

Botetourt County Public Schools  
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Special Education Advisory Committee

The Botetourt County Public Schools Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) is pleased to announce that we will be sponsoring an informational session entitled “*Adult Services Available to Students with Disabilities through the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services and the Department of Rehabilitative Services (DARS/DRS)*”

When: ***February 12, 2019 from 6-7pm***  
Where: ***Lord Botetourt High School Library***

In this session, a representative from the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) will discuss opportunities that exist for students to participate in pre-employment transition services (PreETS). These services are designed to help enrich transition planning that support individuals with disabilities in preparation for adult life. Topics covered through PreETS include: job exploration counseling; work-based learning experiences; counseling on opportunities for enrollment in training programs after high school; workplace readiness training to develop social skills and independent living skills; and instruction in self-advocacy.

In addition, the DARS Transition Counselor will discuss other services available to adult students with disabilities through DARS as they prepare to exit high school. This informational session is appropriate for anyone wanting to learn more about these services and how collaboration and support from DARS can empower youth with disabilities as they transition from high school to adulthood.

The Botetourt County Special Education Advisory Committee functions to advise the school division of needs in the education of children with disabilities. In addition, the SEAC assists in the development of long-range plans, priorities and strategies for meeting the identified needs of children with disabilities. The SEAC is comprised of parents of students with disabilities, representatives of local agencies, community members and school representatives.

If you would like more information regarding your local SEAC, you may contact your child’s case manager at your school, Matthew Gouker, SEAC Chairperson, at [mgouker@bcps.k12.va.us](mailto:mgouker@bcps.k12.va.us), or Julie A. Baker, Supervisor of Special Education, at [jbaker@bcps.k12.va.us](mailto:jbaker@bcps.k12.va.us).

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