



# Community Resources

## For Families of Students with Disabilities

### Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities (ACSD)

The ACSD is a state-mandated Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC). We welcome and encourage parents/guardians, students, teachers, administrators, staff, and others interested in special education in FCPS to share your thoughts, ideas, and/or public comments related to the unmet needs of students with disabilities.

For more information visit our website at <https://www.fcps.edu/committee/advisory-committee-students-disabilities-acsd>.

### Fairfax County Special Education Parent Teacher Association (SEPTA)

Empowering and connecting families, students, and educators to ensure students with disabilities develop their full potential as individuals and community members.

For more information visit our website at <https://fairfaxcountysepta.org/>.

Join as a member: <https://fcsepta.ptboard.com/>

Join our discussion group on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/FairfaxCountySEPTA>

### FCPS Family Resource Center (FRC)

We provide access to information and resources to support the success of all students, including those with learning challenges, special needs, and disabilities.

For more information visit our website at <https://www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/family-resource-center>.

Phone: 703-204-3941      Email: [frc@fcps.edu](mailto:frc@fcps.edu)

Location: 2334 Gallows Road, Room 105 (Door 1), Dunn Loring, VA 22027

### FCPS Office of the Ombuds

The Office of the Ombuds includes a Special Education Ombuds and provides an independent, confidential resource for students, families, community members, and employees who are seeking informal help to answer questions, resolve concerns, and voice complaints regarding FCPS matters.

For more information visit our website at <https://www.fcps.edu/ombuds>.

Phone: 571-423-4014

Text: 571-496-8284

Email: [ombuds@fcps.edu](mailto:ombuds@fcps.edu)

## FCPS Resources

Learn how the special education process works to effectively participate and collaborate with school staff members in making appropriate decisions regarding your child's educational needs.

For more information and to access the *Special Education Parent Handbook* in seven languages visit us at <https://www.fcps.edu/academics/academic-overview/special-education-instruction/special-education-process>.

For more information about Twice-Exceptional (2e) Learners in FCPS Advanced Academic Programs visit our website at <https://www.fcps.edu/academics/academic-overview/advanced-academic-programs-aap/twice-exceptional-2elearners>.

For more information on Dyslexia and Online Training for Parents visit our website at <https://www.fcps.edu/academics/academic-overview/special-education-instruction/high-incidence-disabilities-team-k-12/dyslexia-information>.

For more information on Transition Planning visit our website at <https://www.fcps.edu/academics/academic-overview/special-education-instruction/career-and-transition-services/transition>.

For more information and to access the Section 504 Procedures Manual visit our website at <https://www.fcps.edu/academics/academic-overview/special-education-instruction/special-education-procedural-support/Section-504-information>.

For additional resources about FCPS offices and programs, government agencies, and non-profit organizations visit our website at <https://www.fcps.edu/special-education-resource-fair-exhibit-hall>.

## Parents of Autistic Children of Northern Virginia (POAC-NoVA)

POAC-NoVA provides education, community, and support to improve the quality and quantity of education for students with autism in Northern Virginia. We provide a resourceful and supportive community for your child and family, as well as in-person support group meetings for caregivers.

For more information visit our website at <https://poac-nova.org/welcome/>.

Join POAC-NoVA at <https://poac-nova.org/join/>.

## The Arc of Northern Virginia

The Arc promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities of Northern Virginia and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.

For more information visit our website at <https://thearcofnova.org/>.

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