

The mission of the Amesbury SEPAC is to work for the understanding of, respect for and support of all children with special needs in the community. To that end, they will work to:

- Promote a network of parents of children with special needs and provide the forum to share information
- Advise the Dir. Of Student Services and School Committee on operations and development of special education programs, parent and teacher training needs, and help develop policy
- Promote communications between SEPAC members, local, State and National organizations, councils and groups
- Promote communication and programs within the community to encourage understanding, acceptance and inclusion

Find us on:

- Our Webpage <https://schools.amesburyma.gov/Page/376>
- Our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/amesburysepac/>
- The Amesbury Public Schools Polys

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Become an advocate for your child with special education needs. Learn more about...



Amesbury SEPAC

*Special Education
Parent Advisory Council*



SEPAC Upcoming Events:

Sept. 26- Meet and Greet with Dr. Lynn Catarius at AHS Library, 6:30pm

Oct. 3- Basic Rights Training through the Federation for Children with Special Needs (FCSN) at AHS Library, 6:30-8:30pm

Oct. 19- Halloween Dance, 6:00-8:00p.m. at AMS Cafeteria

Nov. 14- ARC Training discussing Social Security, MassHealth, and Transitioning to Adulthood at AHS Library, 6:30-8:30pm

Dec. 5- Topic TBD* at AHS Library, 6:30pm

Jan. 16- Intro. to the Transition Planning Process through FCSN at AHS Library 6:30-8:30pm

Feb. 6- Topic TBD* at AHS Library, 6:30pm

Mar. 6- Training TBD at AHS Library, 6:30pm

Apr. 3- Topic TBD* at AHS Library, 6:30pm

May 17- Ice Cream Social and Crafts CES Cafeteria 6:30-8pm

FREE CHILDCARE AT ALL EVENTS

*Possible topics may include executive functioning, What does my child do in therapy?, and the Spotlight program and other extra-curriculum opportunities. Check SEPAC emails, school polys, and our Facebook page for updated information.

SEPAC Board

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Membership

Open to ALL Amesbury parents/guardians of children with special needs and other interested parties.

How do I become a part of the SEPAC?

- Attend a meeting or event
- Contact our Secretary at the email address above

Parent Support Group

We are trialing a spin-off group where parents share concerns/feelings with other parents about their experiences and hard work in trying to get the most appropriate special education program in place for their child(ren). Check SEPAC emails and school polys for upcoming dates and locations.

Outreach and Resources

Amesbury Student Services Office:

Lynn Catarius, *Director*
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State Contacts:

Office of Civil Rights (504s):

www.hhs.gov/ocr/civilrights/index

Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Ed:

www.doe.mass.edu/sped

Compliance (PQA): 781-338-3700

Bureau of Sp. Ed. Appeals 781-338-6400

Websites:

Federation for Children with Special Needs

www.FCSN.org

Mass Pac

www.masspac.org

Wrightslaw: Advice & Resources

www.wrightslaw.com/topics