

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S  
COUNCIL ON EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN  
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- North Carolina State Board of Education (SBE) policy establishes the Council on Educational Services for Exceptional Children as an advisory council to the SBE, as required in Section 300.650-300.653 of federal law, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and North Carolina law (115C-121).
- Each state must establish and maintain a State advisory panel on the education of children with disabilities. The panel must be appointed by the Governor or any other official authorized under State law to make these appointments. A majority of the Council must be individuals with disabilities or parents of children with disabilities.
- Functions of the Council
  - Advise the SEA (State Education Agency) of unmet needs within the State in the education of children with disabilities
  - Comment publicly on any rules or regulations proposed by the State regarding the education of children with disabilities
  - Advise the SEA in developing evaluations and reporting on data
  - Advise the SEA in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities
  - Advise on the education of eligible students with disabilities who have been convicted as adults and incarcerated in adult prisons
  - Advise the SBE on gifted education and related issues pertaining to the education of children who are academically and intellectually gifted as defined by Article 9B, although the Council has no governance responsibilities (NOTE: this function is not required by either federal or state law)
  - Carry out any other responsibility as designated by federal law or the SBE

- Membership: The Council consists of 24 members as follows:
  - Two members appointed by the Governor
    - ❖ One individual with a disability
    - ❖ One representative of a private school
  - Two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
    - ❖ One member of the Senate
    - ❖ One parent of a child with a disability
  - Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House
    - ❖ One member of the House of Representatives
    - ❖ One parent of a child with a disability
  - Fourteen members appointed by the State Board of Education
    - ❖ Parents of children with disabilities
    - ❖ Individuals with disabilities
    - ❖ Teachers
    - ❖ Institutions of higher education that prepare special education and related services personnel
    - ❖ State and local education officials
    - ❖ Administrators of programs for children with disabilities
    - ❖ Representatives of private schools and public charter schools
    - ❖ Representative of a vocational, community, or business organization concerned with the provision of transition services to children with disabilities
  - Four members designated by Federal regulations who are representatives of other State agencies involved in the financing or delivery of related services to children with disabilities; and representatives from the State juvenile and adult corrections agencies. In state law these members are referred to as ex officio members. The ex officio members are:
    - ❖ Secretary of Health and Human Services or the Secretary's designee
    - ❖ Secretary of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention of the Secretary's designee
    - ❖ Secretary of Corrections of the Secretary's designee
    - ❖ Superintendent of Public Instruction or the Superintendent's designee

- Terms of office:
    - Terms of appointment for all members except those appointed by the SBE is two years
    - Terms for members appointed by the SBE are four years. No person shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms.
    - Designated/ex officio members serve terms of their office
  
  - For questions about this Council, contact the Division of Exceptional Children at (919) 807-3969.
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<b>Members</b>	<b>Member Designation</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>Occupation/Title</b>
<b>Four-year appointments – State Board of Education</b>				
<b><u>State Board of Education (14)</u></b>				
<b>Nicole Jimerson</b>	Parent of Child with Disability	7/1//12 – 6/30/16	North Central	Parent
<b>Katie Holler</b>	Parent of Child with Disability	7/1//14 – 6/30/18	Northeast	Parent
<b>Katherine Allison</b>	Parent of Child with Disability	7/1//13 – 6/30/17	Northwest	Parent
<b>Greg Singleton</b>	Parent of Child with Disability	7/1//14 – 6/30/18	Northeast	Parent
<b>Vicki Simmons</b>	Teacher	7/1//14 – 6/30/18	Piedmont Triad	Special Education Teacher
<b>Jennifer Grady</b>	Teacher	7/1//15 – 6/30/18		Special Education Teacher
<b>Gina Smith</b>	LEA Administrator	7/1//14 – 6/30/18	Southwest	Assistant Superintendent, Programs for Exceptional Children, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools
<b>Rob McOuat</b>	LEA Administrator	7/1//13 – 6/30/17	Piedmont Triad	Superintendent, Davidson County Schools
<b>Tammy Holland</b>	General Education Administrator	7/1//11 – 6/30/15	Sandhills	
<b>Dale Carpenter</b>	Institution of Higher Education	7/1//14 – 6/30/18		Dean, School of Education, Western Carolina University
<b>Susan Humbert</b>	Charter School	7/1//13 – 6/30/17	Southwest	Exceptional Children Director, The Expedition School Charter School

<b>Mary LaCorte</b>	Parent Training Information Center	7/1//13 – 6/30/17		Assistant Director, Exceptional Children's Assistance Center
<b>Lisa Phillips</b>	McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act	7/1//13– 6/30/17		State Coordinator for Homeless Education, NC Department of Public Instruction
<b>Jennifer Grady</b>	Vocational, Commercial, or Business	7/1//14 – 6/30/18	North Central	
<b>Two-year Appointments – Executive (Governor) and Legislative</b>				
<b>Executive Appointments (2)</b>				
<b>Heather A. Grant</b>	Individual with Disability	3/20/15 – 6/30/16		Nurse Practitioner, Wilkes County
<b>Tim Montgomery</b>	Private School Representative	11/1/14 – 6/30/16		Principal, The Piedmont School, High Point, NC
<b>Legislative Appointments (4)</b>				
<b>Senator Chad Barefoot</b>	Senator	7/1/13 – 6/30/15		Senator, NC General Assembly
<b>Teresa Mebane</b>	Parent of Child with Disability	7/1/13 – 6/30/15		Development Director, Autism Society of NC
<b>Representative Bryan Holloway</b>	House Representative	7/1/13 – 6/30/15		Representative, NC General Assembly
<b>Daphne Peacock</b>	Parent of Child with Disability	7/1/13 – 6/30/15		
<b>State Agency Members</b>				
<b>William J. Hussey</b>	Ex Officio	NA		State Superintendent of Public Instruction's Designee
<b>Carla McNeill</b>	Ex Officio	NA		Department of Health and Human Services - Child Welfare
<b>Rickey Smith</b>	Ex Officio	NA		Department of Correction
<b>O. Martin Pharr</b>	Ex Officio	NA		Department of Juvenile Justice