

Peabody Special Education Parent Advisory Council (Sp. Ed. PAC)

What is the Sp. Ed. PAC?

The Peabody Public Schools Sp. Ed. PAC is a parent organization which serves as a resource for parents of children with special needs, from pre-school through high school, serving all Peabody public schools. We also serve as a liaison between school administration, educators, parents, and the community at large.

We strive to encourage effective communication, understanding and mutual respect among all students, parents, educators and the community, regardless of ability.

What does the PAC do?

The PAC provides opportunities for networking and support for parents, offers workshops and guest speakers to help parents become better informed about special education issues, and meets regularly with school officials to participate in the planning, development and evaluation of special education programs.

PAC meetings

PAC meetings are free and open to the public. Meetings are held at the Higgins Middle School Cullen Memorial Library, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Representatives from the Peabody Special Education Department are usually in attendance to discuss general issues and concerns related to all special education students. The PAC can provide information and direction to parents to help address individual concerns outside of the meetings.

2010-2011 Meeting Dates*

10/13/10, 11/3/10, 2/2/11, 4/6/11, 5/4/11

* Please note that our meetings will be cancelled if school or after-school activities in Peabody are cancelled.

Sp. Ed. PAC Officers

Co-Presidents: Christine Gray
Kerry Candido

Secretary: Angela Mickunas

Contact Information

If you would like more information about the Sp. Ed. PAC, please contact us at peabodysp.ed.pac@gmail.com.

Peabody Parents of Children with Special Needs, Inc. (PPCSN)

The PPCSN works together with the Sp. Ed. PAC to provide social and recreational opportunities to children of all ages with special needs, and their families.

The PPCSN has sponsored many events such as:

- Annual Spring Banquet – where families join together for dinner, music, dancing and other festivities
- Field Trips – past trips include the Shriner's Circus, Salem Trolley Holiday Ride, Christmas Lights at Stone Zoo
- Dining Out Evenings – held in December and June in lieu of the Sp. Ed. PAC meeting
- Scholarships – offered annually to eligible graduating seniors
- News updates via individual emails, message board updates and newsletter

By joining the PPCSN for a modest annual membership fee, you will be included in the various social events that take place throughout the year.

Membership with the PPCSN is not required to attend the monthly Sp. Ed. PAC meetings.

If you would like more information about the PPCSN, please contact Rosemary Piaker at PPCSNRosemary@aol.com, or visit the PPCSN message board at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PPCSNinfo/>

Membership is never denied for financial reasons.