

Harrisonburg City Public Schools Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Monday, March 9, 2026 | 6:00 PM

Members

Kathleen Gibson (Parent; Chair), Shonda Green (Parent; Vice-Chair), Katya Koubek (Parent), Molly Penalver (Parent), Chelsea Skelton (VAIL – Community Organization; Notetaker), Anne Marie Trobaugh (Teacher Representative)

Consultants

Dr. Tony Walker (Special Education Director), Matt Snyder (School Board Representative), Dr. Michael Richards (Superintendent), Dr. Joy Blosser (Chief Academic Officer), April Howard (Chief Officer for Student Support)

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Public Comment
- January and February Meeting Minutes
- Strategic Plan Updates (Leadership Team)
- Annual Plan and Child Find (Dr. Walker)
- Other Updates
- Adjourn

2025-2026 SEAC Meetings

Location: City Hall Room 11

Time: 6:00 PM

Day: Second Monday of the month

(Dates subject to change due to holidays or closures.)

- September 8, 2025
- October 20, 2025 *Due to school holiday closure.
- November 10, 2025
- ~~December 8, 2025 *Meeting cancelled due to inclement weather closure~~
- January 12, 2026
- February 9, 2026
- March 9, 2026
- April 13, 2026
- May 11, 2026
- June 8, 2026

SEAC Regulations

8 VAC 20-81-230(D) states that:

D. A local advisory committee for special education, appointed by each local school board, shall advise the school board through the division superintendent.

1. Membership.

- a. A majority of the committee shall be parents of children with disabilities or individuals with disabilities.
- b. The committee shall include one teacher.
- c. Additional local school division personnel shall serve only as consultants to the committee.

2. The functions of the local advisory committee shall be as follows:

- a. Advise the local school division of needs in the education of children with disabilities;
- b. Participate in the development of priorities and strategies for meeting the identified needs of children with disabilities;
- c. Submit periodic reports and recommendations regarding the education of children with disabilities to the division superintendent for transmission to the local school board;

- d. Assist the local school division in interpreting plans to the community for meeting the special needs of children with disabilities for educational services;
 - e. Review the policies and procedures for the provision of special education and related services prior to submission to the local school board; and
 - f. Participate in the review of the local school division's annual plan, as outlined in subdivision B.2. of this section.
- 3. Public notice shall be published annually listing the names of committee members and including a description of ways in which interested parties may express their views to the committee.**
- 4. Committee meetings shall be held at least four times in a school year and shall be open to the public.**