



Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

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You are not alone.

We know. We have been there. We understand. It is OK to feel scared, frustrated and overwhelmed. Those are all important feelings to have when you learn that your child qualifies for special education services. The good news — you are not alone.

During the academic years of your child's life, you will experience tremendous joys and may also be faced with challenges. Know that as you navigate your child's special education experience, there is a network of parents, guardians, friends and others who are here to help you called the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). The goal of PAC is to support you as you learn about the special education system and to help you become more confident about your child's school experience.

What is the PAC?

The PAC is a group of parents who have one thing in common: a child with a disability. It is a peer network that allows you to take a step back from your particular situation and gain insight and valuable information to assist you and your student. Additionally, in partnership with local school districts, PAC members serve as a voice for the families whose children attend special education programs and receive special education services within Berrien County.



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What we do:

- Provide emotional support/listening ear through a peer network
- Attend and offer parent assistance during Individual Education Plan (IEP) meetings
- Share experiences and resources
- Offer outreach support in the community
- Celebrate the accomplishments of educators who make a difference in the lives of students receiving special education services.

PAC Meetings

PAC representatives meet monthly during the school year. The meetings are open to the public - everyone is welcome! Meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Berrien RESA Administrative Center located at 711 St. Joseph Avenue in Berrien Springs (unless noted otherwise).

Upcoming meeting dates:

- September 20, 2022
- October 18, 2022 (virtual)
- November 15, 2022
- January 17, 2023 (virtual)
- February 21, 2023 (virtual)
- March 14, 2023 - PAC Awards Event
- April 18, 2023
- May 16, 2023

For meeting agendas and minutes, visit: https://bit.ly/Berrien_RESA-PAC

Your PAC representative can be reached by contacting your home school district's special education coordinator.

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Breanna Bell, Director of Human Resources, Berrien RESA, 711 St. Joseph Avenue, Berrien Springs, MI 49103

Title IX Investigators: Kevin Clark, Technology Services Director and Breanna Bell, Director of Human Resources

Title IX Decision Maker: Chris Machiniak, Assistant Superintendent

Title IX Appeals: Eric Hoppstock, Superintendent

Title IX Final Rule (Clark Hill). For procedural information, please review Berrien RESA's Board policies.