



## Special and Gifted Education

### Committee Mission Statement:

The SAGE Committee is a committee of the Frisco Council of PTAs. We endeavor to promote a close alliance between parents and educators of diverse learners in hopes of benefitting ALL students.

### ADVOCACY

Our committee provides a voice through our PTA council and local PTAs. Our chairs are encouraged to find ways to ensure that all students are able to participate in and benefit from PTA events to the best of their ability. We promote understanding, compassion for differences and lifetime community inclusion.

- ❖ Ongoing communication with district administration
- ❖ Attendance & Presentations at PTA General Meetings
- ❖ Promoting district programs like Partners PE, Choir and Theater; Best Buddies; Miracle League; Special Olympics and SibShops.
- ❖ Free disability education programs to community groups

### COMMUNICATION

We aim to promote a dynamic flow of communication between educators and families and among families themselves. Our hope is to provide opportunities for families to connect, share information, and gather information on resources available in our community.

Some of our avenues are:

- ❖ Private Facebook page
- ❖ SAGE Resource Fair
- ❖ Newsletters (September-May)
- ❖ Collaboration opportunities for SAGE Campus Chairs
- ❖ Annual Meet & Greet Events
- ❖ Facilitating the creation of support groups

### EDUCATION

SAGE sponsors various workshops, training classes and access to local resources throughout the year in order to provide families and educators up-to-date information.

Past popular workshops and training topics include:

- ❖ Transition Workshops
- ❖ Life Planning
- ❖ Organizational Ideas
- ❖ Behavioral Interventions
- ❖ Sensory Strategies
- ❖ Diverse Abilities Days
- ❖ Collaboration with Frisco Gifted Association for GT programs

**With your support, we create a community network addressing the unique needs of all of our children. It is vital that we get involved by combining our knowledge, our experience and our resources to benefit all of our children.**

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