



# NAPA COUNTY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Inclusion | Access | Excellence

FOR PARENTS  
of students with  
IEPs, 504s and/or  
disabilities

## NAPA COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT COMMITTEE

### A Committee for Parents to Advise Special Education: The Napa County Community Advisory Committee

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is the parent advisory committee for Napa County special education. The purpose of the CAC is to provide a forum for open communication and feedback between parents, special education administrators and local agencies. All parents of students in Napa County schools who receive special education services or who have a 504, IEP and/or a disability are welcome to get involved.

### NAPA COUNTY CAC: WHAT WE DO

#### CAC Monthly Business Meetings

Comprised of parents, district and county special education administrators and community liaisons, these meetings provide special education initiative updates from each district and the SELPA, information from community organizations, and give parents an opportunity to listen, engage and provide feedback. Anyone is welcome to attend.

#### Advocacy

We work to make sure parent voices are heard, and partner with the SELPA, Napa County School Districts, County and State Agencies and more to ensure that the needs of special education students and students with disabilities are being served.

#### Parent Trainings & Workshops

Trainings are held on topics applicable to parents with special needs. Often run by the SELPA, district staff, topic experts or local agencies - past topics have included navigating the IEP process, helping students navigate mental health issues, and other relevant topics.

#### Annual Inclusion Awards

Each year the Napa County SELPA and the CAC recognize teachers, administrators, students, staff and community members who have gone above and beyond in creating an inclusive environment for students with disabilities. These awards are paired with a student creativity challenge.

#### Parent Resources

The Napa County CAC offers access to parent resources - from learning manuals and how-to's, to parent support services and info sessions. Many links can be found on the Napa SELPA website, or by contacting the SELPA office. ParentsCAN is an additional Napa County agency that supports families and has resources.

SPECIAL  
EDUCATION

FEEDBACK

PARENT  
SUPPORT

IEP 504

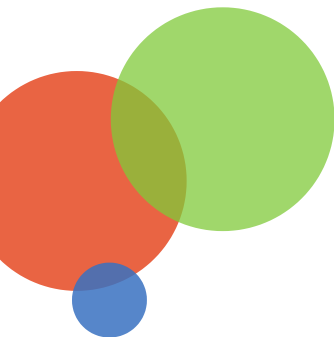
ENGAGEMENT



**RECEIVE SUPPORT.  
GET INVOLVED.  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

1. Learn about special education initiatives, services and resources
2. Provide feedback and impact decision-making
3. Strengthen communications and special education services
4. Join a group of special education parents
5. Make a difference for all students



**2 EASY WAYS TO GET INVOLVED AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CAC:**

We're always looking for parents to get involved. The more of us there are, the more we can do. The CAC ideally has a variety of parents participating across school districts and students' ages: from preschool through high school and transition.

By joining our Facebook page or attending a monthly business meeting, you'll be in touch with CAC parent leaders and can learn about how to get more involved in joining a community interested in ensuring that Napa County schools are supporting our students with disabilities.



**(1) JOIN US ON FACEBOOK**

Like **Napa County Community Advisory Committee** on Facebook to receive meeting reminders, tips, resources, information and more.

**(2) JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS**

**CAC BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULE**

All parents are welcome. Meetings take place one Monday per month during the school year at 5:30pm via Zoom for easy access. They are simultaneously translated in Spanish.

FOR MEETING DATES GO TO:

[www.napacoe.org/selpa](http://www.napacoe.org/selpa)

or

Napa County Community Advisory Committee Facebook page

Contact the Napa SELPA office for the zoom link, or follow the Napa CAC on Facebook for reminders & links.

**WHAT IS A SELPA?**

**(Special Education Local Plan Area)**



Napa County  
**SELPA**

In California, school regions are organized into Special Education Local Plan Areas (SELPA) that provides services to meet the needs of special education students. Each SELPA must have an agency that ensures every eligible child receives appropriate services. In Napa County it is the Napa County Office of Education.

All SELPAs have the same basic goal: To deliver quality special education programs and services to the students with disabilities in the most effective, efficient, and cost-effective manner practical.

**Districts in Napa County SELPA**



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**SELPA WEBSITE:**

<https://www.napacoe.org/programs-schools-districts/selpa/>

**PARENT TIP**

There are great parent resources available on the SELPA WEBSITE: with links to local disability advocacy agencies, IEP info, trainings and more

