

**Egg Harbor City School District
Early Childhood Advisory Council
BYLAWS**

- Review [The Role and Design of ECAC from NJDOE](#)

ARTICLE I: NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION

The name of this Early Childhood Advisory Council that is serving Egg Harbor City and the Egg Harbor City School District shall be Egg Harbor City School District Early Childhood Advisory Council

ARTICLE II: DEFINITION:

The Egg Harbor City 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 Egg Harbor City.

- 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 Egg Harbor City 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 council's membership shall include school staff members, community stakeholders, and parents/guardians.
- The council shall be organized by elected co-chairs and meet three times during the school year.
- 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 Egg Harbor City School District Early Childhood Advisory Council

- To Provide an inclusive, high-quality preschool program for the children of Egg Harbor City

(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
- Support the children's transitions as they move from preschool through grade three.
- Work with community and school resources to provide support for the families of Egg Harbor City

Part 2: The Purpose of The Egg Harbor City School District Early Childhood Advisory Council

- To provide a safe and nonjudgemental forum for all council members to give input on early childhood education.
- To support the families and children of Egg Harbor City as lifelong learners.
- Foster the development of all early learners in the community by planning and implementing programs.
- The Egg Harbor City ECAC 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)
 - coordinate the ECAC
 - coordinate family involvement
 - coordinate with community agencies
- Superintendent of Egg Harbor City Schools
- Early Childhood Supervisor

- Community Stakeholders
- Parents/Guardians
- CST Case Manager for Preschool Students
- Preschool Instructional Coaches

Terms of Service

- The following positions will have ongoing terms of service: The Parent and Community Involvement Specialist (CPIS) and the Early Childhood Supervisor.
- All other members will have a one-year term of service, which will be renewed at the end of the school year if desired.
- The ECAC shall be a diverse representation of the community of Egg Harbor City.

ARTICLE V: ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES

Section 1: Meeting Schedule ➤ Meetings will be held 3 times during the school year in October, February & May

Section 2: Meeting Order

- Distribute bylaws and mission of the Early Childhood Advisory Council
- CPIS will bring the meeting to order
- Distribute meeting agenda
- Group discussion and share out presentation
- New Business
- CPIS will adjourn the meeting

ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: These BYLAWS may be amended when appropriate at any regular meeting of the ECAC.

- ★ All amendments have to be reviewed by the Supervisor of Early Childhood Education