



STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities
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Division of Educational Services
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The State Special Education Advisory Council (NJ-SSEAC) Is Seeking New Members

The New Jersey Department of Education is seeking members for the New Jersey State Special Education Advisory Council (NJ-SSEAC) beginning in the fall of 2026. The NJ-SSEAC provides guidance on special education and related services provided in the State to the Commissioner of Education. Members of the council are appointed by the State Board of Education in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and N.J.S.A. 18A:46-2.

The council consists of a minimum of seven and a maximum of 15 appointed members. Additionally, half of the council members must be either a parent of a child with a disability or a person with a disability. Potential members must come from fifteen categories as outlined by the Federal guidelines. More information on the 15 categories is included in the membership application. Regional representation is also a consideration.

At the present time, NJ-SSEAC is looking to fill Council Member positions for 2026-2028.

Appointments are for a two-year term and are renewable for additional terms. All meetings are held virtually, except for the in-person meeting in June. Meetings occur from August through June on the third Thursday of each month, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monthly attendance is required. Members are volunteers and are not reimbursed for their services. The council meetings are open to the public. The schedule for the 2026-2027 council year is forthcoming.

Interested candidates should:

- Complete the [2026-2027 SSEAC Application Form](#); and,
- Submit their resume/curriculum vitae (CV) as an attached PDF to SpEdAdvisoryCouncil@doe.nj.gov.

Questions should be directed to the email address above. Candidates may also review the [NJ-SSEAC website](#) for additional information.