



# Westfield SEPAC

## Special Education Parent Advisory Council

Fostering knowledge, understanding, and communication between parents, school, and community

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### What is SEPAC?

Since 1986, Massachusetts state law requires all public school districts to have a **Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)**.

All families with a child on an IEP or with a 504 plan are members of SEPAC.

SEPAC ensures all children have equal access to educational opportunities, and that schools are safe, nurturing, challenging learning environments.

The Westfield SEPAC's mission is to advocate for children with disabilities and their families by participating in the planning, development, and evaluation of special education programs.

SEPAC coordinates monthly meetings to educate and support parents, caregivers, and educators.

SEPAC meetings are the **first Thursday of every month** in the cafeteria of Westfield Technical Academy (33 Smith Ave.) from **6:30 to 8:30 pm.**

Meetings range from workshops to support groups to our annual awards ceremony.

6:30 - 6:45 SEPAC information

6:45 - 8:00 Speaker/workshop

8:00 - 8:30 Friends of SEPAC talk together

Refreshments and childcare are always provided.

### 2019 - 2020 SEPAC Calendar

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Sept	SEPAC will be at all Open Houses
10/3	Basic Rights
11/7	Mediation: presented by BSEA
12/5	The Culture of Inclusion
Jan	No Meeting -- Happy New Year!
2/6	Let's Learn About Summer
3/5	Advocacy
4/2	Going from School to School
5/7	2020 Shining Star Awards
6/6	End of year Celebration

