

JACKSON SCHOOLS

Department of Special Education

A graphic of stylized human figures in various colors (purple, blue, green, orange, red) holding hands in a circle. In the background, there is a faint image of a school building with the word 'SCHOOL' written across it, and another set of stylized buildings to the right.

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Jackson Schools Mission Statement

- The Jackson School District is a partnership of dedicated staff, learners and community members committed to developing the unique abilities of each student through compelling learning experiences in a safe and nurturing environment.
- Our comprehensive, engaging and technology-enriched programs inspire, educate and motivate students to become independent, creative and critical thinkers who will thrive in a diverse, evolving, global society.
- We are resolved that through commitment to scholarship, character and initiative, our students will succeed beyond the expectations of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards as they excel in their life-long pursuit of knowledge.





Statement of Values & Beliefs

WE BELIEVE THAT:

- All students can learn.
- Students learn best in an atmosphere of acceptance, tolerance and mutual respect.
- All staff will set high expectations for themselves and for their students.
- Education is most successful when individual learning styles, needs, and talents are respected and utilized.
- It is our responsibility to provide an environment that fosters creativity, develops critical thinking and promotes academic and personal growth.
- Attendance is essential to motivate students to learn.





Statement of Values & Beliefs

WE BELIEVE THAT:

- Current and relevant technology is an integral part of enhancing instruction.
- Offering diverse instructional opportunities in core subjects and in the fine and performing arts is essential to providing an effective and well-rounded education.
- Athletics and extra-curricular activities are valuable to a student's collective educational experience and to creating a culture of leadership, sportsmanship and initiative.
- Collaboration among highly qualified educational staff, students, families and the community will maximize the potential of all students.





Departmental Goals 2019-2020

- **Goal 1: LRE** - Provide a student-centered learning environment and meaningful parent collaboration, accommodations, modifications, positive behavior supports, and related services that facilitate student success within the least restrictive environment.
- **Goal 2: SEL** - Promote relationship and skill-based strategies, activities, interventions, and learning environments that support student social-emotional growth while strengthening the school community's understanding of the individual needs of our students and how to best assist them in their social-emotional growth.





What is the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)?

- ***“Each district board of education shall ensure that a special education parent advisory group is in place in the district to provide input to the district on issues concerning students with disabilities” (N.J.A.C. 6A:14-1.2(h))***





Purpose of SEAC

- ***"...gives parents the opportunity to provide direct input to their school district about policies, programs, practices, and services that have an impact on students with disabilities and their families. An effective SEPAG can increase the proactive involvement of families by inviting input that can be used to shape local special education policy."***





Purpose of SEAC

An effective SEPAG that uses parental input can:

- **Help improve educational outcomes and well-being for all students, including those with disabilities;**
- **Help identify unmet needs;**
- **Help shape the development of programs, services, and policies; and,**
- **Improve district culture and climate.**



***"Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much."***

-Helen Keller

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Thank you!



Interested in joining SEAC?

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