Westfield SEPAC
Special Education Parent Advisory Council

We are here to help you navigate

Parents Supporting Parents

You are not alone as you navigate the special education system

SEPAC Meetings at WTA

- Oct. 3, 2019: Basic Rights
- Nov. 7, 2019: Mediation
- Dec. 5, 2019: Culture of Inclusion
- Jan No Meeting
- Feb 6, 2020: Learn about Summer
- March 5, 2020: Advocacy
- April 2, 2020: Changing Schools
- May 7, 2020: Shining Star Awards
- June 4, 2020: Celebration

Westfield Tech Academy Cafeteria
6:30—8pm

Facebook page at:
“Westfield MA Special Education Parent Advisory Council

WESTFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Welcome to our school. We are looking forward to working with your children and you in the upcoming school year. The following information should help guide you through the Special Education process at our school. Please feel free to contact us at any time.

Typical meeting days for our school are:

**Tuesdays and Wednesdays**

Education Team Leader (ETL)

**Jennifer Smidy**
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The ETL is responsible for running initial and three year evaluation IEP meetings. Her scheduled days in this building are:

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays**

School Adjustment Counselor:

**Christine Keough-Huff**
c.keough-huff@schoolsofwestfield.org

Works with students who require social/emotional support.

Speech/Language Pathologist:

**Caroline LaPlante**
elaplante@futureshealth.com

Works with students who require communication supports. Also completes speech/language evaluations when necessary.

Behaviorist/Autism Consultant:

**Jessica Hickey**
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Works with students who have behavioral difficulties. Also works with students on the Autism spectrum and with their parents.

School Nurse:

**Sandra Fitzgerald**
413-572-6520
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Contact for any medical needs/concerns.

School Psychologist:

**Dr. Liz Taylor**
elizabeth.taylor@schoolsofwestfield.org

Completes psychological and educational evaluations on students to determine necessary supports and needs.

Occupational Therapist:

**Karen Kerpelman**
k.kerpelman@schoolsofwestfield.org

Works with/supports students requiring fine motor and/or sensory concerns. Will also complete evaluations in these areas if needed.

Vision Specialist:

**Julie Bahl**
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Supports students with documented vision concerns.

Educational Audiologist:

WPS Contracts with the **Willie Ross School for the Deaf** (please contact the supervisor for more information)

Supports students with documented hearing concerns.

Physical Therapist:

**Courtney Albee**
calbee@futureshealth.com

Supports students with documented gross motor concerns.