

Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)

A. MINNESOTA STATUTES

Minnesota law requires each school district in the state to have a special education advisory council (SEAC).

Minnesota Statute 125A.24 Parent advisory councils.

In order to increase the involvement of parents of children with disabilities in district policy making and decision making, school districts must have a special education advisory council that is incorporated into the district's special education system plan.

- (1) This advisory council may be established either for individual districts or in cooperation with other districts who are members of the same special education cooperative.
- (2) A district may set up this council as a subgroup of an existing board, council, or committee.
- (3) At least half of the designated council members must be parents of students with a disability. When a nonpublic school is located in the district, the council must include at least one member who is a parent of a nonpublic school student with a disability, or an employee of a nonpublic school if no parent of a nonpublic school student with a disability is available to serve. Each local council must meet no less than once each year. The number of members, frequency of meetings, and operational procedures are to be locally determined.

Woodbury Leadership Advisory Council Mission Statement:
Woodbury Leadership Academy Advisory Council is designed to foster inclusion of all students to meet Woodbury Leadership Academy's high expectations in partnership with parents, teachers, and community.

SEAC meetings are an opportunity for families of children in Special Education to engage with other parents, staff and interested community members. SEAC members provide input on special education issues to the Director of Special Education and the Executive Director of Woodbury Leadership Academy. Attending meetings are a way to become more knowledgeable about Special

Education, develop relationships with Special Education staff and network with other families. Parents are encouraged to attend any time as a guest or to become a SEAC member.