

Franklin Parish School Board

2024-2025 Annual Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Report



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April 23, 2025

What is the purpose of [LEA]'s Special Education Advisory Council?

R.S. 17:1944 requires local public school systems to create a special education advisory council to provide advice and feedback regarding special education policies, procedures, and resources. The council shall also engage in outreach activities to the community at large to increase the level of knowledge, support, and collaboration with respect to special education.

Members and Roles

Member	Role
Tony Haring	Parent
Kayla Bates	Parent
Jaclyn Blunt	Teacher, Parent
Lakeisha Cooper	Paraprofessional, Parent
Stephanie Smith	Administrator
Rochelle Kelly	Entity that Serves Students with Disabilities
Sherri Bullard	Entity That Serves Adults with Disabilities
Susan Russell	Community Stakeholder
Rebecca Huff	Director- Special Education, Chairperson

2024-2025 Meetings, Agendas, Minutes

September 12, 2025; 4:00 PM	Franklin Parish School Board	https://www.fpsb.us/Downloads/SEAP_September%20Meeting%202024_Agenda.pdf
February 13, 2025; 4:30 PM	Franklin Parish School Board	https://www.fpsb.us/Downloads/SEAP%20FPSD%20February%202025.pdf
April 22, 2025; 4:30 PM	Franklin Parish School Board	https://www.fpsb.us/Downloads/SEAP_April%20Meeting%202025_Agenda.pdf

September 12, 2024 @ 4:30 PM- Meeting Highlights:

SEAP Members present: Tony Haring, Rochelle Kelly, Susan Russell, Rebecca Huff, Sherri Bullard, Kayla Bates, Stephanie Smith

1. Reviewed updates from Special Education Law Conference
2. Reviewed SWD academic performance data
3. Discussed and planned upcoming special events for the Fall
 - a. Reindeer Games- Life Church Winnsboro

February 13, 2025 Meeting Highlights:

SEAP Members present: Tony Haring, Taylor Gill (proxy for Sherri Bullard), Susan Russell, Rochelle Kelly, Jaclyn Blunt, Stephanie Smith, Rebecca Huff, Guest Speaker- Konstance Cause (Families Helping Families of NELA)

Informational Presentation: Konstance Causey from Families Helping Families gave a presentation on their services provided in our area and to our families of children with special needs.

Recap of Special Events

- a. Reindeer Games (PK- 5th graders)- Life Church
- b. Night to Shine- Life Church

Discussion & Planning of Upcoming Special Events

- a. Mardi Gras Ball- LEAP Connect at FPHS

Literacy Labs- discussed purpose and possible outcomes

Parent Surveys- explained that information would be sent out as soon as received from LDOE

