

PAAC on SEAC Special Education Advisory Committee Annual Calendar of SEAC Business

PAAC on SEAC encourages school boards to use the PAAC on SEAC Handbook of Effective Practices for SEAC Members as part of the training. A copy of the handbook can be downloaded at www.paac-seac.ca

SEAC On-Going SEAC Activities

- Request notification of all Ministry of Education announcements related to special education and ensure SEAC Chair is registered on the SEAC E-learning site
- Provide orientation to new members and on-going professional development for all SEAC members
- Provide opportunities for SEAC members to provide presentations and updates about their association/organization
- Consider ways to enhance parent engagement and collaboration in special education in every program/initiative
- Evaluate SEAC effectiveness and identify ways to improve meetings

Glossary - A glossary for all of the terms and acronyms underlined in the calendar is in the attached appendix.

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Month	Annual Activities	2018-19 Activities
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confirm <u>Special Education Report Checklist</u> submitted to Regional Office in July• Review <u>ODA Accessibility Plans</u> (due Sept. 30)• Develop or review SEAC annual agenda/goals	Request information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>BIPSA</u> special education goals and performance indicators for 18-19• <u>PD Day</u> plans for 18-19 related to special education

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October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop process for review of 2018-19 <u>Special Education Plan</u> Request update on last EQAO results: including deferrals, exemptions, participation rates, accommodations provided for students on an <u>IEP</u> and achievement levels. 	
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>October Report (OnSIS) Data</u>: Request numbers of exceptional students, placement data, suspensions expulsions data IEP Update: Request confirmation that all first term IEP reviews are completed 	Check the EduGains website to see all of the IEP Samples (see Additional Resources below)
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Special Education Programs and Services</u> receive information on any changes being considered for 2019-20 and the process for review of <u>Special Education Plan</u> 	
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Update: Re: 2018-19 special education grants, expenditures and reserve fund amount, and 2019-20 budget process 	
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review proposed changes to special education programs and services in Special Education Plan Request an IEP Update 	Review parent resources to ensure they are user friendly and easy to understand
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue discussion of special education programs and services Request an update on the BIPSA process 	
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request preliminary budget for special education Request data reported to OnSIS in March 	Monitor and participate in public consultations on Special Education Plan

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May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information update and discussion re. Special Education Plan/Report Checklist and budget 	Monitor participate in public and consultations on Special Education Budget
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEAC recommendations regarding special Education Plan/Report Checklist and Budget Request Special Education data (including IEP and IPRC) for September meeting Develop draft SEAC annual agenda and goals 	<p>Make recommendations to Trustees on the 2019-20 Special Education Plan and Budget.</p> <p>Develop a plan for SEAC activities in 2019-20</p>

Additional SEAC Resources:

A broad overview of special education and details of many legal requirements are captured in the newly released, Special Education In Ontario Kindergarten to Grade 12, Policy and Resource Guide (2017 draft) available at:

http://edu.gov.on.ca/eng/document/policy/os/onschools_2017e.pdf

The role of SEAC is defined in Regulation 464/97 on Special Education Advisory Committee available at:

www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/regs/english/elaws_regs_970464_e.htm

Other Ministry resources including, Standard Documents and Resource Guides are available on the Ministry of Education Website at

www.edu.gov.on.ca

For more information on SEAC and links to key documents, check the new SEAC web pages on the Ministry of Education website at:

www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/elemsec/speced/seac/

For copies of all Memorandums sent from the Ministry to school boards, check the website: (Note that Memo's are sorted by date, and check the most recent months.)

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/policyfunding/memos/>

The Ministry of Education IEP Samples for each exceptionality are available on EduGains website at:

www.edugains.ca/newsite/SpecialEducation/transitions.html

The Ministry of Education also has a website with their annual Calendar of activities at:

<https://www.teachontario.ca/community/explore/calendar-of-education-events>