

Resources for SEAC Members:

[Cost of Special Education in KS](#)

[KASB SpEd Funding FAQ](#)



Advocacy Matters!

March has been a busy month for Patty Carter and the legislative team. Several KASEA members visited the capitol on March 21st and many members also reached out to legislators during Advocacy Week March 18-21st. With more than 50 bills to act upon the following week, the advocacy was needed! Most recently, KASEA advocated against SB 387, which proposed changes to the current method for calculating appropriations for special education funding to districts. The bill was defeated 26-12, with some legislators noting the overwhelming opposition from constituents.

Did you know? KASEA also advocates through representation on state councils (like SEAC) and other projects like the Kansas Integrated Accountability System, Professional Standards Committee, and more!

Looking Toward 2024-25

Hiring season is in full swing for school districts across the state. Special education and related positions are consistently a the top of the list of “hard to fill” roles in schools.

- **Know someone interested in working in special education?** [Educate Kansas](#) not only supports district recruitment efforts, but also offers job boards for interested applicants.
- **Know someone who would be a great teacher?** The [Kansas Registered Teacher Apprentice \(RTA\)](#) Model is a four-year competency-based program that integrates on-the-job training and coursework. It is designed to provide aspiring teachers without a bachelor’s degree the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in the classroom and to provide districts the opportunity to promote aides and paras to teachers from within.

Mission

Special Education Leaders united in advocacy and committed to the success of all children.

Vision

To be the voice of special education, to actively provide mentoring and support for leaders, and to advance the profession through policy and practice.

Upcoming Events/[KASEA Calendar](#)

[Connecting with KASEA](#)

April 17th from 12:00-1:00 (Virtual)
Indicator 4 and Significant Disproportionality

[Executive Board Meeting](#)

5/6/23 2:00-3:30 PM (Virtual)

[Membership Meeting](#)

5/20/24 3:30 PM (Virtual)