

SEPTA Welcomes Hastings-on-Hudson Families in 2017 - 2018!



Join Our Special Education Parent Teacher Association and Help Support All Students

Differentiated learning benefits everyone. By joining SEPTA, you can help us work alongside parents, teachers and administrators to strengthen our schools for all students. We advocate for curriculum, professional development, technology, processes and resources that help our schools teach to every child - especially those with IEPs, 504s and different learning styles.

For parents, we provide a strong community of support. Our goal is to help both new and experienced families in Special Education navigate the system and connect with others. We also provide workshops and information so every parent can advocate for their child with confidence.

We welcome ALL members of our Hastings community – parents and educators – to join us. Together, we can promote an inclusive environment that opens the door to addressing the needs of every student. Your membership sends a message that each child is important and helps keep our mission strong.

Thank you!

SEPTA Board Members

Jennifer, Mia, Jen, Rhiannon, Rachel, Kate, Barb and Sandra

Our Advocacy in Action

From community-building to educational events, SEPTA provides:

- **Coffees at HHS, FMS and Hillside:** parents, teachers and administrators come together to discuss topics and issues relating to children with 504s, IEPs and different learning styles
- **Communication:** our Board meets regularly with administration to communicate needs, concerns and opportunities on behalf of parents
- **Community:** we seek to bring together parents and make connections in a supportive and collaborative environment
- **Educational Grants and Programs:** we offer grants to our schools with funds raised during our annual Laser Tag fundraiser. Recent grants include:
 - ❖ Books for the Integrated Co-Teaching classrooms at Hillside as part of the new literacy program
 - ❖ Guest speakers on preparing, navigating and optimizing IEPs

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Connect with Our Community

We are here to guide, support and represent parents throughout the Special Education experience. Please reach out to receive emails, read posts, ask questions or share confidential concerns at any time.

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

To join SEPTA, send this form along with cash or check dues payable to "Hastings SEPTA".

You may drop it in the SEPTA mailbox in the offices of Hillside, FMS or HHS, or mail to Sandra Yi, SEPTA Secretary, 50 Whitman Street, Hastings on Hudson, NY 10706

Name _____ Email _____

1. Please sign me up for the following:

Annual family membership \$20 _____ Annual educator membership \$5 _____

Additional SEPTA donation to support grants \$ _____ (optional and appreciated!)

2. I have a child/children in (please check all that apply and note grades):

Preschool _____ Hillside _____ FMS _____ HHS _____ Out-of-district _____

None, I am a Hastings educator _____

3. Please share any particular areas of interest or suggestions here:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON BEHALF OF SEPTA AND ALL OUR CHILDREN!