

**Title:** Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)

## **Purpose Statement:**

The purpose of a Lexington District One Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) member to advocate for the support, respect and understanding of all children with disabilities in Lexington One.

## **Essential Functions:**

- Advocate for an innovative and inclusive educational environment where children with disabilities are provided with the neccessary resources to reach their optimum potential.
- Advise Lexington District One Special Services Department on the operation and development of special education programs and parent/teacher training needs, as well as help develop practices.
- Create a network of parents and caregivers of children with special needs to provide support and facilitate effective communication between parents, students and the school district.
- Advising stakeholders to understand the services and Individual Education Programs (IEPs).

## Commitments:

- Members will be required to participate in training provided by Family Connections of South Carolina. Training will consist of an orientation and seven two-hour meetings that will be provided approximately every other week between March and the beginning of June.
- Members will be expected to attend committee meetings, a minimum of two per year.
- Members will be a liaison between the community and the Special Education Leadership Team.
- Members will coordinate and host events for families in the community, a minimum of one per year.
- Members will become knowledgeable of local instructional services and personnel serving
  Special Education students as well as state or national laws, rules, regulations and guidelines affecting Special Education services.