



Tips for Parents of Special Needs children

- Begin by speaking to your child's teachers if you have questions or concerns
- Know your child's strengths & abilities
- Know your child's specific challenges
- Find out what resources may be available for your child
- If necessary, make the time to meet with your school's Principal
- Discuss the option of developing an Individual Education Plan (I.E.P.)
- Inform yourself of possible resources available in your community
- Set specific achievable goals for the current academic year
- Develop a vision for your child's next 3-5 years
- Maintain open & respectful communication with the team that is there to help your child succeed
- **Remember that you are your child's number 1 advocate. So it is important to become involved in their academic journey.**



SEAC initiatives

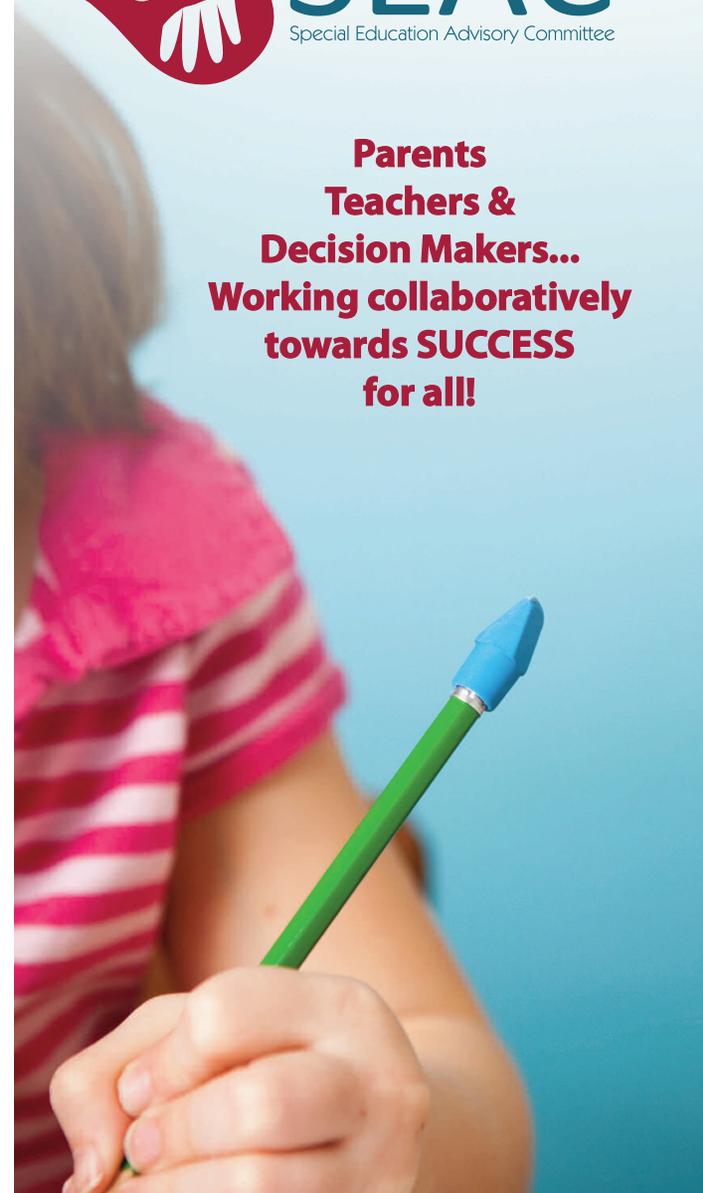
- SEAC supports our parent community through various other activities. By working collaboratively with the SWLSB Parents Committee as well as the Complementary Services Department (CSD), we are able to host a variety of events that are free to parents!

Be sure to look out for our **Seminars, Workshops** and **Conferences** on a variety topics pertaining to parenting issues.
- Also be sure to ask for your copy of the **I.E.P. Toolkit** which contains specific information about the I.E.P. Process as well as several other documents and resource lists to help you help your child succeed!
- **Join our MAILING LIST!**
Learn about our upcoming events and other items of interest to our Special Needs Community right away! To join the SEAC mailing list simply send an email to seac@swlauriersb.qc.ca

To contact SEAC:
seac@swlauriersb.qc.ca
or call 450-621-5600 ext: 1449



**Parents
Teachers &
Decision Makers...
Working collaboratively
towards SUCCESS
for all!**



JOIN SEAC OR SIMPLY COME AND ATTEND ONE OF OUR MEETINGS!



Did you know...

- **That all School Boards in Quebec** must establish a Special Education Advisory Committee/SEAC?
- **SEAC is composed of** parents of students with Special Needs (who make up the majority of members) as well as representatives of the teachers, professionals, support staff, administrators and a representative of the Director General (DG).
- **Our SEAC** includes 9 parent members as well as space for up to 9 parent alternate members.

*Note: Parent members and voting alternate parent members may have their mileage reimbursed as well as baby sitting expenses incurred in order to attend meetings.



COMMISSION SCOLAIRE SIR-WILFRID-LAURIER
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SEAC Function & Powers

Section 187 of the Education Act specifies the role of this committee as follows

- **To advise** the School Board on the Policy for the organization of Educational Services for students with Special Needs.
- **To advise** the School Board on the allocation of financial resources to the services intended for these students.
- **To advise** the School Board on the implementation of an Individual Education Plan (I.E.P.).
- **To be consulted** on Inter Board agreements that concern students with Special Needs (Ed. Act sec.213)

Parents are Welcome!

Our regular meetings are open to the public. There are 2 question periods at each meeting. You are cordially invited to be among us!

To become a member...

Simply complete the application form (available online at the SWLSB web site www.swlauriersb.qc.ca and follow the SEAC tab) and either email it directly to seac@swlauriersb.qc.ca or submit it to your child's Principal. When space is available, the Parents Committee will appoint SEAC members in the order that the applications arrive.

Contact us

If you have any questions, concerns or comments concerning Students with Special Needs T 450-621-5600 or seac@swlauriersb.qc.ca

Meetings are held monthly at...

SWLSB Administration Center
235 Montée Lesage, Rosemere, Qc. J7A-4Y6

*Note: Parent members may participate at meetings by other means such as conference calling. See the SWLSB web site for dates and time.

**CHECK OUT OUR I.E.P. TOOLKIT : ASK YOUR CHILD'S PRINCIPAL
OR FIND IT AT WWW.SWLAURIERSB.QC.CA UNDER THE SEAC TAB**