

Meetings

2020-2021 PAC
Meeting Dates:

October 20, 2020

November 17, 2020

January 19, 2021

March 23, 2021

Meeting time:

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Location:

All meetings will be held virtually. For virtual meeting links visit: www.vbisd.org > Special Education > Resources > Parent Advisory Committee

Meetings are open to the public and parents are encouraged to attend.

Excellence in Education Award

The Excellence in Education Awards are sponsored by the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) of Van Buren County to honor those persons who have played a vital role in educating and supporting students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs)

Who is eligible for this award?

Persons deserving of this prestigious award have gone above and beyond to contribute to the success of the students they serve, including:

- Special Education Teachers
- General Education Teachers
- Administrators
- Ancillary Staff
- Support Staff
- Volunteers

Nomination form is available at www.vbisd.org, or contact your local school district



**Van Buren
Intermediate
School District**

Parent
Advisory
Committee

**Van Buren ISD
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What is PAC?

The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is authorized under the Michigan Special Education Rules to ensure parents have input into the development of the countywide plan for special education programs and services.

Our committee is comprised of a group of parents who have one thing in common; a child with a disability. Members serve as a voice for the families whose children attend special education programs and receive special education services within Van Buren County.

What responsibilities do PAC members have?

- We attend and participate in meetings and professional learning to increase our understanding of students with disabilities.
- We serve as support persons to other parents, helping them navigate the special education process.
- We serve as a communication link; sharing information with other parents in collaboration with local districts & the ISD.

How do I become a PAC Member?

PAC members are recommended for appointment to our committee by their local school district, and must then be approved by the school board of their local district and the Van Buren ISD Board of Education.

- Each local district may have up to two members as their representatives.
- Members are appointed to a three-year term which can be extended by both PAC and the VBISD Board of Education.
- Every effort is made to ensure members represent the various disabilities of the students enrolled in our programs and receiving special education services.

Can I attend a PAC meeting without having been appointed and approved by the school board?

Yes, our meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome. All meeting dates and times are listed in this brochure. For a list of additional events please visit www.vbisd.org > Special Education > Resources > Parent Advisory Committee > Upcoming Events.

Family Resources:

Michigan Alliance for Families
1325 S. Washington Ave. Lansing, MI 48910 (800) 552-4821
www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org

Citizen's Mediation Service
811 Ship St. Ste. 205 St. Joseph, MI 49085 (269) 982-7898 or (800) 573-7658 www.citizensmediation.org

**Michigan Department of Education/
Office of Special Education**
P.O. Box 30008 608 W. Allegan St.
Lansing, MI 48909

Information Line (888) 320-8384

MDE Family Matters
www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-6598_81739---,00.html



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