

Exceptional Children Information for Parents



EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
NC Department of Public Instruction

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State Advisory Council

The Council on Educational Services for Exceptional Children (Council) is established as an Advisory Council to the State Board of Education. Its establishment is set forth in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) federal regulations in §§ 300.167-300.169 and the North Carolina General Statutes in §115C-121.

The Council advises the State Board of Education with respect to the unmet needs of children with special needs and in the development and implementation of policies related to the coordination of services for students with disabilities. The Council also advises the State Board of Education with respect to developing evaluations, reporting on data, and developing corrective action plans to address findings in federal monitoring reports.

Duties

- Advise the State Board of Education with respect to unmet needs within the State in the education of children with disabilities;
- Comment publicly on rules and policies proposed by the State Board of Education regarding the education of children with disabilities;
- Advise the State Board of Education in developing evaluations and reporting on data to the Secretary of Education;
- Advise the State Board of Education in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in Federal monitoring reports;
- Advise the State Board of Education in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities;
- Carry out any other responsibility as designated by federal law or the State Board of Education.

If you are an individual with a disability or a parent of a child with disability with an interest in becoming a member of the Council, please submit a cover letter and resume to Dr. Maria Pitre-Martin (maria.pitre-martin@dpi.nc.gov) as well as your local State Board Representative. To find your local representative, visit: <https://stateboard.ncpublicschools.gov/about-sbe/sbe-staff> and click on SBE Members and Advisors on the left

You can find previous newsletters in the Parent Newsletter google folder at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ECParentNewsletters>

Important Links

- [Office of Special Education Programs](#) (U.S. Dept. of Ed.)
- [N.C. Department of Public Instruction](#)
- [Office of Exceptional Children](#) (NC)
- [No Kid Hungry](#)

Upcoming Events

- Arc of the Triangle [Events](#)
- Autism Society [Workshops](#)
- Autism Speaks [Information Topics](#)
- CADRE [Parent Resources](#)
- ECAC [Events](#) & [Recorded Webinars](#)
- National Alliance on Mental Illness [Courses](#)
- NC Down Syndrome Alliance [Events](#)
- Special Olympics NC [Events](#)

Save the Date: April 26, 2023
Western NC Transition Event for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

There will be a free, all-day event for any high school or first-year college student with hearing loss and their parents or guardian to learn about “transitioning to adulthood,” rights/responsibilities, and more. For more information, view the [English flier](#) or the [Spanish flier](#).

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