



Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

Sonoma County and Charter SELPA



Welcome!

Please introduce yourself in the chat:

- Name
- **If you are a Parent:** District or Charter your child attends
- **If you are an Educator:** District or Charter you work for
- Favorite cozy meal for a rainy day!



What is a CAC?

California Education Code 56190 requires that each local plan shall establish a Community Advisory Committee

California Education Code 56194 outlines what a CAC does

Supported by the SELPA

Provides input to the SELPA Local Plan

Each CAC is unique to the needs of that area

Should be a collaborative partnership of parents, educators, and community members

Supports the needs of individuals with disabilities

Provides families with information and resources

Is a liaison between SELPA, SCOE, LEAs, students, families, educators, and community members

Our Local CAC Leaders

Emily King - Chairperson

OPEN - Vice Chairperson

Sarah Ponsford - Past Chairperson

Jennifer Lemas - Secretary

Nora Parajon - Member

Larkin O'Leary - Member

Janel Plack - Program Specialist (County SELPA)

Julie Promes - Program Specialist (Charter SELPA)

Elizabeth Engelken - Executive Director



Evening CAC Meetings

Four (4) meetings per year

Hybrid format - in person at SCOE and via video link

Mondays, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

State and local announcements/updates, followed by an informational session presented by a guest speaker or panel of presenters

Open to the public - Parents/Guardians, Educators, Administrators, Service Providers, Community Members

Spanish Interpretation is provided at every meeting



Mark Your Calendars!

Evening Meetings ~ 6-7:30pm

Monday, September 22, 2025

Monday, November 17, 2025

Monday, January 26, 2026

Monday, March 2, 2026

In person at:

Sonoma County Office of Education
5340 Skylane Blvd, Santa Rosa



Or via Zoom:

<https://sonomacoe.zoom.us/j/88088033082>

Mini Meetings

To provide alternative days/times for people to attend

Four (4) meetings per year

Remote only via video link

Select Tuesdays, 12:00-12:45 p.m.

Informational sessions on a common topic

- This year's topic is "Understanding the Special Education System"

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Mark Your Calendars!

Mini Meetings ~ 12-12:45pm

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Tuesday, April 14, 2026



Via Zoom:

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Please Share the Information

Distribute the flyers (English and Spanish):

- 2025-2026 CAC Meeting Dates
- November 17th CAC Meeting

Share the SELPA CAC webpage

Provide the brochure

Help us recruit families with personal invitations

Additional ideas to spread the word? Let us know!



The flyer is titled "COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE" and "2025-26 MEETING DATES". It features logos for Sonoma County SELPA, Sonoma CAC, and the 50th Anniversary of IDEA. The flyer lists regular meetings (6:00-7:30 PM) for September 22, November 17, January 26, and March 2. It also lists mini meetings (12:00-12:45 PM) for October 14, December 9, February 10, and April 14. The flyer includes a call to action to mark calendars and join the community of parents, educators, administrators, and community members in supporting the special education needs of students of all ages. For more information, contact Janel Plack at jplack@sonomaselpa.org.

SONOMA COUNTY
SELPA
SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

SONOMA
CAC
COMMUNITY ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

50
ANNIVERSARY
of IDEA
SELPA

**COMMUNITY ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

2025-26 MEETING DATES

REGULAR MEETINGS
(6:00 - 7:30 PM)
SEPTEMBER 22
NOVEMBER 17
JANUARY 26
MARCH 2
REGULAR MEETINGS ARE HYBRID (IN-PERSON AND VIA ZOOM).

MINI MEETINGS
(12:00-12:45 PM)
OCTOBER 14
DECEMBER 9
FEBRUARY 10
APRIL 14
ALL MINI MEETINGS ARE HELD VIA ZOOM ONLY.


MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW AND JOIN OUR COMMUNITY OF PARENTS,
EDUCATORS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN SUPPORTING THE
SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS OF STUDENTS OF ALL AGES.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT JANEL PLACK AT
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Please Share the Information

CAC Family Survey


[Click here](#) for a shareable link of this image!



Families of Students with Disabilities:
Please take the CAC Survey!


Familias de Estudiantes con Discapacidades:
Por favor, ¡responda a la encuesta!

bit.ly/4M054L9
or use the QR code
o usa el código QR



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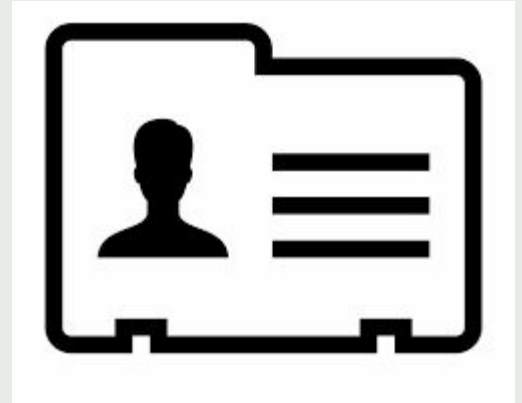
El CAC es una asociación colaborativa de familias, educadores y miembros de la comunidad de nuestro SELPA del condado de Sonoma y SELPA Charter, que apoya las necesidades de los estudiantes con discapacidades.



Invite Families to Join!

Please share the contact information (names and email addresses) of parents/guardians for:

- Nomination for Vice-Chairperson
- General participation



CAC Bylaws

Proposed Sonoma County SELPA CAC Bylaws

To be reviewed and approved by
SAC and Superintendents' Council



Additional Resources

SELPA Administrators of California

California SELPA Community Advisory Committee Guide, Fifth Edition 2022



Questions

