

Franklin Parish School Board is Seeking Special Education Advisory Panel Members

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.

This paper application can be completed and submitted to the special education director. 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.

Thank you for your interest in improving Special Education in Franklin Parish Schools!

Online form: <https://forms.gle/F6zGPFEoB1qjMoi26>

Franklin Parish School Board

Application for Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) Membership

1. Applicant's Name: _____
2. Applicant's Physical Address:

3. Applicant's Mailing Address (If different from physical):

4. Membership Category of Applicant (please check one):
 - a. _____ Parent or Legal Guardian of a student with an exceptionality, other than gifted and talented, who is enrolled in a Franklin Parish School
 - b. _____ Teacher employed by Franklin Parish School Board
 - c. _____ Administrator employed by Franklin Parish School Board
 - d. _____ Paraprofessional employed by Franklin Parish School Board
 - e. _____ Other special education stakeholder:
 - i. _____ Self-advocate (adult with a disability)
 - ii. _____ Self-advocate (student with a disability)
 - iii. _____ Member of organization serving students with disabilities (e.g., non-profit, community group, LRD, post-secondary education program, employer of students with disabilities)
 1. Name of Organization: _____
 - f. _____ School Board Member
 - g. _____ Student Leader
 - i. Name of Organization & Position of Leadership:

5. The Franklin Parish Special Education Advisory Council will meet at least three times during the school year, during school hours. Will you be able to attend these meetings?
 - a. ___ yes
 - b. ___ no
6. Please answer the following questions (attach additional sheets as needed):
 - a. Why are you interested in membership on the Special Education Advisory Panel?

- b. What unique experiences, perspectives, talents, or skills could you bring to the SEAP? What do you think best qualifies you for this position?

- c. Please list all organizations, agencies, advisory boards, councils, or commissions you are affiliated with that serve students or individuals with disabilities or their families.

- d. List any additional information you would like the membership committee to consider:

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Please submit this completed application to Rebecca Huff, Director of Special Education, 7293 Prairie Road, Winnsboro, LA 71295 by August 1 of the current year.

The Superintendent, Mr. John Gullatt, will appoint and notify the council membership by September of the current year.

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