

Special Education Advisory Panel Vacancies

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) seeks qualified candidates to fill vacancies on the Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP). SEAP is a federally mandated advisory group providing policy guidance with respect to special education and related services for children with disabilities in Minnesota.

SEAP membership shall be representative of the state population and composed of individuals involved in or concerned with the education of children with disabilities. Applicants should be knowledgeable on issues, laws and policies pertaining to students with disabilities and their families. SEAP members must represent one or more of the following groups:

Parents of children with disabilities (age birth through 26).

Representatives of institutions of higher education that prepare special education and related services personnel.

Representative of a vocational, community or business organization concerned with the provision of transition services to children with disabilities.

Administrators of programs for children with disabilities.

A representative from the state child welfare agency responsible for foster care.

Representatives of other state agencies involved in the financing or delivery of related services to children with disabilities.

Representatives of private schools and public charter schools.

Representatives from the state juvenile and adult correction agencies.

Individuals with disabilities.

Teachers.

State and local education officials, including officials who carry out activities under subtitle B of title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

Geographic balance and racial diversity are taken into account when selecting SEAP members. In accordance with federal requirements, SEAP advises MDE on issues related to the education of children with disabilities and the development and implementation of policies related to the coordination of services; comments on proposed rules or regulations regarding the education of children with disabilities; provides input into the development of federal and state reports and corrective actions plans from federal monitoring; and is informed about due process hearing findings and decisions.

SEAP members participate in four to six meetings held in the metro area each year. Interested applicants may apply through the Office of the Secretary of State and are appointed by MDE's Commissioner. Applications will be accepted April 4, 2011, through May 24, 2011.

The official Notice of Vacancy will be published on the Secretary of State's Website, www.sos.state.mn.us, under "Open Commissions & Appointments." For more information or additional application forms, please contact their Open Appointments Office at (651) 297-5843 or e-mail open.appointments@state.mn.us.