

# Preschool Special Education Advisory Committee



**COLORADO**  
Department of Education

Membership Application for 3 Year Terms Beginning 2018-19

## Mission Statement

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The mission of the Preschool Special Education Advisory Committee is to improve outcomes for young children with disabilities, by bringing together a diverse range of stakeholders to collaborate, advise and make recommendations to CDE on behalf of young children with disabilities and their families.

Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Work phone:

Mobile phone:

## Membership

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Each committee member will represent a stakeholder group invested in improving outcomes for young children with disabilities and their families. In addition the committee will have geographic representation from across Colorado. Please check all that apply:

**Three new members are being sought for 3 year terms to represent the following highlighted stakeholder groups:**

### Stakeholder Group

Parent of a child with a disability

**Director of Special Education (specify AU):**

Special Educator/Related Service Provider

Public school

Private

Child Care

General Educator

**Early Childhood Administrator**

School District

Community Based

Institution of Higher Education (specify):

Part C

Local Head Start Personnel

State Agency (specify):

Private non-profit

Parent Organization:

Business

Elementary School Principal

**Early Childhood Council**

Other:

### Region you represent (those highlighted are priority for the current selection period):

Metro

**Northeast**

**East Central**

Southeast

North Central

Mid-mountains

Southwest

**Northwest**

South Central

Current priorities of this advisory include:

- Provision of Free and Appropriate Public Education in the Least Restrictive Environment
- Building a Well Qualified Workforce to Service Preschoolers with Disabilities
- Improving Outcomes for Preschoolers with Disabilities



Please prepare a letter (maximum of two pages) to the Review Committee addressing these questions. You may choose to include a resume or letter of recommendation (but are not required to do so):

- 1) Why are you interested in being on this Advisory?
- 2) Express your experience working/living with or advocating for young children with disabilities and their families. Share how you intend to represent the stakeholder group/s you indicate above.
- 3) What unique skills, knowledge, and talents would you bring to this committee?
- 4) What else would you like the Review Committee to know about you?

### **Commitment**

Members will be appointed to a three year-term beginning with the 2018-19 school year. Members interested in continuing beyond the first 3 year term may be re-appointed to a second two or three year term. The PSSEAC has four scheduled meetings per year; dates are set with the committee members schedules in mind at the beginning of each school year. Attendance at each meeting is expected. During scheduled meetings workgroups may meet for the purpose of product and/or content development, as needs are identified. Although infrequent, additional time may be necessary to meet outside of regularly scheduled meetings or work independently to complete a project.

Membership is voluntary. Pending approval from the United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education Services approval, travel expenses will be reimbursed and a working lunch will be provided at meetings that occur over a workday that encompass the lunch hour, and when the group works through lunchtime.

Please submit your application electronically by August 17th, 2018 to:

Heidi McCaslin at [mccaslin\\_h@cde.state.co.us](mailto:mccaslin_h@cde.state.co.us) or delivery to:

Preschool Director, P-3 Office  
Colorado Department of Education  
201 East Colfax, Room 105  
Denver, CO 80202

Direct questions about the application, process, or the Advisory to Heidi McCaslin, Preschool Director in the P3 Office, 303-866-6720 or [mccaslin\\_h@cde.state.co.us](mailto:mccaslin_h@cde.state.co.us)

Applicants will receive a decision about their application no later than August 31st.