

NCPTA Exceptional Children Commission includes Academically and Intellectually Gifted!

The NCPTA's Exceptional Children (EC) Commission will promote advocacy, education, and resources for **all** students with exceptional educational needs- special needs/students with disabilities and academically gifted. Likewise, the North Carolina Department of Public Education, Exceptional Children's Division funds and oversees programs for students who need special education as well as those students who are academically and intellectually gifted.

NCPTA's EC Commission will:

- Cover topics related to the well-being and education of students with exceptional educational needs (i.e. special needs and academically gifted).
- Cover topics related to education laws/policies, legislation, and advocacy.
- Promote awareness and education of students with exceptional educational needs.
- Facilitate communication of resources and referral agencies to families, students, and educators.
- Establish partnerships with appropriate agencies in advocating and educating students and their families.
- Encourage local PTA units to include representation for students with exceptional educational needs within their executive boards and leadership.