

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

You have support on issues involving your child. It helps to know there is an organization like the PAC, through which parents have a voice for their opinions and concerns. The PAC is a group of parents who have children with a disability and receive special education services. Members, representing each district, are chosen upon recommendation of an administrator, approved by local school district boards, and final authority to appoint members rests with the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District Board.

The PAC strives to represent the interest and concerns of students with special needs and their parents. It also strives to promote partnership between parents, student, the local school district, and the OAISD by facilitating communication and cooperation.

The PAC:

- Stresses cooperation between parents, school personnel, and other service providers.
- Listens and offers support to parents of special education students.
- Encourages, advises, and processes information for parents of special education students.

Questions?

Questions regarding the PAC or parent concerns regarding special education services may be directed to any committee member:

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PAC Reference Documents

 [Frequently Asked Questions by Parents about Special Education, March 2010](#)

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