Kansas Special Education Advisory Council

Vision

The Kansas Special Education Advisory Council will advocate for a unitary education system that achieves excellence, equity, and life long learning for all individuals in Kansas.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Kansas State Special Education Advisory Council is to work collaboratively to provide leadership for continuous improvement of educational systems to ensure equity and enhance learning for all students in Kansas.

Belief Statements

The Kansas Special Education Advisory Council is committed to life long learning through the following belief statements. We believe:

- Partnerships increase collaboration for better services.
- Visionary leadership is essential for appropriate services to meet the needs of all students.
- Innovation is essential to the process of life long learning.
- All child service systems must be provided in an integrated and collaborative manner.
- Education is an evolving process that requires innovation, continuous growth, and evaluation.
- The needs of individuals in a diverse community must be met.

Membership Responsibilities

Federal Regulations § 300.168

In accordance with Part B, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, each state is required to establish and maintain a State advisory panel on the education of children with disabilities.
The State advisory panel shall —

1. Advise the Special Education Administrators (SEA) of unmet needs within the State in the education of children with disabilities;

2. Comment publicly on any rules or regulations proposed by the State regarding the education of children with disabilities;

3. Advise the SEA in developing evaluations and reporting on data to the Secretary under section 618 of the Act;

4. Advise the SEA in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in Federal monitoring reports under Part B of the Act; and

5. Advise the SEA in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities, including: advising on eligible students with disabilities in adult prisons. The advisory panel also shall advise on the education of eligible students with disabilities who have been convicted as adults and incarcerated in adult prisons.

6. Advise the SEA of unmet needs within the State in the education of children with exceptionalities, including gifted.

One of the major functions of the Advisory Council is to serve as a liaison between the statewide populace and the Kansas State Board of Education. Citizens of Kansas are encouraged to communicate with the Council. This may be accomplished through contact with any Council member or the Secretary of the Council. Local education agency personnel, school patrons, students, lay community persons, private sector, public and private agencies, and educators at all levels are encouraged to submit relevant issues, questions and problems to the Council for consideration and action.

Public Comment

Members of the public are welcomed to address the State Advisory Council for Special Education (SEAC) on relevant topics. Public comments will be scheduled at a designated time, during regularly scheduled meetings. Persons who wish to comment will be asked to share their name, organization, and topic. With prior agreement of the Chairperson, a statement may be executed beyond five minutes. The members of the Council will take comments under consideration. Should public comments indicate the need for a Council response or action, members will take comments under consideration and an official response will be made at a later time. Written materials may be submitted at any time to the SEAC Secretary, Special Education Programs, Kansas State Department of Education, 120 S.E. Tenth Avenue, Topeka, KS 66612-1182.

Council Membership

The Kansas Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) is composed of no more than twenty-one individuals involved in or concerned with the education of children with exceptionalities and the state administrator of special education services. A majority of the members of the council shall be individuals with disabilities or parents of children with disabilities.

State Advisory Council for Special Education 2011 – 2012

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2011-2012 Meeting Schedule

July 27, 2011 ..... Wichita

September 13, 2011 ..... Topeka

November 10, 2011 ..... TBD
(Collaborative meeting with SEAC and ICC)

January 10-11, 2012 ..... Topeka

April 18, 2012 ..... Topeka

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http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2466

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