

# About the Issaquah Special Education PTSA

The Issaquah Special Education PTSA is a district-wide organization serving the teachers, staff, families and their students that are part of the special education community.



## About us

- 160 Members from all 26 ISD school buildings
- We represent all schools and grade levels, ages 3 to 21
- We received our nonprofit 501(c)(3) status in June 2022
- We were chartered with the WSPTSA in March 2022 with 72 charter members.

### General Membership Meetings

- October 3, 2022, 7 pm, Issaquah High School
- January 9, 2023, 7 pm, Liberty High School
- April 24, 2023, 7 pm, Skyline High School

**Our mission is to  
build community,  
empower families,  
and advocate for  
students with  
disabilities in the  
Issaquah School  
District.**

## Whom do we serve?

We support ALL students with disabilities or suspected disabilities residing within the Issaquah School District boundaries and their families. This includes students who receive support through an IEP, 504 plan, MTSS, LAP/Title 1, speech/language services, mental health programs, the juvenile justice system, early childhood programs, outside agencies, or the Academy for Community Transition, as well as students in the homeschool and private school communities.

## Mission Focus

### Building Community

We host community events, managing a Facebook group for members and reach out to other school PTSAs in the district.

### Empowering Families

We focus on parent education through topic series on social media, video presentations with experts, and fact sheets on special education issues.

### Advocating for Students

We attend school board meetings, serve on district committees, and are involved in the state PTSA's statewide special education committee.

# Building Community

## Parent Power Hour

- Ongoing informal get-togethers
- 4th Friday morning at 10 am
- 3rd Wednesday at 6 pm
- Meetings at 55 Sunset Coffee, Issaquah

# Empowering Families

## Facts for Families Education Campaign

Each month our Facts for Families social media campaign provides tidbits of information on a specific topic along with an accompanying fact sheet available on our website.

## Ask the Experts Video Series

Each series has two parts: the expert's recorded talk and a recorded Q&A session available the following week. Accompanying fact sheets and links to videos are available on our website.

# Advocating for Students

## ISD School Board Meetings

Attend all School Board meetings and provide relevant feedback to members.

## Wa State PTSA participation

Attend monthly meeting with other Special Education PTSAs from across the state.

## Families in Crisis Letters

Submit letter on behalf of families in crisis to School Board, Special Services Department, and Superintendent (per board discretion).

2022-2023

Advocacy Goal

Help make the IEP/504 process in the ISD more family-friendly.

## District Committee Participation

- Literacy Continuum Committee
- Strategic Planning Committee

## Board Member Specialized Training

- Special Education Advocacy Training with Council of Parents and Advocates and Attorneys (COPAA) – 4 members
- Dyslexia Training Institute Advocacy Certificate Program – 1 member
- PTA and the Law, Managing your Nonprofit and many other WSPTA trainings – board

## How to connect



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