

The Role of Parent Committees

Workshop Objectives:

1. To explain the function and importance of the following parent committees: SSC, DELAC, ELAC, DAC, and PTA.
2. To present an explanation of the mandated legislation of Single Plan Development for Student Achievement and how it affects our students.
3. To have participants understand how to get involved with parent committees and learn effective participation and communication strategies they can use.

Key Concepts:

1. Importance of Parent Committees
2. Single Plan Development
3. Effective Parent Committees

Learning Outcomes:

1. Participants will be able to identify one or two parent committees and give one specific reason why each is important.
2. Participants will be able to explain the purpose of a Single Plan Development and list one or two ways it involves school and district.
3. Participants will be able to explain how to join a parent committee, what responsibilities are involved, and how they can be effective members.



Parent committees provide needed input to the schools. Well prepared and informed parents/ guardians can become effective members. The most recognized established committees are:

- **SSC** – An important school committee that has the responsibility of helping the school develop its Single Plan Development.
- **DAC** – The SSC selects two members to serve on this district level committee. The DAC works with government funded programs.
- **ELAC** – An important school committee that has the responsibility of advising the school site council on issues for English Learners, when there are 21 or more English Learning students.
- **DELAC** – The ELAC committee selects members to serve on this district level committee. DELAC advises the district regarding English Learners, when there are more than 50 English Learning students in the district.
- **PTA** – An association that is open to all parents and all school personnel for the purpose of student success.