



Harborfields SEPTA 101

What is SEPTA?

- SEPTA stands for Special Education PTA and is a districtwide PTA whose purpose and goal are to ensure a free and appropriate education for ALL children. We do this through advocacy, educating ourselves and the community, and supporting the entire family.
- Our efforts focus on promoting an understanding of special education, to enrich the lives of children with special needs, and focus on the unique challenges special education and gifted students and their parents face each day.
- Harborfields SEPTA is open to all families in the district, with a focus on families whose child may receive services including Speech & Language, OT, PT, counseling, or be in an integrated co-teaching or developmental learning class.

Why Join Harborfields SEPTA?

- SEPTA provides parents with support, education, and direction. Monthly "Second Cup of Coffee" meetings are support groups for parents who gather in an informal setting to connect and share information about special needs children. They also feature guest speakers on a variety of important and pertinent topics.
- SEPTA helps parents understand what resources are available to their child within the district, through Suffolk County and New York State, and how to advocate for your child.
- SEPTA connects families and collaborates with district administration, Pupil Personnel and faculty.
- Membership is \$10.00 per person or \$20.00 for a family. Each person in the family can register individually to join including parents, grandparents, and even the students. Community members and extended family are also able to join. Please sign up online: <https://harborfieldssepta.memberhub.store/>
- If you have any membership questions please contact Membership Chair, Rachael Risinger at rachael.risinger@gmail.com.

How to contact Harborfields SEPTA?

- Please email us at septa@harborfieldscd.org or DM us on [Facebook](#).