



Community Advisory Committee Sierra Sands SELPA

Parents and Professionals working together to
assure quality educational opportunities for students
with disabilities

What is a SELPA?

Special Education Local Plan Areas (SELPA) were created by state legislation to assist school districts and county offices of education to provide special education and related services to children with disabilities. All of the schools within Sierra Sands Unified School District as well as the District Office are members of the Sierra Sands SELPA. The members of each SELPA must develop a local plan that describes how special education and related services will be provided to eligible children and youth. The SELPA facilitates development of the plan and provides support to its members in implementing it.

What is the Community Advisory Committee (CAC)?

An organization of parents, professionals and community members working together to advise the school districts in the Sierra Sands SELPA (Special Education Local Plan Area) on matters concerning students with disabilities. The committee concerns itself with the development of the Local Special Education Plan and providing and supporting parent education. Anyone working, living, or doing business within the SELPA region can be meaningfully involved in the planning, business, or outreach activities.

Why Participate?

Your involvement can range from attending a presentation on a topic of interest to becoming an appointed member with a leadership role. Benefits of participation can include:

- Increased contact with other parents
- Opportunities to interact with educators and other professionals
- Greater awareness of school and community resources
- Potential to impact special education policy and legislation. Advises the SELPA regarding the development and review of the local plan
- Encourages community involvement in the development and review of the local plan
- Assists in identifying areas for parent education and in developing parent education activities
- Exposure to new information and developing new skills. Provides a general forum for presentations; discussion; and response to ideas, suggestions, or concerns related to special education
- Recommends annual priorities to be addressed by the SELPA
- Making everyone better advocates for students with special challenges
- Any other responsibilities identified in the local plan or CAC by laws

2019-20 CAC Schedule

Tuesday, January 21 st , 2020	5 p.m.	Conference Room
Monday, February 10 th , 2020	5 p.m.	Conference Room
Monday, March 9 th , 2020	5 p.m.	Conference Room
Monday, April 13 th , 2020	5 p.m.	Conference Room
Monday, May 11, 2020	5 p.m.	Conference Room

All events will be held at **1327 North Norma, Ridgecrest, CA**. Interpretation may be provided, please call 760-499-1702 to make your request in at least one week in advance.

In order to provide more information on the CAC to the public, a new website will be available soon.

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