

Harrisonburg City Public Schools Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Agenda

Monday, October 20, 2025 | 6:00 PM

Members: Kathleen Gibson, Shonda Green, Elizabeth Weber, Molly Penalver, Chelsea Skelton (VAIL – Community Organization), Katya Koubek, *Teacher Representative - Vacant*

Consultants: Dr. Walker (Special Education Director)

- Welcome and Introductions
- Public Comment
- September Meeting Notes
- SEAC Member Appointments
 - Teacher Representative
- Work Planning/Focus for Recommendations
 - Ideas Shared in Previous Meetings:*
 - Improving Academic/SOL Progress for SWDs
 - Division wide and School Building Event Accessibility
 - Extracurricular Activities
 - Improving Family and Student Experiences (School Activities)
 - Process Improvement – *Ensuring everyone has awareness of and understands process.*
- Special Education Director Updates
- Adjourn

2025-2026 SEAC Meetings

Location: City Hall Room 11

Time: 6:00 PM

Day: 2nd Monday of the month

*Meeting date adjusted due to holidays and may change.

- September 8, 2025
- October 20, 2025 *Due to school holiday closure.
- November 10, 2025
- December 8, 2025
- January 12, 2026
- February 9, 2026
- March 9, 2026
- April 13, 2026
- May 11, 2026
- June 8, 2026

SEAC Regulations

8 VAC 20-81-230(D) states that:

D. A local advisory committee for special education, appointed by each local school board, shall advise the school board through the division superintendent.

1. Membership.

- a. A majority of the committee shall be parents of children with disabilities or individuals with disabilities.
- b. The committee shall include one teacher.
- c. Additional local school division personnel shall serve only as consultants to the committee.

2. The functions of the local advisory committee shall be as follows:

- a. Advise the local school division of needs in the education of children with disabilities;

- b. Participate in the development of priorities and strategies for meeting the identified needs of children with disabilities;
 - c. Submit periodic reports and recommendations regarding the education of children with disabilities to the division superintendent for transmission to the local school board;
 - d. Assist the local school division in interpreting plans to the community for meeting the special needs of children with disabilities for educational services;
 - e. Review the policies and procedures for the provision of special education and related services prior to submission to the local school board; and
 - f. Participate in the review of the local school division's annual plan, as outlined in subdivision B.2. of this section.
- 3. Public notice shall be published annually listing the names of committee members and including a description of ways in which interested parties may express their views to the committee.**
- 4. Committee meetings shall be held at least four times in a school year and shall be open to the public.**