

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

What is the Placer County SELPA? Special Education Local Plan Areas (SELPA) were created by California State Legislation to assist in ensuring that school districts provide a full continuum of programs and services to students with disabilities and that these programs and services are provided according to all legal mandates. All public school districts, charter schools and each county office of education belong to a SELPA. Placer County SELPA is a multi-district SELPA, including all of the school districts located in Placer County.

What is the Community Advisory Committee (CAC)? The CAC is comprised of parents (typically of students receiving special education supports and services) representing each school district in Placer County, along with community members who support students with special needs and their families. The CAC meets monthly with members of the Placer County SELPA staff to plan activities to support:

- Positive communication and collaboration between parents and school district staff (administrators, teachers and specialists)
- Helping all parents gain knowledge of the special education system and how to best support their children's education

In addition, the CAC serves as an advisory committee to the SELPA in reviewing local plan policies and procedures to ensure that parent's perspectives are considered in the provision of programs and services throughout Placer County.

All parents are welcome to attend the monthly meetings of the CAC! By becoming involved with the Placer County CAC, parents can:

- * Receive information about programs, services and resources
- * Receive training and skill building
- * Find support and connect with other parents
- * Have the opportunity to raise questions and express concerns about common issues

Where can I get more information? The SELPA - CAC Handbook is available to download

1. Go to www.placercoe.k12.ca.us, locate 'Services to Students and Parents'
2. Scroll down and click on 'SELPA'
3. Click on "Parent Resources" on left
4. Click on the Placer County Community Advisory Committee Handbook (CAC meeting agendas and notes are also located on this page)

For questions about the CAC, or to receive information about upcoming meetings or activities, please feel free to contact:

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*Information on other local activities and resources is updated on the following Facebook page-
"Placer County Special Education Parents" (not an official SELPA/CAC resource)*

**Community Advisory Committee
2015-16 Meeting Calendar (Revised 11-18-15)
PCOE Main Building – A/B Conference Room
360 Nevada Street * Auburn * CA * 95603**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Times/Topics</i>
August 19, 2015	9:30 – 11:30 Regular Meeting and Planning for 2015-2016
September 16, 2015	<i>Special Training</i> from 9:30-10:30: Tips for Successful IEP Meetings (Placer County SELPA Staff) 10:30 – 11:30 Regular Meeting
October 21, 2015	9:30 – 10:30 Needs and Vision for the CAC—joint discussion with Special Education Administrators 10:30 – 11:30 Regular Meeting
November 18, 2015	10:00 – 11:30 Regular Meeting
<i>No Meeting in December</i>	
January 20, 2016	9:30 – 10:00 Topic: Update on Smarter Balanced and California Alternative Assessments 10:00 – 10:30 Topic: The Use of One-on-One Supports for Students 10:00 – 11:30 Regular Meeting
February 24, 2016 (this meeting will be held in the Burns Conference Room)	9:30 – 10:00 Topic: The Use of Related Services to Support a Student's Needs and Goals 10:00 – 11:30 Regular Meeting
March 16, 2016	9:30 – 10:30 Topic: Planning for Transitions Across All Ages/Grades 10:30 – 11:30 Regular Meeting
April 20, 2016	<i>Special Training</i> from 9:30 – 10:30: Developing Social Skills with Your Child (TBD) 10:30 – 11:30 Regular Meeting
May 13, 2016	9:30 – 11:30 Regular Meeting and Planning for 2016-17 Year 11:30 – 12:30 SEAC/CAC Annual Luncheon – for current CAC representatives and Special Education Administrators

Visitors are welcome to join us for the entire meeting,
or to join us for just the special topics/speakers portion of the meeting.