

Are you loosing your direction on the path to your special education student's needs?

The Wood Ridge Parent Advisory
Network can help!





# **Wood Ridge Parent Advisory Network**

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# WOOD RIDGE PARENT ADVISORY NETWORK



The Wood Ridge Parent Advisory Network (WRPAN) is a parent organized group that provides guidance, advocacy and education to parents and caregivers of students with disabilities.



# WOOD RIDGE PARENT ADVISORY NETWORK

## **OUR VISION**

A school district and community in which all special education students receive the necessary supports for inclusion and education.



## WHAT WE DO FOR STUDENTS

- \* Ensure effective, appropriate learning environments for special needs children.
- \* Promote active participation and acceptance of special needs children in our community.
- \* Support the social and emotional well being of special needs children.

## WHAT WE DO FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

- \* Encourage a family-school partnership to facilitate access to special education services.
- \* Educate, support and mentor parents and caregivers as they advocate for their child's special education needs.
- \* Connect families of special education students to support and share with one another.
- \* Empower parents and caregivers of special education students to be proficient members of their child's education team with collaboration, communication and diplomacy.
- \* Provide educational opportunities to parents and caregivers.
- \* Support the social and emotional well being of special needs families.

## WHAT WE DO FOR TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS

\* Provide educational opportunities for professional development.

The WRPAN provides support services in English, Spanish, Greek and Armenian.

The WRPAN is charged under the New Jersey Special Education Code to advise the Wood Ridge Public School District Administration on Special Education Programs and Services within the District.



# **JOINUS!**

Our goal is to increase the involvement of special education families in the WRPAN so that together, we can contribute to the policies, programs and practices that support special education services for our children and provide advice related to our children's education, health and safety.

