



# Special Education Updates

Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC)

## District Updates

### Goals for the School Year

First and foremost, the WJUSD Special Education Department is excited to be able to support students in person, back on campus!

This year the Special Education Department will continue the focus on building staff capacity to deliver quality first instruction, assess student needs, and develop student-focused Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) written for students to receive educational benefit.

In addition to increasing staff capacity, the department is continuing to expand program options. We are excited to announce the start of our inclusive preschool program and look forward to placing students in this setting through the IEP process. Additionally, in an effort to educate students with their peers, the Adult Living Skills (ALS) Program at Woodland High School has moved to the Adult School campus which already houses one ALS program.

Lastly, the department will work closely this year with teachers, related service providers, paraeducators, families, and the community to revise and develop the department's vision and mission statements. We look forward to working with all stakeholders to develop a vision and mission statement reflective of the community's values and desire to support the growth, independence, and inclusion of students with disabilities.



## STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

### Teachers & Parents - Call For Submissions!

Every month a new student in special education will be featured in our student highlight section. Our goal is to highlight the effort and hard work our students put forth every day at school and towards meeting their goals.

Has your child made significant growth towards their IEP goals this year? Have they recently surprised you with acquiring a new skill? Are they participating in new activities and social engagements?

Success stories may be submitted by both teachers and parents. Please see contact info to email submissions.

## Parent Questions

**Q:** I have concerns I would like to share with my child's IEP team, do I have to wait until the annual IEP to have a meeting?

**A:** Parents can request an IEP meeting at any time. The district must schedule an IEP meeting within 30 days of the request.

## Community Resources

### Yolo County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)



The Yolo County SELPA helps support the delivery of high quality special education programs and services to students within Yolo County districts.

Please check out their website for resources and information, including local groups supporting people with disabilities.

[www.YCOE.org/SELPA](http://www.YCOE.org/SELPA)

### SEPAC Meeting Dates

5:00-6:00pm

September 22nd, 2021

October 13, 2021

November 3, 2021

January 12, 2022

February 9, 2022

March 9, 2022

April 6, 2022

May 11, 2022

### Zoom

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## Alphabet Soup

IDEA - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

IFSP - Individual Family Service Plan

LEA - Local Education Agency

LRE - Least Restrictive Environment

### Contact Us!

Parents, Guardians & Families, if you have questions, suggestions, or useful resources, please email [caitlin.shelton@wjusd.org](mailto:caitlin.shelton@wjusd.org)

Please join us for our next Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC) meeting. Feedback from our families helps us to better support our students!