requirement of not missing more than two meetings.

[Click here for more information about CSEAC.](#)

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