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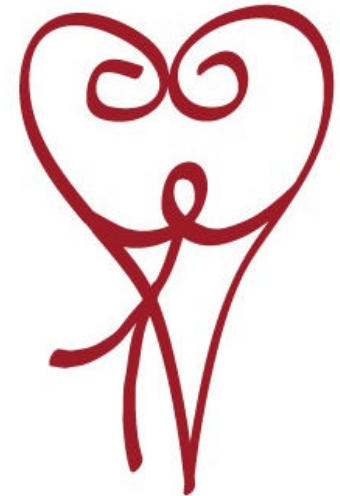
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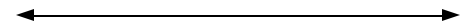
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# Exceptional Children's Parent Advisory Council Of Guilford County Schools



Advocating for  
Guilford County's most  
special students



Guilford County Schools  
Department of Exceptional  
Children & Psychological Services

# Our Purpose



**Every student deserves a successful school experience.**

The Exceptional Children's Parent Advisory Council (ECPAC) advocates for all children with special needs enrolled in Guilford County Schools. The Council comprises ten voting members who are parents of children currently receiving special education services from the Guilford County Schools. We strive to

represent a broad range of student ages, ethnicities, and disabilities. Working closely with the Executive Director of Exceptional Children and Psychological Services and other members of GCS-EC administration, we provide the following services:

- Information and referral to local agencies serving children and families with special needs
- A professional Parent Liaison to assist with questions and issues related to your child's special education program
- Training and networking opportunities for parents and teachers
- Task force support for selected parent initiatives
- Collaboration with the GCS PTA Council to recruit and train EC representatives for individual schools
- Advocacy for students with disabilities and their legal rights and entitlements
- Advocacy for quality educational programs for students with disabilities, including qualified teachers; appropriate spaces, locations, and transportation; appropriate materials and teaching strategies; and access to the least restrictive learning environment, as defined by IDEA guidelines.

# We can help.

- **INFORMATION** on local agencies and resources.
- **ASSISTANCE** in planning for an effective Individual Education Plan (IEP).
- **GUIDANCE** in finding the appropriate parties to address your needs within the Guilford County Schools.
- **SUPPORT** for your ideas and projects through task force assistance.
- **COLLABORATION** with GCS Exceptional Children and Psychological Services, GCS PTAs, and other local organizations to enhance services for children with special needs.
- **ADVOCACY** for the rights of students with disabilities and their families.
- **A HELPING HAND** for you and your child, from parents who have "been there"!

## Interested in becoming a Member?

The ECPAC is made up of ten voting members. Membership decisions are made in the interest of representing different disabilities, age groups, ethnicities, and areas of Guilford County. To learn more about joining the Council, call us at (336)370-8329 or e-mail [ECPAC@ncmail.net](mailto:ECPAC@ncmail.net).

## Getting the Support You Need

The ECPAC can help connect you with the resources you need to be informed and confident as you plan for your child's IEP and educational program. With access to information about agencies across our County and State which support students with disabilities, we can help you meet the needs of your child and your family. **To reach us, please send an e-mail to [ECPAC@ncmail.net](mailto:ECPAC@ncmail.net), or contact the Parent Liaison for GCS-EC Services at (336)370-8329.**



**An appropriate placement means meeting each student's needs in the least restrictive environment.**

Occasionally, issues arise with your child's education that require special attention. These issues are usually best resolved at the school level by those who know your child best: his or her teachers, therapists, and, when necessary, the school principal.

When additional involvement is needed, your school's Program Administrator can often be of assistance. The role of the Program Administrator (PA) is to advocate for students, and to assist parents in ensuring that their child participates fully and successfully in his or her school experience. **For the name and contact information for your school's Program Administrator, call the**

**GCS Exceptional Children and Psychological Services office at (336) 370-2323, or visit**

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