

# Special Education Connections

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## What is Special Education Connections?

A newsletter targeted to connect our families with news, resources, and important information for families whose children are accessing an IEP within Del Mar Union School District.

## Welcome to the 2024-2025 School Year

Welcome to the 2024-25 school year! We are thrilled to have your children back in our classrooms and are excited for the year ahead. Whether your child is returning or joining us for the first time, we are committed to providing them with a supportive and engaging learning environment. We believe this year will be filled with growth, new experiences, and opportunities for success.

As we embark on this journey together, we encourage open communication and partnership with you throughout the year. Your involvement and support play a crucial role in your child's education, and we look forward to working closely with you to ensure your children have an amazing school experience.

## Special Education Website

We are delighted to share that, in partnership with our CAC parent representative, we have enhanced our website to better serve our parent community. This collaboration has led to the development of several new resources, including the newly developed Parent Handbook, which offers essential information about special education services and procedures. We invite you to explore these updated resources and take advantage of the tools available by visiting our website [here](#) at your convenience.

## Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

A Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is made up of parents, educators, and community members who are involved in special education. The CAC of the North Coastal Consortium for Special Education (NCCSE) provides meetings and special events throughout the year and advises the superintendents of the 14 school districts about special education services. Each meeting



## NORTH COASTAL CONSORTIUM FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

- Wednesday, January 15, 2025
- Wednesday, April 16, 2025

includes information on a special education topic, resources for families, and opportunities to meet with other parents to exchange resources, information, and ideas.

### [CAC Meetings, Agenda and Handouts](#)

#### Upcoming Meetings

- Wednesday, October 16, 2024
- Wednesday, November 06, 2024

#### **Meeting Location:**

The CAC meetings are at the North County Regional Education Center, 255 Pico Avenue, San Marcos, from 6 to 8 p.m. (subject to change).

**These are informative meetings and all parents are encouraged to attend.**

## You're Invited!

### **NCCSE PARENT ACADEMY**

Designed for families with children currently completing assessments for special education services and families whose students are currently receiving special education support within the districts of the North Coastal SELPA. [Registration Required](#)

## NCCSE Parent Workshops

### **On Demand**

[AUGMENTATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION \(AAC\)- IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES FOR COMMUNICATION PARTNERS AT HOME AND SCHOOL](#)

### **Live Online**

[PARENTING THE LOVE AND LOGIC WAY](#) (multiple dates)

Module 1: Putting an End to Arguing, Back Talk and Begging

Module 2: Teaching Responsibility without Losing Their Love

Module 3: Setting Limits without Waging War

Module 4: Avoiding Power-Struggles

Module 5: Guiding Kids to Own and Solve Their Problems

Module 6: Teaching Kids to Complete Chores...without Reminders and without Pay

### **In-Person**

[DE-ESCALATING CHALLENGING BEHAVIORS: PARENT/CAREGIVER TRAINING FROM CRISIS PREVENTION INSTITUTE](#) (September 19, 2024)

- Designed for parents of children with aggressive, self-injurious behaviors, and those on the autism

spectrum, this program focuses on preventing crises rather than relying on physical interventions.

## Interest Survey

In an effort to increase meaningful parent involvement and strengthen the connection between behavior supports across settings, we are considering offering parent learning opportunities during the 24-25 school year. To help us plan, we are seeking your feedback through this [form](#) and encourage all parents to indicate their interest no later than September 23, 2024. Your input is greatly appreciated as we work together to support our students' success.

## From Our Directors

As we progress through the school year, I would like to remind you that any inquiries regarding your child's IEP or services should be directed to their case manager. For matters related to your child's school site, please contact the principal, and for questions specific to special education programming, your child's assigned program specialist will be available to assist. For your convenience, you can find all relevant contact information [click here](#).

Finally, records requests should be submitted to Justine Stacy, Executive Assistant at [jstacy@dmusd.org](mailto:jstacy@dmusd.org).



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