

Bloomsbury School District Early Childhood Advisory Council BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION

The name of this Early Childhood Advisory Council that is serving the community of Bloomsbury and the Bloomsbury School District shall be The Bloomsbury School District Early Childhood Advisory Council.

ARTICLE II: DEFINITION

The Bloomsbury School District Early Childhood Advisory Council is an advisory group that supports the unique, particular needs of the district's high-quality preschool program and the needs of the preschool children who reside in Bloomsbury.

- Early childhood advisory council or "ECAC" means an advisory group of community stakeholders interested in the education and welfare of children in preschool through grade three that is convened by the school district (*N.J.A.C.6A:13A-1.2*).
- *The Bloomsbury School District Early Childhood Advisory Council has been organized by the district to participate in community wide planning, to review progress towards full implementation of high quality preschool programs, and to consider and propose resolution of issues that arise during implementation.*
- *The membership of the council shall consist of community stakeholders, and include providers and parents/guardians.*
- *The council shall be organized by elected co-chairs and meet regularly.*
- *ECAC participates in community-wide planning, as conducted by the district, community needs assessment and self-evaluation.*

ARTICLE III: MISSION AND PURPOSE

Part 1: The Mission of The Bloomsbury School District Early Childhood Advisory Council:

- *To provide an all inclusive, high-quality education for the Preschool children which reside in the town of Bloomsbury. Early childhood is a crucial time in development that requires an environment in which child development can flourish and grow.*
- *Advise on the planning and implementation of the preschool program*
- *Participate in the development of the three-year operational plan under the leadership of the district preschool personnel and committee.*
- *Monitor initiatives and professional development of the preschool program and all individuals involved in the education of all preschool children.*
- *Support the transition of the children as they move from preschool through grade three.*

Part 2: The Purpose of The Bloomsbury School District Early Childhood Advisory Council

- *To provide a safe and non judgemental forum for all members of the council to provide input on early childhood education.*
- *To support the families and children of Bloomsbury as lifelong learners.*
- *Foster the development of all early learners in the community with planning and implementing programs.*
- *The BSDECAC will promote community collaboration and strengthen family involvement.*
- *Conduct a community needs assessment.*

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERS

The Advisory Council membership is required by code to include representatives of the following groups:

- *The Community and Parent Involvement Specialist (CPIS)*
 - holding a bachelor's degree in social work, psychology or education.*
 - coordinate the ECAC*
 - coordinate family involvement*
 - coordinate with community agencies and other social personnel*
- *Early Childhood Supervisor*
- *Community Stakeholders*
- *Private provider agencies*
- *Head Start agency (if applicable)*
- *Elected co-chairs (See Terms of Service)*

➤ *The Chairperson shall be the Community Parent Involvement Specialist (CPIS)*
All other members can be appointed at the first council meeting.

Terms of Service

- *The following positions will have ongoing terms of service: The Parent and Community Involvement Specialist (CPIS) and the Early Childhood Supervisor.*
- *Resignation from the council will require two weeks notice, in writing, to the chair of the council.*
- *Council members will address vacancies at the first meeting following the vacancy. The council will decide what individuals to consider for the vacancy. Positions will be filled within one month of vacancy.*

The ECAC shall be a diverse representation of community stakeholders to include, but not be limited to the following:

- *The New Jersey Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)*
- *Community Representatives*

ARTICLE V: ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES

Section 1: Meeting Schedule

- Meetings will be held quarterly during the school year.

Section 2: Meeting Order

1. Distribute bylaws and mission of the Early Childhood Advisory Council
2. Chairperson will bring meeting to order
3. Distribute meeting agenda
4. Distribute minutes from previous meeting and read by chairperson
5. Group discussion and share out presentation
6. New Business
7. Chairperson will adjourn meeting

There will be a seven day notice for special meetings.

ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: These BYLAWS may be amended at any time with $\frac{2}{3}$ vote at any regular meeting of the ECAC. All amendments have to be reviewed by the Supervisor of Early Childhood.