

Springfield Parents for Students with Disabilities

Support ~ Advocacy ~ Community

Parents Helping Parents



JOIN US: *Monthly meetings* – we realize you are busy. SPSD meetings are casual, feel free to come and go as your schedule allows. These meetings are an opportunity for parents to visit with one another, voice concerns, and seek support and input from other parents. Each meeting features a 10-15 minute “mini lesson” led by one of our members. Sign up and share your expertise! During this time we also plan for our meetings with Springfield Public Schools administrators.

Meetings with Springfield Public Schools: We have regularly scheduled time to meet with SPS186 administrators. These are structured, agenda-driven meetings. The focus is on providing parental input and working together to create systemic change for our students.

Disability to Possibility: Our annual conference is held every February.

WHO WE ARE: Springfield Parents for Students with Disabilities (SPSD) was founded in the Spring of 2007. We were established by a group of parents who came together while searching to obtain appropriate instruction and accommodations for their children in school. They joined together with a common goal of providing support and information regarding special education, helping others locate community resources, and a goal of working with educators and administrators to create systemic change within special education. Founded on a belief of the power of parents helping parents. Parents involved in SPSD are all at various stages in their children’s educational careers and are willing to help other parents who may feel lost in the system. We welcome families from both public and private schools. SPSD is not a disability specific group.

OUR GOALS: Serve as a resource and support group for parents. Foster cooperative relationships with area schools. Become a resource for the community.

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SPSD 2017-2018 MEETING SCHEDULE:

All meetings will be held in the conference room of the Illinois Assistive Technology Program, 1020 S. Spring St., Springfield, IL

Thursday, October 5, 2017 6:00 – 7:30 PM
Thursday, November 30, 2017 6:00 -7:30 PM
Thursday, January 25, 2018 6:00 – 7:30 PM
Thursday, February 22, 2018 6:00 – 7:30 PM
Thursday, March 22, 2018 6:00 – 7:30 PM
Thursday, April 26, 2018 6:00 – 7:30 PM
Thursday, May 24, 2018 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Additionally, we will meet with District 186 Student Support Services at Graham Elementary, Third Floor, 900 W. Edwards, Springfield, IL

Thursday, October 5, 2017 4:30-5:30 – drop in event to meet SSS staff
Thursday, November 2, 2017 4:30-6:00
Thursday, January 4, 2018 4:30-6:00
Thursday, March 1, 2018 4:30-6:00
Thursday, May 10, 2018 4:30-6:00 (tentative)