

Saugus SEPAC 2017-2018 Meeting Schedule

This is the 2017/2018 meeting schedule:

- October 5, 2017 – Meet & Greet School Admin Bldg. at 9:00 am Veterans Memorial at 7:00 pm
- October 25, 2017 – Basic Rights Northeast Metropolitan at 7:00 pm
- November 29, 2017 – Basic Rights School Admin Bldg. at 9:00 am
- Jan. 10, 2018 – TBD, Cultural Diversity Veterans Memorial at 7:00 pm
- Jan. 24, 2018 – How To Advocate for Your Student Northeast Metropolitan at 7:00 pm
- February 7, 2018 – TBD – Autism Veterans Memorial at 7:00 pm
- March 10, 2018 – Transition Fair Northeast Metropolitan at 9:00 am - 12
- March 14, 2018 – ADHD A Mothers Hacks Veterans Memorial at 7:00 pm
- April 11, 2018 – General
- May 9, 2018 – General & Elections Panera at 9:00 am

All parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings.

Free Child care provided at Vets events

“No one has yet fully realized the wealth of sympathy, kindness and generosity hidden in the soul of a child. The effort of every true education should be to unlock that treasure.”

- Emma Goldman, author

Upcoming Workshops

2017-2018

This school year, the Saugus SEPAC and the Northeast Metro Tech SEPAC will be hosting a number of workshops offered by various sources. The workshops will be held at the Veteran’s Memorial School library, the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School, or the Saugus School Admin Bldg.

Veterans Memorial Elementary School
39 Hurd Avenue
Saugus, MA 01906

Northeast Metropolitan Regional Voke
100 Hemlock Road
Wakefield, MA 01880

Saugus Schools Admin Bldg
23 Main Street
Saugus, MA 01906

The following are some of our workshop offerings:

- **Basic Rights:** Provides families with an introduction to their rights and responsibilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Massachusetts Special Education Law and No Child Left Behind (NCLB).
- **Transition Fair:** For juniors and seniors to talk to businesses about jobs.
- **ADHD a Mother’s Hacks:** Want to learn some tricks for helping your ADHD child to do homework, to do well in school, to thrive in a non-ADHD world?

We are in the process of researching new and exciting workshops that will be free to the public.

Workshops are subject to change



**Saugus SEPAC
(Special Education
Parent Advisory Council)**

“All Children Can Learn”

<http://www.facebook.com/saugussepac>

What is a SEPAC?

(Special Education Parents Advisory Council)

The Massachusetts special education law, Chapter 71B of the Massachusetts General Laws, requires a school district to establish a PAC (Parent Advisory Council), and assigns both an advisory and a participatory function to the PAC.

The following is the excerpt from Section 3 of Chapter 71B that pertains to PACs:

".... The school committee of any city, town, or school district shall establish a parent advisory council on special education. Membership shall be offered to all parents of children with disabilities and other interested parties. The parent advisory council duties shall include but not be limited to: advising the school committee on matters that pertain to the education and safety of students with disabilities; meeting regularly with school officials to participate in the planning, development, and evaluation of the school committee's special education programs. The parent advisory council shall establish by-laws regarding officers and operational procedures. In the course of its duties under this section, the parent advisory council shall receive assistance from the school committee without charge, upon reasonable notice, and subject to the availability of staff and resources. ..."

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Membership

All Saugus parents/guardians of children on an IEP/504 Accommodation Plan or other interested parties are invited to join the SEPAC and are encouraged to become involved. It is your opportunity to make an impact for your child. Our meetings are open and all are welcome to attend.

Join us. This group is a great place to:

- Learn about your child's rights.
- Understand the IEP.
- Find support with other parents.
- Learn new techniques to support your child.
- Shed the feelings of isolation and find a sense of community.
- Become the best advocate for your child.

"You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives."

- Clay P. Bedford

Our Mission

The Saugus SEPAC is a parent group that acts as a resource for parents:

- Advise the district regarding meeting the needs of students with special needs.
- Provide support and networking opportunities for parents and guardians of children with special educational needs
- Offer workshops and guest speakers to help parents become better informed about special education issues
- Meet regularly with school officials to participate in the planning, development and evaluation of special education programs in town.