

Want to start a Neurodiverse Advisory Council?

Here's how to do it — seven steps for bringing neurodiverse students into the decisions your organization makes about them.

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Gather your council

Gather students from education and youth programs.

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Set a regular meeting time

Set up a monthly meeting time including date and time.

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Decide on roles together

Discuss with students which roles should be implemented; i.e., if someone should be the notetaker.

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Make sure everyone is heard

Make sure all council members' opinions can be heard.

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Build confidence and advocacy skills

Create lesson plans on building confidence and self-advocacy skills, while making sure to implement these skills during meetings.

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Make space for honest feedback

Discuss current and future programs, which topics are important to the demographic represented by the council, and give space for the council to provide honest feedback.

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Let the council advise

Have council members advise on programs, brainstorm ideas, and help make sure your organization is catering to the needs of the community it helps.