

Illinois School for the Deaf Advisory Council

Advisory Council Membership

The purpose of the Illinois School for the Deaf (ISD) Advisory Council is to advise and make recommendations to the school and to the Secretary of the Department of Human Services (DHS), through the Superintendent of the Illinois School for the Deaf, as to the best practice for the academic, vocational, and social education of children who are deaf and hard of hearing in Illinois. This purpose supports the Illinois School for the Deaf's mission and vision. The vision of the Illinois School for the Deaf is to educate students to become responsible, self-supporting citizens. Our schools will be safe learning communities that encourage students to attain their highest potential in reading, writing, and mathematics. We will empower our students to explore the technological trends and the employment opportunities of the future.

The Advisory Council will make recommendations to the Department of Human Services, ISD administration, and/or others concerning the education of students in the Illinois School for the Deaf and the school's facilities and services.

The Council will be made up of parents or guardians of current ISD students; persons with a disability, including school alumni; and individuals with recognized expertise in a field related to Deaf Education. Four regular meetings are to be held during each calendar year. Members are required to attend three of the four meetings per year to remain on active status. Teleconference capability will be provided, upon request.