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*You are welcome  
to attend!*

**The Durham District  
School Board**  
invites all parents and  
interested members of the  
public to attend  
Special Education Advisory  
Committee meetings.

*The Committee meets at the Education  
Centre, 400 Taunton Road East, Whitby,  
at 6:30 p.m. usually every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday.*

→ If you would like more information on the  
Special Education Advisory Committee  
or Special Education Services in Durham,  
please call your local school.

## What Happens at a S.E.A.C Meeting?

S.E.A.C. meetings are a forum for S.E.A.C. members to  
provide advice and discussion of Board programs and support  
services for exceptional pupils. Meetings follow a formal  
format including:

- ▶ Review of Minutes
- ▶ Presentations
  - Current issues and initiatives in Special Education
- ▶ Committee Reports by members
- ▶ Board Reports:
  - a) Trustees b) Staff
- ▶ Correspondence and Questions

## Who Are Exceptional Students?

Exceptional Students are those whose behavioural,  
communicational, intellectual, physical or multiple  
exceptionalities are such that he or she needs a  
specialized placement or support as identified by the  
Identification, Placement, and Review Committee  
(I.P.R.C.)

## Durham Board Placements Include:

### Regular Class Support:

- With Indirect Support
- ▶ With Resource Support
- ▶ With Withdrawal Support

### Special Education Classes:

- With Partial Integration
- ▶ Full Time

### Classes Offered:

- ▶ Learning Strategies Class
- ▶ Behaviour Assessment Class
- ▶ Behaviour Intervention Class
- ▶ Primary Diagnostic Class
- ▶ Language Class
- ▶ Modified Class
- ▶ Deaf and Hard of Hearing Class
- ▶ Multiple Exceptionalities Class
- ▶ Associated Class
- ▶ Developmental Class
- ▶ Gifted Class
- ▶ Hearing Resource Support
- ▶ Vision Resource Support
- ▶ Practical Learning Program

# SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## What is S.E.A.C?

Under Ontario's Education Act, every  
student is entitled to a program which  
meets his or her needs. In Durham, our  
Special Education Advisory Committee  
(SEAC) helps the Board protect the rights  
of students with special learning needs.  
SEAC provides information, advice and  
assistance to parents/guardians whose  
children may require additional support.

SEAC advises and makes recommendations  
to the Board concerning the establishment  
and development of special education pro-  
grams and services.



## The Committee is composed of member representatives from:

- Association for Bright Children (ABC)
- Autism Society of Ontario, Durham Chapter
- Community Living - Ajax, Pickering and Whitby
- Community Living - Durham North
- Durham District School Board (Trustee)
- Durham Down Syndrome Association
- Epilepsy, Durham Region
- Kinark Child and Family Services - Durham
- Learning Disability Association of Durham Region
- Resources for Exceptional Children - Durham Region
- Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada
- VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### Association for Bright Children (ABC)

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This association helps parents advocate for their bright and gifted children. In co-operation with The Durham District School Board, ABC's Durham Chapter provides information and support to member and non-member parents.

### Autism Society Ontario, Durham Chapter

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This association of parents and professionals is dedicated to raising the public's awareness of and providing support services for autistic people and their families. Autism is characterized by mild to severe impairments in verbal and non-verbal communications, imaginative activity, and limitations of personal and social activities and interests.

### Community Living - Ajax, Pickering and Whitby

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### ▶ Community Living - Durham North

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This association helps people who are developmentally challenged to live with dignity and to have equal opportunity to live and participate effectively in the community.

### ▶ Durham Down Syndrome Association

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This is an organization of parents, professionals and others striving to improve the quality of life for those with Down Syndrome, a chromosomal disorder that causes varying degrees of developmental delays.

The Association, while seeking to broaden public awareness, serves as a support to new families and as a resource to parents for information regarding facilities and programs available for persons with Down Syndrome.

### ▶ Epilepsy, Durham Region

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Epilepsy Durham Region fosters hope and courage for a better life with epilepsy. Through coaching and support services, Epilepsy Durham Region strives to enhance the quality of life for those living with epilepsy through the distribution of authoritative resources, social programming and employment support.

### ▶ Kinark Child and Family Services - Durham

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Kinark Child and Family Services is a non-profit children's mental health centre that provides a full range of free and confidential programs and services to children between the ages of 0-12 with mental health issues as well as support to their families/caregivers.

### ▶ Learning Disability Association of Durham Region

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This association of parents, individuals, professionals and others provides advocacy, support and resource information for and on behalf of the Learning Disabled. Learning Disabilities are information processing disorders which affect language use and academic skills (reading, writing, mathematics, speaking) memory, co-ordination and organizational skills.

### ▶ Resources for Exceptional Children - Durham Region

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Resources for Exceptional Children - Durham Region will assist the family to enhance their child's participation in their community, and support the family to advocate for services that they require.

### ▶ Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada

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People who have Tourette Syndrome and TS+ (OCD, ADHD, etc.) will be able to lead quality lives as accepted and valued members of an informed and tolerant society. The Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada will carry out its mission and work toward these objectives with integrity, professionalism, mutual respect, compassion and responsiveness.

### ▶ VOICE For Hearing Impaired Children

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To ensure that all hearing impaired children have the right to develop their ability to listen and speak and have access to services which will enable them to listen and speak.