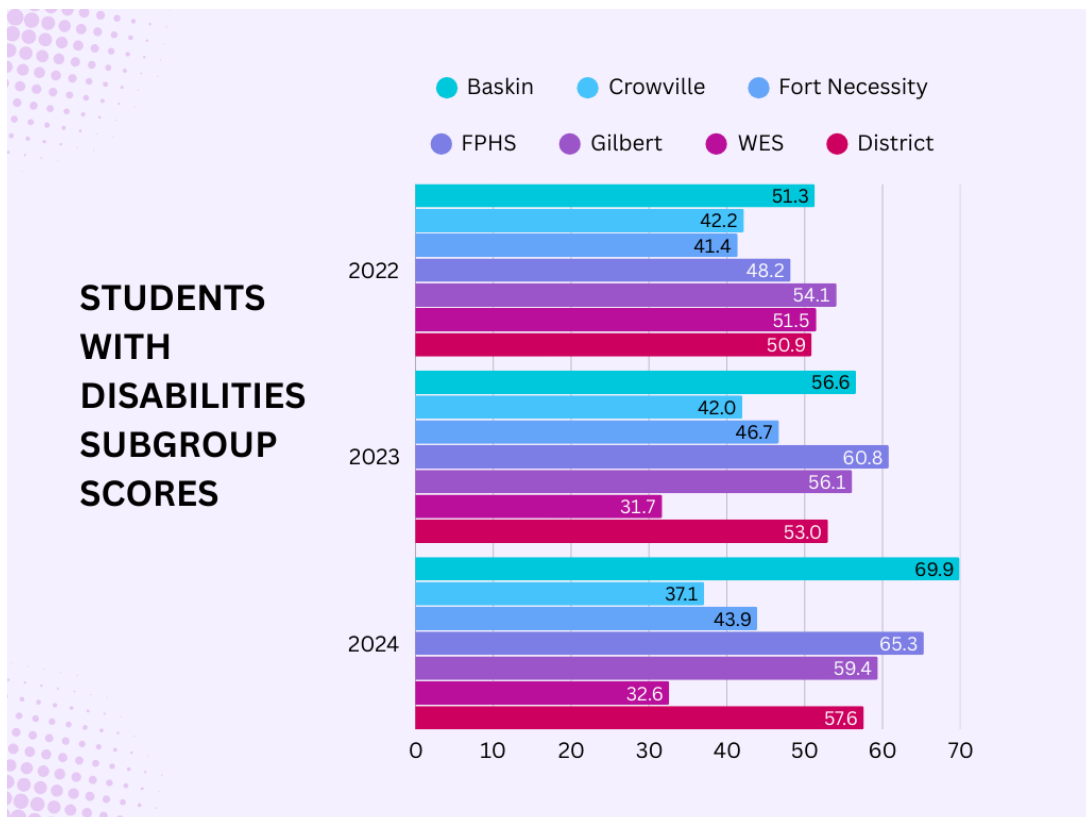
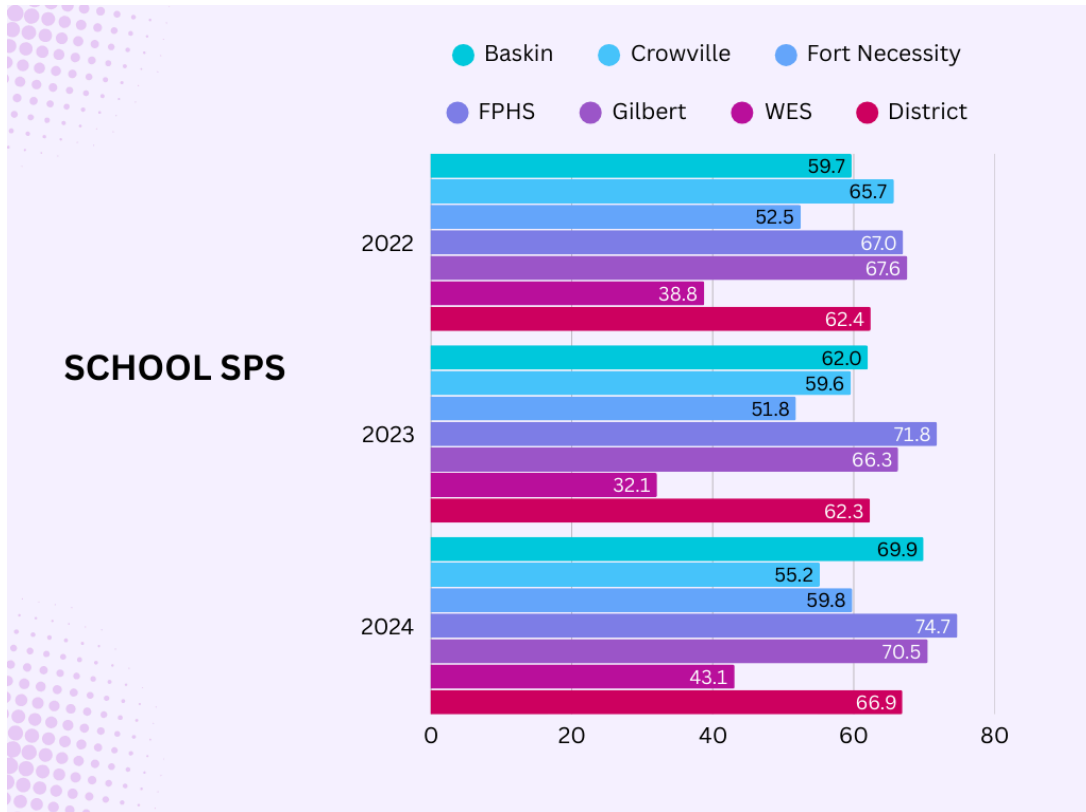
April 22, 2025 Meeting Highlights:

SEAP Members present: Tony Haring, Taylor Gill (Proxy for Sherri Bullard), Rochelle Kelly, Jaclyn Blunt, Stephanie Smith, Rebecca Huff

- Review Center for Children and Families Impact Report
- Discussed possibility of opening a Life Skills Center at the High School
- Encouraged participation in LDOE Parent Survey
- Explained opening application for new SEAP members for 2025-2026 school year
- Discussed Bulletin 1530 updates
- Discussed possible changes with Seclusion and Restraint legislation

