

<b>North Providence School Department  North Providence Special Education Local Advisory  Committee Policy</b>	First Read: 2/4/15 Second Read: 3/4/15 Third Read: 3/25/15

**Policy**

The North Providence School Committee, as part of their subcommittees, will maintain an advisory board for special education issues. The committee will be entitled the North Providence Special Education Local Advisory Committee. The North Providence School Committee will appoint an advisory board for special education issues as required by the RI Regulations Governing the Education of Children with Disabilities.

**Purpose**

The function of said board shall be to advise the district on matters concerning the unmet needs of students with disabilities.

The advisory committee is comprised of parents, teachers, administrators, and community members committed to enhancing those partnerships, while increasing awareness. This committee advises and makes recommendations to the school committee, administration, and teachers to ensure that all students have access to a guaranteed and viable curriculum and a quality education. In addition, the committee offers a network of support to families with children who have a wide array of special needs.

Membership shall include an individual with a disability, a public school administrator, a special education teacher, a general education teacher, school committee member and other members of the community at the discretion of the committee and the school board. Membership applications will be completed and approved by the school committee. Parents of students shall compose the majority of the committee.

Bylaws shall be approved by the school committee. The committee will meet at least four (4) times per year that will be publically announced prior and all meetings shall be open to the public.