

## When are the Meetings?

Meetings are held at the  
**Maynard High School Library** from  
7:00 to 9:00 pm

### **Schedule for the school year: 2009-2010**

September 22, 2009  
October 27, 2009  
January 26, 2010  
February 23, 2010  
March 23, 2010  
April 27, 2010  
May 25, 2010

### **Our website:**

[www.maynardschools.org/spedpac/](http://www.maynardschools.org/spedpac/)

**All Parents and Educators are  
welcome to our meetings.**

To join the Maynard PAC, contact a  
board member or attend a meeting.

You may also join the Maynard PAC  
Discussion group on Yahoo by going  
to:

[http://groups.yahoo.com/  
group/maynardspedpac/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/maynardspedpac/)

## Maynard PAC Board

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# Maynard Special Education Parent Advisory Council



**Parents  
as  
Partners**

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## What is a Sped PAC?

Massachusetts Special Education Regulations state that each school committee shall establish a Parent Advisory Council (PAC) on Special Education. A PAC is a formally organized group of individuals committed to the best possible services for children with special needs. A PAC:

- ❖ Promotes a network of parents and forum to share information
- ❖ Advises the school district on special education programs, training needs, and policy
- ❖ Promotes communication between PAC members; local, state and national organizations, councils and groups
- ❖ Promotes understanding, acceptance and inclusion within the community
- ❖ Provides informational forums for parents, students, educators, and professionals

The **mission** of the Maynard Special Education PAC is to work for understanding of, respect for, and support of all children with special needs in the community.

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## Past Meeting Topics:

- Executive Functioning Skills.
- Overwhelmed No More!
- Shut up about...your Perfect Kid!
- Understanding your special education basic rights.
- Overview of Maynard Special Ed
- How children with disabilities can participate in a meaningful way in MCAS.
- Relationship Development Intervention (RDI) for treatment of autism spectrum disorders.
- Social skills.
- Yelling doesn't work.
- Planning for the future of your child or dependent with special needs.
- ADHD: Diagnosis and Intervention.



The Maynard Sped PAC is a proud member of MassPAC, a statewide network of parent advisory councils, parents, and professionals working together for children with special needs.

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## Who Should join the Sped PAC?

- ⇒ Parents and/or guardians of children who receive any type of special education services or accommodations in school, such as an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or a 504 accommodation
- ⇒ Parents who think their child may have some learning issues or differences.
- ⇒ Parents who would like to understand or have an interest in the Special Education process.
- ⇒ **Parents, educators, or any members of the community who want to learn more!**

## Why Get Involved?

- ⇒ To network with other parents in the community.
- ⇒ To share your own expertise and experiences with other parents.
- ⇒ To learn about the services available for children with learning issues or differences.
- ⇒ To learn to advocate for your child's needs more effectively.

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