Executive Summary

1. Overview of special education in Franklin Parish School District



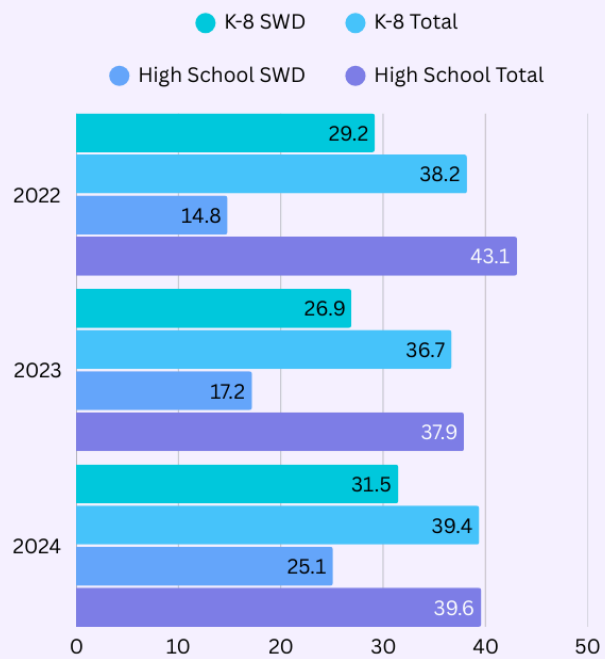
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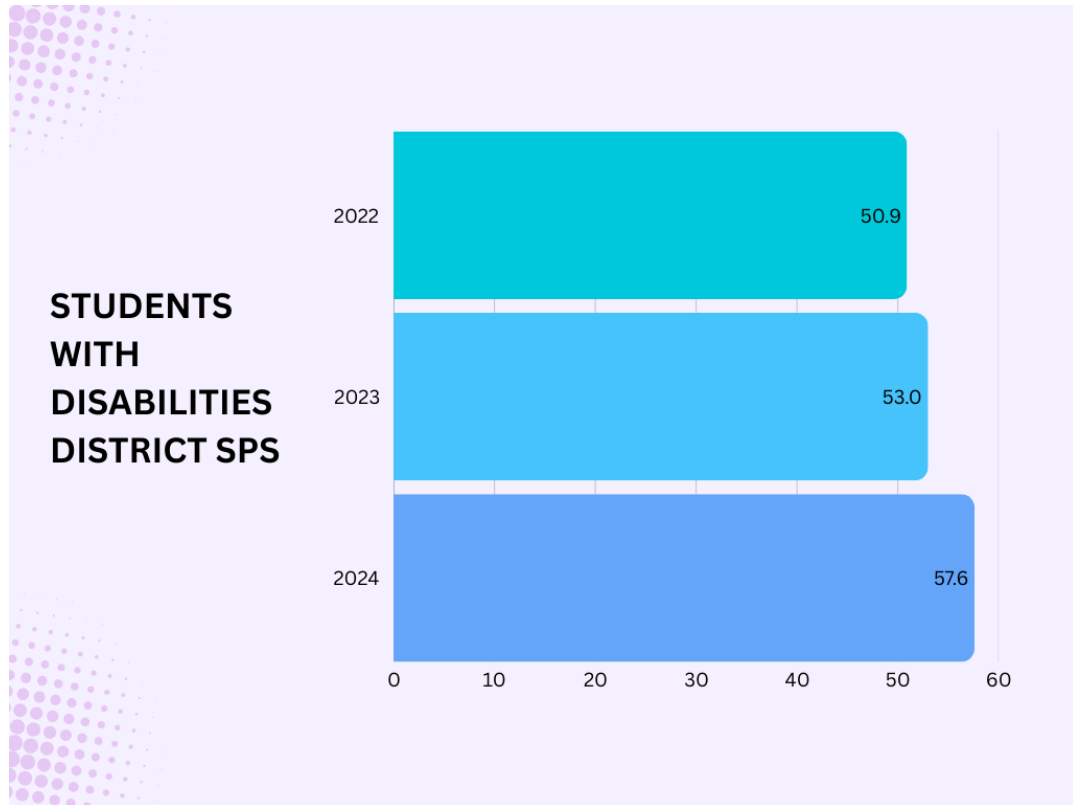
2022	2023	2024
Baskin	Baskin	Gilbert
Fort Necessity	Gilbert	
Gilbert	WES	
WES		

