



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



**State Advisory Council for Special Education  
Membership Committee**

Greetings!

The State Advisory Council for Special Education (SAC) is reaching out to let you know of a possible leadership opportunity for one of your high school or transition age students who is currently eligible for special education. We are actively seeking student/transition age representatives.

The SAC is a committee that is a representative group of students, parents, education professionals, and stakeholders collaborating on issues related to special education in Connecticut.

Below are some examples of the work that the Council focuses on:

- Provide policy guidance with respect to special education and related services for children and youth with disabilities in the state.
- Advise the CT Department of Education of unmet needs of educating students with disabilities.
- Advise the CT Department of Education on the development and implementation of policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities.

The SAC typically meets five to nine times per year and student representatives attend as their school and other extracurricular activities permit. It is perfectly acceptable to attend a portion of a council meeting, or even miss a meeting due to other commitments. Members may attend meetings in person or via phone/Zoom. In addition, transcripts and recordings of the virtual meetings are available in case you cannot attend. The link to these recordings is: [CT State Advisory Council for Special Education - YouTube](#)

The Council welcomes and appreciates the ideas and feedback that each member contributes, especially the voice of its student members. Their voice, contribution(s), and presence are of great value to the work the SAC completes.

If you and/or your student are interested in learning more about the State Advisory Council for Special Education, you are most welcome to attend a future Council meeting to learn more about what the Council does.

You may also contact Catherine Summ, Membership Committee Chairperson, at [Catherine.summ@ct.gov](mailto:Catherine.summ@ct.gov) or Jolie Medina, Assistant to the Council at [Yolanda.medina@ct.gov](mailto:Yolanda.medina@ct.gov) with any questions you may have.