

About the Panel

The Wyoming Advisory Panel for Students with Disabilities forms a wide representation not only geographically around the state, but also through a diverse group of persons who bring a broad expertise of knowledge to help advise on the unmet needs of students with disabilities. The Panel as a whole participates in a variety of conferences, workshops, trainings and committees that help gain the insight and knowledge necessary to advise the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Director of Special Education on unmet needs for students with disabilities.



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The Wyoming Advisory Panel for Students with Disabilities (WAPSD), appointed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction,

shall assist the Wyoming Department of Education in an advisory capacity. It will do this by providing input, reviewing proposed policies and procedures, commenting on documents and materials developed and identifying unmet needs of children with disabilities within the State of Wyoming.



Members

The members of the WAPSD work together as a team to help keep parents, educators, paraprofessionals and administrators informed on the six principles of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA):



1. Free appropriate public education;
2. Appropriate evaluation;
3. Individual education plans (IEPs);
4. Least restrictive environment (LRE);
5. Parent/student decision making; and
6. Procedural due process.

Vision Statement

The vision of the Wyoming Advisory Panel for Students with Disabilities is to provide guidance on education policies for all children with disabilities, which creates opportunities for them to become compassionate, productive and contributing citizens in their communities.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Wyoming Advisory Panel for Students with Disabilities, as a diverse group, is to raise a common voice to advise the State Superintendent of Public Instruction on the unmet needs of students with disabilities by advocating for and commenting on the improvement of educational opportunities.



Purpose

The purpose of the Wyoming Advisory Panel for Students with Disabilities is to provide policy guidance with respect to special education and related services for students with disabilities in Wyoming.