



Office of the State
Superintendent of Education

JOIN THE DC STATE ADVISORY PANEL ON SPECIAL EDUCATION (SAPSE)!

What is SAPSE?

The District of Columbia's State Advisory Panel on Special Education (SAPSE) advises the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) on the unmet needs of students with disabilities throughout the District of Columbia.

Who are SAPSE members?

SAPSE is made up of parents of students with disabilities, individuals with disabilities, educators and school representatives, District agency representatives, and community members. The majority of SAPSE members must be parents of students with disabilities. Members have demonstrated interest in issues affecting special education or the delivery of special education and related services to children and youth with disabilities in DC. SAPSE members serve two-year terms.

What do we do?

SAPSE serves as an advisory body to OSSE and the Mayor on matters pertaining to the education of students with disabilities, including:

- Providing feedback on proposed laws, rules and policies related to special education
- Advising OSSE on the educational and service needs of children and youth with disabilities in DC
- Highlighting issues affecting the coordination and delivery of special education and related services
- Reviewing the District's annual special education data reporting to the US Department of Education

Why should I join SAPSE?

SAPSE members play a vital role in ensuring that every child receives the support they need to thrive. We are looking for dedicated individuals who are passionate about championing the rights of students with disabilities and making meaningful contributions to improving outcomes for students with disabilities across the District.

When are SAPSE meetings?

SAPSE meets at least four times a year between July 1 and June 30. SAPSE meetings may be held in person, virtually, or in a hybrid model.

How do I apply?

Are you looking to improve outcomes for all children with disabilities in schools within the District? If becoming a SAPSE member is something you may be interested in, please complete the application with the Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments [available here](#).

Questions?

Please contact Jasmine Fleming at Jasmine.Fleming@dc.gov or (202) 481-3783.