

## GISD's Parent Advisory Committee



The Genesee Intermediate School District Parent Advisory Committee, or PAC, consists of one parent from each public school system in Genesee County. Each PAC member has a child with a disability enrolled in the public school system, and the child is receiving a special education program and/or service. Members represent the interests of children with special needs and their families in local school districts.

## PAC Meetings & Representatives

Monthly meetings are held from September through June. Members receive information and discuss relevant special education issues. Meetings are open to the public. Contact GISD at (810) 591-4881 or your local school district special education office to confirm location, time and topics of the meetings, or to obtain the name and telephone number of your PAC representative.

NOTE: If accommodations such as interpreter services are required, please call (810) 591-4881 or call TTY (810) 591-4545. Contact us at least 72 hours in advance of the PAC meeting you would like to attend to allow us time to make arrangements.

## Internet Resources

- W Genesee Intermediate School District (GISD)  
[www.geneseeisd.org](http://www.geneseeisd.org)
- W Michigan Department of Education (MDE)  
[www.michigan.gov/mde](http://www.michigan.gov/mde)
- W Exceptional Parent Magazine  
[www.eparent.com](http://www.eparent.com)
- W Michigan Council for Exceptional Children  
[www.michigancec.org](http://www.michigancec.org)

## – PAC Mission Statement –

*"We believe education is a system designed to meet the individual needs of all students and that parents are equal partners in the educational process."*



## Library has Resources for Parents

The Special Education Parent Advisory Committee Library offers a variety of information. You can review and check out books, VHS and DVD on a wide array of disabilities and issues related to many aspects of special education. The PAC Library is a great resource for parents, teachers, paraprofessionals and others in the community interested in the topic of special education.

Housed at the GISD Special Education Services Center - North, the PAC Library is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call (810) 591-4881 for further information. The address is 5075 Pilgrim Road, Flint.



## PAC Activities

- W The PAC chairperson may participate on any appropriate visitation team
- W State and federal monitoring activities within the district
- W Public Awareness activities
- W Coordinate, plan, and/or present to community, workshops and seminars relating to special education or related issues
- W Development of a parent handbook and/or other materials related to parenting
- W State and regional in-services, conferences, workshops
- W Speak to organizations about the role and function of the PAC
- W Attend public hearings
- W Become involved with local legislators and legislation pertaining to persons with disabilities
- W Communication between PAC members and their LEA special education administrator or designee is encouraged throughout the school year about special education or PAC issues
- W Members of the PAC may participate in program visitations

## GISD Special Education Programs & Services

A full array of programming is available for special education students in Genesee County. For program information contact GISD's Special Education Services Center at (810) 591-4881.