

WVDE Parent Education Resource Centers

One Voice, One Focus: All Students Achieving

Goal 1: *Delineate a clear and focused set of 10 World-Class Educational System Priorities for all West Virginia Schools. These priorities will be the foundation of the “One Voice, One Focus: All Students Achieving” vision plan that promotes the fierce urgency of “now” for our young people.* — Michael J. Martirano, Ed. D. State Superintendent of Schools



What is the WVDE Parent Education Resource Center (PERC):

- Since 1983, the Office of Special Programs has coordinated the WV Parent-Educator Resource Center (PERC) Project. A team consisting of a parent of a special needs child and an educator staffs each PERC. How each PERC provides these services depends on the individual community strengths, resources and needs.
- PERCs are housed within various locations throughout the state, usually in a centralized, accessible location such as a school, community center, board of education office or library.
- Local education agencies provide the financial support for their PERCs by blending fiscal resources such as special education, Title I, state and local funds and grants. In addition, local community-based organizations, service agencies, businesses and other service organizations may provide other supports for the PERCs.
- County supported PERCs provide support and advocacy for parents and educators of students with special needs. The Centers focus efforts on students with disabilities and is also available for all students and families. They provide community and special education resource information and many have a lending library. The Centers strive to create solutions to enhance the educational experience of our children.

What is the goal of the Parent Education Resource Center?

- Each county PERC aligns its goals with those of its county department of education strategic goals which are also aligned with the WVDE State Systematic Improvement Plan.
- They strive to build positive futures for West Virginia’s students by working collaboratively with families, schools, and communities to improve opportunities for excellence in education and success in school and community life. The centers’ greatest focus is children with disabilities. The centers do this by providing:
 - Services and support for families and professionals;
 - Easy-to-understand, research-based information and training; and
 - Opportunities for strategic partnerships and advocacy for systemic improvement.
- An additional focus for PERCs is working to improve outcomes for disadvantage and ELL students. The centers do this by:
 - Collaborating and partnering with Title 1 and ELL school personnel and community members;
 - Providing easy to understand, research-based information and parent training; and
 - Sharing opportunities to support school initiatives for this population with state agencies.

How can you learn more about your county’s PERC?

- Refer to the other side of this one-pager and contact your local PERC Center.
- If your county PERC is not listed, contact your county’s Office of Special Education for support.
- The WV PERC Project is coordinated by the WV Department of Education, Office of Special Education. The State Coordinator can be reached by calling 304-558-2696.

For more information and resources refer to this webpage: <https://wvde.state.wv.us/osp/perc.html>



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