



Support Services
Tuscan Elementary School

The following are some helpful links for those families needing to utilize support services for their children during their time at Tuscan.

SOMSD Special Services page: <https://www.somsd.k12.nj.us/district/specialservices/>

District 504 information: <https://www.somsd.k12.nj.us/district/specialservices/504-2/>

Special Education Resource Packet: <http://bit.ly/2qb68HB>

- This is a comprehensive packet covering every step of the special education process from Intervention to IEP. The School District's Department of Special Services and SEPAC produced this document in 2016.

Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC): <https://sepacsoma.org/>

SEPAC is an advocacy group focused on policies, programs, and practices within the South Orange/Maplewood School District. Families and caregivers of student(s) with learning needs or students eligible for or receiving services under an IEP or 504 plan are encouraged to attend SEPAC Meetings.

SEPAC merged with the Special Ed PTO to provide the community with one special education parent group. SEPAC provides parents with tools and information to work collaboratively with the school district and to be more effective advocates for their children with special educational needs. Meetings consist of featured conversations/ presentations as well as support, resource sharing, and the ability to connect with other members of the special education community. Meetings with featured topics are their attempt to get those with similar concerns in the same room at the same time but all are always welcome!

- Email: info@sepacsoma.org
- <https://sepacsoma.org/>
- [SOMA Special Education Community Facebook group](#)

Tuscan PTA Website, Special Education:

<http://www.tuscanpta.org/special-services.html>

- Site specific to Tuscan that includes contact info for Tuscan staff and the PTA Special Education Liaison to SEPAC.

The Parenting Center of the District of Maplewood and South Orange:

<http://www.theparentingcenter.info/>

- Social Work Intern Program is coordinated through the Parenting Center.
- Offers parenting workshops throughout the year.
- Support Groups include ADHD/ADD, SOMA 2e (twice exceptional), Special Siblings and Selective Mutism.
- Their website includes dates for all SEPAC & support group meetings.