



**PARENT ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**



PAC FACT SHEET

The Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education (MARSE) requires each intermediate school district (ISD) establish a Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). A PAC is made up of parents of children with disabilities. Each local school district within the ISD has at least one parent as a member. The PAC gives advice and feedback on how the ISD provides special education programs and services. PACs are able to have a positive impact on special education programs and policies.



THE ISD'S ROLE FOR PACS

The Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education (MARSE) requires each ISD establish a PAC and appoint members. The ISD ensures the committee is made up of parents of children with different disabilities. The ISD also commits staff and resources to assist the committee. Some local school districts may also establish parent advisory committees. However, such PACs are not required and are not granted any rights or authority by state legislation or rules.



WISD Special Education Parent Advisory Committee website:

<https://www.washtenawisd.org/departments/special-education/parent-advisory-committee>



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PACS ARE INVOLVED IN SEVERAL ACTIVITIES WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Take part in reviewing the ISD Plan. The ISD Plan documents how special education programs and services are provided within the ISD and each of its local school districts.
- Review and advise on requests from districts for temporary deviation from a specific rule in the Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education (MARSE). The Michigan Department of Education Office of Special Education may grant a district a deviation under special circumstances for a period not to extend beyond the current school year.
- Stay knowledgeable about changes and topics in special education and give input on special education issues.
- Serve as a source of information for other families.
- Invite guest speakers and share other resources from statewide agencies and programs to help educate and inform parents.
- Be a voice for parents locally.



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