

## Who is the CAC?

The CAC is an active group of individuals who care about students in special education, their parents and staff.

To achieve our mission, we need help and fresh ideas. Are you looking to make a difference in our community? If so, the CAC is for you!



## How can CAC help you?

Joining the CAC gives you a "voice at the table" to make a difference in special education programs and services.

Please join the CAC!

## What is the CAC?

The CAC is an advisory body to the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) to promote effective special education programs and services. PUSD is a single-district SELPA. The CAC is mandated by Ed. Code (EC 56190-56194) and most members must be parents.

## What is Special Education?

Special Education is specifically designed instruction, at no cost to the parent, to meet the unique needs of a child with disabilities. 34 C.F.R. § 300.39; Cal. Educ. Code § 56031(a).

## What does the CAC do?

CAC advises the District on the development, amendment and review of the Local Plan for Special Education, including the following:

1. Review the Local Plan and provide ongoing input on special education services, accountability and outcomes;
2. Recommend annual priorities to be addressed in the Local Plan and encourage community involvement;
3. Provide parent education and support activities on behalf of individuals with exceptional needs;
4. Assist in the development of parent awareness and the importance of regular school attendance.



# Poway Unified Special Education Local Plan Area



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## Our Mission

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) promotes and encourages positive connections among students, parents and PUSD by providing guidance in special education so all students become successful, lifelong learners.



## What are the benefits?

- Insight to Special Education programs, services, resources, reviews and funding.
- Create a bridge to community resources available for our children.
- Access to SELPA staff and resources.
- Connect with other parents and provide input for parent information nights.

## When does the CAC meet?

All meetings are held at the PUSD board conference room.



**15250 Avenue of Science, 92128**

Our meeting schedule is posted on the PUSD website under the [Special Education Department / CAC](#).



## Who can attend?

Everyone! All business meetings are open to the public, everyone is welcome to attend.



## How do I get involved?

- Attend our meetings.
- Volunteer on a CAC Committee. You don't have to be a member to volunteer.
- Share information, talents and solutions.

## Parent Information Nights

Every year the CAC holds parent information nights. The topics and guest speakers are selected based on parent, community and CAC input. Some topics in the past have included:

- Special Education Law
- The IEP Process
- Guest Speakers: ADHD, Dyslexia
- Transition IEPs
- Anxiety



## Parent Newsletter

All parents/guardians of children in Special Education receive an e-newsletter. The public is invited to submit articles to the CAC Newsletter Committee for review and inclusion.



## Parent Handbook

A parent handbook and procedural handbook are available for download on the CAC webpage or you can ask your case manager or program specialist for a copy.