

Cleveland County Schools Exceptional Needs Parent Advisory Council (CCS ENPAC)

The Exceptional Needs Parent Advisory Council (ENPAC) is a collaborative effort created by the school system to ensure that parents, school staff, and community professionals have an opportunity to come together in partnership to discuss educational programming and supports for students with Individual Education Programs (IEP), as well as for those being considered for eligibility within the Exceptional Children's Program.

The council serves as an avenue for the members to advocate for students with disabilities in the school system. The primary focus for the group is to identify system-wide issues not individual student/personal concerns. All specific concerns regarding your student must be directed to the Exceptional Children Program Office. As a group we are working collaboratively to improve the quality for ALL children that receive services for exceptional needs in Cleveland County Schools.

Exceptional Needs Parent Advisory Council Activities:

- Serve as an avenue to increase school and community awareness concerning children with exceptional needs and their families.
- Advocate for effective, coordinated, and comprehensive programs.
- Provide workshops, learning opportunities, and information to parents and the school community concerning issues and programs for students with special needs.
- Connect families with community agencies (e.g. mental health, vocational rehabilitation, etc.) and resources.
- Make recommendations for needed improvements to the school system with regards to EC students and programs.
- Communicate appreciation and support to those serving individuals with special needs.
- Establish a network of support between parents with similar needs

Members:

- EC Program Specialist
- Assistant Principal
- EC Preschool Compliance
- Burns Zone Parent Representative
- Crest Zone Parent Representative
- Kings Mountain Zone Parent Representatives
- Shelby Zone Parent Representative
- (2) Ad Hoc committee members