

Saint Paul Public Schools

Special Education Advisory Council

Application Form

The Saint Paul Public Schools Board of Education invites all parents, community members and staff to serve on school district advisory committees and councils. There are openings for the current school year on the Special Education Advisory Council. If you are interested in becoming a member on the Special Education Advisory Council, please complete the information below.

Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ (daytime) (____) _____ (evening)

Explain why you are interested in serving on the Special Education Advisory Council: _____

Please choose the appropriate category (or categories) below and complete the information.

Parent/Grandparent	Staff Member	Community Member
Do you have a child or grandchild with a disability enrolled in the Saint Paul Public Schools? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, area of disability: _____ _____	Title: _____ _____ School/Program/Site: _____ _____ _____	Agency or organization represented: _____ _____ Other: _____ _____ _____

Optional

The Saint Paul Public Schools are committed to diversity. The following information helps us ensure diversity and balance on our committees and councils.

- Male Female

 African American American Indian Asian American
 Hispanic American White American

**Please return this form to the Special Education Office, Saint Paul Public Schools,
360 Colborne St., Saint Paul, MN 55102 or FAX to (651) 228-3626.**

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About the Special Education Advisory Council

The Special Education Advisory Council was established in 1973 in response to state legislation. The purpose of the council is:

- to advise and make recommendations to the Saint Paul Public Schools Board of Education on decisions and policies affecting and/or related to special education; and
- to provide opportunities for parents and other individuals to express their ideas and concerns regarding programs and policies affecting special education.

We Need You

The Saint Paul Public Schools Special Education Advisory Council is currently recruiting new members. Applicants should have an interest in special education programs as well as a willingness to learn policies and procedures.

Time Commitment

The Special Education Advisory Council meets the third Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the school district Administration Building, 360 Colborne St., Saint Paul. Subcommittees may meet in addition to the scheduled council meeting.

Term Length

Each Special Education Advisory Council member is appointed by the Saint Paul Public Schools Board of Education and serves a two-year term. The term may be extended if the member wishes to continue serving on the council.

Council Focus Areas

The following issues will provide agenda items for upcoming meetings:

- adequate and appropriate space for special education programs;
- sufficient numbers of qualified, trained professionals and paraprofessionals to provide needed support in special education programs;
- Special Educator of the Year Award Program;
- proactive involvement in the annual Saint Paul Public Schools budget process in relation to its impact on special education programs and staff;
- resource and support for all school site councils to ensure members have an understanding regarding special education rules and procedures; and
- providing accurate and positive information to the Saint Paul Public Schools communities regarding special education programs.

Complete the application on the reverse side and return by mail or fax.

