

## CHAPTER 3. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

### What is the Community Advisory Committee (CAC)?

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) originated under the California Master Plan and since that time has functioned under legislative mandate (Education Code Section 56194). The CAC acts in an advisory capacity to the Special Education Local Plan Area and involves the community in actively participating in the development, amendment, and review of the SELPA's Local Plan for Special Education.

### The CAC's responsibilities include the following:

- Advising the policy and administrative entity of the district, special education local plan area, or county office, regarding the development, amendment, and review of the local plan for special education.
- Recommending annual priorities to be addressed by the plan.
- Assisting in parent education and in recruiting parents and other volunteers who may contribute to the implementation of the plan.
- Encouraging community involvement in the development and review of the plan.
- Supporting activities on behalf of individuals with exceptional needs.
- Assisting in parent awareness of the importance of regular school attendance.



### What are Local Advisory Committees (LACs)?

A Local Advisory Committee (LAC) is an optional advisory body in each district convened at the discretion of the District Board. LACs may meet monthly to discuss district special education issues. It is separate from the CAC, and is not mandated by law. A representative from each district LAC is recommended to attend the SELPA Community Advisory Committee (CAC) monthly meetings to share local concerns and activities as well as to bring information from the CAC back to the district.

[Link to CAC Bylaws](#)

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### When are the meetings?

CAC meets monthly during the school year. For information on meeting location, dates, and times, call the SELPA at 399.4460. For information on local advisory meetings, call your local district's Director of Special Education.

Benicia USD	707-748-2640
Dixon USD	707-639-6300 Ext. 8010
Fairfield-Suisun USD	707-399-5071
Travis USD	707-437-4604 ext. 1216
Vacaville USD	707-453-7207