

WVSEAC Members

WVSEAC members are appointed by the West Valley School District #208 Board of Directors.

If you are interested in being considered as a member of the SEAC, please complete a WVSEAC application found on the West Valley School District's Special Services page.

The WVSEAC consists of individuals from across the district in areas of expertise:

- A. Parents of children (birth to twenty-one) eligible for special education services.
- B. Individuals with disabilities.
- C. Educators.

A majority of the members of the WVSEAC shall be individuals with disabilities or parents of students eligible for special education.

The West Valley Special Education Advisory Council (WVSEAC) is supported by the following WVSD #208 staff:

Lucas Jaeger
Director of Special Services

Season Almason
Special Service Autism Coordinator

Judi Lewis
**Special Services Assessment
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WEST VALLEY SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (WVSEAC)

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WVSEAC Goals

The West Valley Special Education Advisory Council (WVSEAC) is established to create a parent and community engagement with the district's Special Services Department.

-Purpose-

1. Increase parental and family involvement by providing a forum for parents, families, and the community to ask questions, propose solutions, and otherwise give feedback on the special education program in their schools.
2. Be a partner with the school district in its efforts to provide special education programming for eligible students with disabilities.
3. Advise the district of needs in education of children with disabilities.
4. Participate in the development of priorities and strategies for meeting the identified needs of children with disabilities.
5. Facilitate trainings by experienced outside consultants not employed by the school district, at least two times per school year to families of children with disabilities to teach families how to advocate for their child and to teach students with disabilities how to self-advocate.

WVSEAC Goals

6. Submit biannual reports and recommendations to the school district superintendent for transmission to the school district board of directors regarding the education of children with disabilities.
7. Assist the school district in interpreting plans to the community for meeting the special needs of children with disabilities for educational and transition services.
8. Review the school district proposed policies and procedures for the provision of special education and related services prior to the submission to the school district board of directors.

WVSEAC Responsibilities

Engage students, families, educators, and the public in meaningful conversations to improve services for students eligible for special education services.

- Increase expectations regarding students eligible for special education services.
- Follow-up on public comments.
- Inform legislators regarding policies which affect students eligible for special education services.
- Advise WVSD of district wide implementation of IDEA/WACs.

WVSEAC Meetings

Three meetings are required throughout a school year. The district will host at least four meetings. Meetings are held in West Valley School District buildings. Visitors are welcome and public comment is encouraged. Please visit the Special Services section of the West Valley School District website for more information regarding the meeting locations and dates.

WVSEAC Focus

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