

Montgomery County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations

**MCCPTA**

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Special Education Committee

**2021-2022**

**The MCCPTA Special Education Committee  
and  
Local PTA/PTSA Special Education Representatives**

**What is the MCCPTA Special Education Committee?**

MCCPTA stands for the Montgomery County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations, which is the county-wide umbrella organization for our local schools' PTAs and PTSAs.

The MCCPTA Special Education Committee is an executive committee on MCCPTA's board. Our committee works as a countywide organization representing the concerns of families of children with disabilities. We advocate for all children with disabilities and support parents in their advocacy efforts on behalf of their children and the special needs community. We want all children to realize their maximum potential and become the very best they can be as students and citizens.

The MCCPTA Special Education Committee consists of a Committee Chair, a Vice Chair, and Committee members who generally have at least one MCPS student with a disability and are a local school PT(S)A member.

**What is a PT(S)A Special Education Representative?**

Special Education Representatives serve on local PTAs or PTSAs within their child's school. They provide information and support to their school community to reinforce a positive parent-school partnership necessary to ensure a free and appropriate public education for every student.

**ARE YOU READY TO SERVE?**



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# JOB POSTING

## MCCPTA SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Wanted: PTA/PTSA volunteers for each school – people committed to helping their special needs community by serving as the Special Education Representative on their school’s PT(S)A.

Qualifications: Must be compassionate, caring and dedicated to helping families with students who have disabilities in MCPS.

Salary: None

Benefits: Making a BIG difference in the lives of others!

Hours: Flexible

**Contact:** Stephanie Frumkin, Chair, MCCPTA Special Education Committee at [specialed@mccpta.org](mailto:specialed@mccpta.org), Rachel Tate, Vice Chair, MCCPTA Special Education Committee at [specialedvicechair@mccpta.org](mailto:specialedvicechair@mccpta.org) and Heather Murray, Special Education Committee Secretary at [SpecialEdCommitteeSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:SpecialEdCommitteeSecretary@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up! (Your local PTA President will need to approve your role.)

Because it is estimated that 10-12% of the population has some type of disability, it is imperative we **advocate** for MCPS families and students who fall into this category. Children in MCPS receive a myriad of special education services in a variety of settings (e.g., some students receive all or some services in the general education classroom, some receive small group instruction, and some receive services in self-contained classes); we must support them all.

**The MCCPTA Special Education Committee aims to have a Special Education Representative as part of every school’s PTA or PTSA in MCPS.** Please consider volunteering and also passing this notice on to everyone you know who cares about children with disabilities and their families.

This important job is flexible. Suggested ideas for serving in this position include holding special education parent support group meetings, planning activities, providing resources to families, helping parents navigate the special education process, and communicating with the special education department and school administration in your school. Special Education Representatives are encouraged to push out information from the MCCPTA Special Education Committee to their school communities, attend periodic Special Education Representatives meetings, and to work with your local PTA and school to advocate for students with disabilities.



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