

Chapter 16: The Illinois State Advisory Council on the Education of Children with Disabilities (ISAC)

In this chapter you will:

- learn the role of ISAC
- find out how to participate in an ISAC meeting

The Illinois State Advisory Council on the Education of Children with Disabilities (ISAC) is statutorily created by Section 14-3.01 of the School Code of Illinois. The purpose of the Council is to:

- Advise the State Board of Education regarding rules and regulations relating to the education of children with disabilities and promulgated by the Board, modifications or additions to county or regional comprehensive plans, qualifications of due process hearing officers, and procedures for the conduct of due process hearings,
- Advise the General Assembly, the Governor, and the State Board of Education on the unmet needs of children with disabilities,
- Assist the State Board of Education in developing and reporting data and evaluations which may assist the U.S. Commissioner of Education,
- Comment publicly on rules and regulations proposed by the state regarding the education of children with disabilities and the procedures for distribution of funds.

Worth a Look

More information about ISAC and its activities can be found at: <http://www.isbe.net/spec-ed/html/isac.htm>.

The role of ISAC is to be a proactive body, advising the Governor, Legislature and the State Board of Education on current issues relating to the education of children and youth with disabilities. It is also the responsibility of this Council to encourage new strategies and technologies, while advocating high standards of excellence throughout Illinois.

Meeting schedules, minutes, public participation guidelines and other information can be found at <http://www.isbe.net/spec-ed/html/isac.htm>.

If you are interested in attending an ISAC meeting or providing either written or oral testimony, you may contact the Special Education Services and Support Division at 217-782-5589 or by writing:

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