UIR- SWD

2022	2023	2024
Crowville	Crowville	Crowville
FPHS	Fort Necessity	Fort Necessity
	FPHS	WES

ASSESSMENT INDEX





a. Overview of special education financial data

i. EIS Funds

1. Franklin Parish School Board voluntarily chose to continue to use funds for CEIS. FPSB will continue to provide interventions for Regulars Education students that are at risk in Tier 2 and 3 strategies. We are giving these students extra services for Academics and Behavior. Implement early identification, collaborate with and educate the community. Strengthen the SBLC and identification process through PD, increase awareness of and implementation of RTI. EIS funds will be used for 3 paraprofessionals to service all 6 Franklin schools and deliver effective and reliable RTI, purchase software used with EI, and provide PD to help all stakeholders understand and implement the RTI process. EIS funds will purchase computers for the RTI classrooms for paraprofessionals to use with students.

ii. IDEA- 115 (includes non-public schools costs)

1. 36% used for salaries, supplements, and stipends
2. 13% used fo benefits
3. 18% used for Contracted Educational Services
4. 1% used for Equipment, Maintenance, and Repair Services
5. 12% used for Travel Expenses and Web-based Services
6. 12% use for Materials and Supplies
7. 8% used for indirect costs

- iii. IDEA- Preschool (includes non-public schools costs)
 - 1. 12% used for Contracted Educational Services
 - 2. 4% used for Web-based programs and Field Trips
 - 3. 77% used for Materials and Supplies
 - 4. 7% used for indirect costs
 - iv. IDEA- Set Aside
 - 1. Bailey Education Group- Educational Consulting
 - 2. LASARD- Educational Consulting
 - v. IDEA Preschool- Set Aside
 - 1. LASARD- Educational Consulting
 - 2. Compliance violations
 - a. There were not any compliance violations with the FPSB SEAP for the 2024-2025 SY
 - b. There were not any compliance violations with Special Education for the 2024-2025 SY
 - 3. Highlights and Accomplishments of the Council
 - a. Held a Back to School Parent Expo
 - b. Participated in social events for students with disabilities
 - 4. Areas of Improvement, Next Steps, and Timeline of Upcoming Activities
 - a. Areas of Improvement- Provide opportunities for more parent involvement
 - b. Next Steps- Encourage completion of LDOE Parent Survey and open applications for SEAP for 2025-2026 school year
 - c. Timeline of Upcoming Activities
 - i. April 30, 2025- Senior Breakfast for graduating seniors
 - ii. September 2025- First meeting of 2025-2026 School Year
 - iii. September 2025- Special Athletic Events
 - 5. Explain how parent engagement is encouraged throughout the school system and what activities sought to promote parent engagement
 - a. Parent engagement is encouraged by providing opportunities for Literacy Nights, Parent Conferences, and Back to School Nights at each school.
 - b. Back to School Parent Expo held in August 2024
 - c. Parent Day held February 2025
 - d. Parent Informational Meeting held April 2025
 - e. Information shared via the local newspaper as well as social media

How to Join

In accordance with ACT 274, enacting LA Rev Stat § 17:1944.1, the Franklin Parish School Board is seeking applicants to serve on the Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) for Franklin Parish Schools. The purpose of the panel is to provide advice and recommendations regarding special education policies, procedures, and resources. The council shall also engage in outreach

activities to the community at large to increase the level of knowledge, support, and collaboration with respect to special education. This is a volunteer position for a three year term period. The panel must include at least eight members, comprise of at least 50% parents or legal guardians of students with an exceptionality, other than gifted and talented, who are enrolled in school under the jurisdiction of Franklin Parish School Board and cannot be an employee*, at least 1 teacher, principal, or paraprofessional who provide services to students with exceptionalities, and at least 10% special stakeholders.

*When there are not at least 50% of parents or legal guardians, one high school student with an exceptionality, other than gifted and talented, and one person who represents an entity that serves students with disabilities or families of students with disabilities and who is not an employee of the school governing authority may be counted to meet the requirement of this.

The application process will be open from May to August of each school year if there are not the appropriate number of members according to the statute.

Online applications are available below and should be submitted no later than August 1 of the current year.

For paper applications, please visit Franklin Parish School District's website (www.fpsb.us), or contact the Franklin Parish Special Education Dept. at 318.435.9046. All applications will be reviewed and members will be appointed by Mr. John Gullatt, Superintendent of Franklin Parish Schools, by September of the current school year.

Online form: <https://forms.gle/F6zGPFEOB1qjMoi26>