

Old Bridge Friends of Diverse Learners (OBFODL)



Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG)

*“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child’s success is the positive involvement of parents”
- Jane D. Hull*

Who We Are

Old Bridge Friends of Diverse Learners is a parent-led advisory group for the parents/guardians of students receiving special education services, also known as a SEPAG. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act encourages parents and educators to work collaboratively, emphasizing that as a team they are uniquely suited to make decisions that help improve the educational experiences and outcomes of children with disabilities. In New Jersey school districts are required to have a special education parent advisory group (SEPAG):

*Each 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.
[New Jersey Administrative Code 6A:14-1.2(h)]*

Our Mission

- Facilitate effective and productive communication between parents, students, Special Services Administration, the community and Board of Education members
- Collaborate with key district and community stakeholders to enhance the quality of special education policies, practices and programs for all students receiving special education services
- Promote inclusion and acceptance of students with special needs and learning challenges in school and extracurricular activities
- Serve as a resource to parents through meetings, workshops and social media presence



How Can You Get Involved

Our SEPAG consists of a minimum of one parent liaison from each school. This also includes parents of children who are in an out of district educational placement. In this volunteer role, parent liaisons serve as a representative of the SEPAG at PTA meetings and ensure that the mission of the group is being followed through in their respective schools. Additionally, they attend SEPAG meetings and provide feedback on best practices as well as challenges and help generate solutions that positively impact children.

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