

Franklin Parish School District

2023-2024 Annual Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Report



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May 28, 2024

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
Susan Russel	Community Stakeholder
Rochelle Kelly, Lyfe Skills Collaboration	Grandparent
LaKeisha Cooper	Paraprofessional
Sonji Tarver	Entity that Serves Students with Disabilities
Sherry Bullard, Franklin Community Services	Entity That Serves Students with Disabilities
Stephanie Smith	School Administrator- Literacy
Jaclyn Blunt	Teacher
Rebecca Huff	Director of Special Education, Chairperson

2023-2024 Meetings, Agendas, Minutes

August 24, 2023; 2:30 PM	FPSB	https://www.fpsb.us/Downloads/SEAP_August%20Meeting%202023.pdf
March 12, 2024; 2:30 PM	FPSB	https://www.fpsb.us/Downloads/SEAP_March%20Meeting%202024_Agenda.pdf
April 30, 2024; 2:30 PM	FPSB	https://www.fpsb.us/Downloads/SEAP_April%20Meeting%202024_Agenda%20(1).pdf

A quorum was met at each meeting.

Meeting notices were advertised on the school district website.

Participation was encouraged via the Student Services social media page.

Executive Summary

1. Special Education in Franklin Parish School District strives to continue to provide early intervening strategies, Child Find resources, and connections to resources within the community for our students and their families.
 - a. For the 2023 assessments, the following schools are in UIR status for the special education population: Fort Necessity, Crowville, and FPHS.
 - i. FPHS is on track to exit in 2024
 - b. For the 2023 assessments, the schools have the current subgroup performance score and letter grade for special education:
 - i. Baskin- 56.6/D
 - ii. Crowville- 42/F
 - iii. Fort Necessity- 46.7/F
 - iv. FPHS- 60.8/C
 - v. Gilbert- 56.1/D
 - vi. WES- 31.7/F
 - c. For the 2023 assessments, the district has the current subgroup performance score and letter grade for special education:
 - i. 53/C
2. Overview of special education financial data
 - a. Allocations
 - i. IDEA Part B- 611

1. Total Current Year	\$887,113
2. Prior Year	\$189,486
3. Nonpublic	\$37,006
4. Total Available Funds	\$1,039,593
 - ii. IDEA Preschool 619

1. Total Current Year	\$31,526
2. Prior Year	\$28,633
3. Nonpublic	\$1,614
4. Total Available Funds	\$58,545
 - iii. IDEA 611 Set Aside

1. Total Current Year	\$9,446
2. Total Available Funds	\$9,446
 - iv. IDEA 619 Set Aside

1. Total Current Year	\$7,491
2. Total Available Funds	\$7,491
 - b. Expenses
 - i. IDEA Part B- 611

1. Salaries	\$332,508
2. Nonpublic Salaries	\$21,600
3. Benefits/TRSL	\$141,438
4. Nonpublic Benefits/TRSL	\$5,671
5. Praxis Reimbursement	\$5,000
6. Contracted Educational Services	\$132,860

7.	Maintenance & Repair Services	\$11,500
8.	Educational Trips	\$380
9.	Web-based Software	\$106,465
10.	Nonpublic Web-based software	\$2,142
11.	In-Parish Travel	\$6,500
12.	Nonpublic in-parish travel	\$600
13.	PD Travel	\$30,000
14.	Behavior Training	\$13,501
15.	Instructional Supplies	\$175,360
16.	FCCS Supplies	\$3,496
17.	FA Supplies	\$3,497
18.	Crisis Prevention	\$800
19.	Indirect Costs	\$82,674
ii.	<u>IDEA Preschool 619</u>	
1.	Contract Services	\$4,000
2.	Visual Impairment Services	\$18,000
3.	Web-based Programs	\$2,142
4.	Educational Field Trips	\$500
5.	Instructional Supplies	\$29,283
6.	Nonpublic Supplies	\$1,614
7.	Indirect Costs	\$4,620
iii.	<u>IDEA 611 Set Aside</u>	
1.	Contracted Services	\$8700
2.	Indirect Costs	\$725
iv.	<u>IDEA 619 Set Aside</u>	
1.	Contracted Services	\$6,000
2.	Indirect Costs	\$575

**Salaries & Benefits- PT, OT, Speech Therapy for ESYs and Non-public; Behavior Interventionist; Assistive Technology Coordinator, eSER Secretary*

Contracted Services- Bailey Education Group; Kara Hill, LLC; Pat Sneed Consulting, LLC; Educational Material Specialist, LASARD

Professional Development- Crisis Prevention Institute, Sessions provided by Bailey Education Group, Insights to Behavior, GoalBook for writing IEPs

PD Travel- Special Education Law Conference, Education Law Conference, Louisiana State Supervisor Conference, Assistive Technology Conferences, Pupil Appraisal Conference, Social Worker Conference

In-parish Travel- Covers the cost of travel between schools for itinerant positions

Field Trips- The Zoo, The Pumpkin Patch, The Children's Museum, The Princess Theatre

Web-based Software- Milo (The Robot), GoalBook (for writing IEPs), Insights to Behavior (Behavior Management Plans), Google Read & Write, Kami, MindPlay (Reading Interventions), Ascend Math (Math Interventions), Unique Learning System (Alternate Curriculum), Firelight Books Online (Alternate Curriculum)

3. Highlights and Accomplishments of the Council
 - i. Planned and hosted the Athletic Event in October 2023
 - ii. Planned and hosted the Reindeer Games in December 2023
 - iii. Collaborated with local community members and churches to host Tim Tebow's A Night to Shine 2024 in February 2024
 - iv. Improved community outreach by hosting a Career Day for 7th and 8th grade diverse learners.
 - v. Had guest speakers at 2 out of the 3 meetings
4. Areas of Improvement, Next Steps, and Timeline of Upcoming Activities
 - a. Areas of improvement- Create a way to publicize the meetings in order to gain interests for the community to attend
 - b. Next Steps- Create an online link and procedures for parents to submit complaints and concerns at the district level
 - c. Next meeting in scheduled for September 2024
5. Explain how parent engagement is encouraged throughout the school system and what activities sought to promote parent engagement
 - a. Each school hosts Family Nights to encourage parent engagement
 - b. Parents are encouraged to participate and volunteer for the different events throughout the school year hosted by SEAP
 - c. A respite event was held during A Night to Shine to allow parents the opportunity to relax and enjoy a meal while their children attended prom.
 - d. Autism 5K Honor Loop held by LyfeSkills Collaboration at FPHS in April 2024
 - i. Different community organizations set up information booths and provided free resources for parents and caregivers.

How to Join

Current Vacancies: One position for a high school student with disabilities or a representative of an entity who provides services to students with disabilities.

How to apply: <https://forms.gle/tbBX93SUB2jZwrCm9>