

**SPED PAC Meetings are held four times a year. Meeting dates and notices are distributed and posted throughout the school year.**

**If any of these concerns are familiar to you:**

- I'm wondering if my child needs to be evaluated for learning disabilities
- I don't understand my rights as a parent
- I'm not sure how to work with the school
- I don't know what resources are available
- My child needs help with reading
- My child has behavioral issues
- My child has ADD/ ADHD ???
- My child has developmental delays
- My child has physical limitations
- I'm not sure if my child needs extra help
- Social, emotional or anxiety issues of my child are a concern
- I wonder where I can find help

# **Abington Public Schools SPED PAC**

All meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the Early Childhood Center

**Does your child have...**

**Difficulty Reading**

**Problems sitting still**

**Trouble making friends**

**Anxiety**

**Daydreams in Class**

**Behavior Problem**



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## What is SPED PAC?

Unlike “traditional PACs” that focus on fundraising and organizing school events, SPEC PAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Council) is a “knowledge based” organization which provides a forum for parents to connect with other parents and professionals who understand their particular needs and concerns. Attendance at these meetings/ gatherings will gain you valuable “tips” from others who understand your challenges. It will equip you with a better understanding of the “IEP/Team Meeting” process and delivery of services children receive through the Abington Public Schools. Get information on the “latest developments,” have your questions answered and your voices heard all in an informal and relaxed atmosphere.

## PAC IS AN INFORMATION SOURCE

Members can direct you to the appropriate sources of information for:

- Educational advocates
- Independent evaluators
- Available programs on the south shore
- Medical and therapeutic professionals in specialized fields
- Resources concerning specific disabilities
- Reading materials
- Relevant workshops and seminars

Your participation in the Abington Public Schools SPED PAC is welcome and needed, whether you attend PAC meetings for support, attend PAC seminars on specific areas of concern or interest to you, offer input into educational policies and programming, act as an advocate on behalf of other families, or lend your talent and support to an organization that makes a difference.

## Resource for parents:

- Promoting a network for parents and providing a forum for sharing information.
- Providing information about disabilities and the special education process.
- Sponsor workshops on issues related to special education, learning disabilities and related areas of interest.
- Provide PAC liaison to serve as a point of contact for parents from each of the schools in Abington.
- Establish a partnership between Abington school organizations and our group.
- Facilitating a productive partnership between parents with children in special programs and the school.
- Providing feedback and input to Abington’s Office of Pupil Personnel Services.
- To become a resource for the community.
- Promoting a community wide understanding of the issues impacting special education.

**Questions, Support,  
Information**