

2019

Parent Survey: Special Education

... A GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SURVEY

All parents of students with disabilities in Georgia are invited to participate in the statewide Georgia Parent Survey for Special Education. You will be asked to complete this survey at your student's IEP annual review, or online.

What do I need to know before I start the survey?

The parent survey is 10 questions long; please answer all the questions that pertain to your son or daughter. The survey is also available in Spanish.

Why is my child's school asking me to fill out this survey?

Families are a very important part of a student's school support team, preparing students for graduation and a lifetime of success! To raise success rates for students with disabilities, the Georgia Department of Education asks parents to answer questions to assess how local schools are finding ways to partner with families.



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Why do they want to know about my child's disability?

Data is being collected on geographic area, ethnicity and disability to ensure that the information collected accurately reflects the overall demographics of the state; this is a way of demonstrating that the results are valid.

What do I do if we have already had my child's IEP annual meeting?

Please use the link provided by your child's teacher to complete the online survey; your answers should reflect your experiences for *this school year*. It's very important that everyone's voice is heard!

Do I have to answer all the questions, even if one doesn't apply to my child?

No. If a question doesn't apply, just skip it. This will help the researchers gather more accurate information about the services your child receives.



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Does my child's teacher see my survey answers?

No. Once you have submitted your online survey, or your paper survey in a sealed envelope, the information you provide goes directly to the survey response analysts at The Georgia Center for Assessment, and is coded by number, not by name. School staff will receive a report with a summary of responses from each school.



What if I have more than one child who receives student support services?

There will be one parent survey given per student with a disability - so if you have two students receiving support, you will be asked to complete a parent survey for each one. Conversely, however, there should be *only* one survey per student - so only one parent should complete the survey.

How do I know that something good will come of this for my student?

Parent to Parent of Georgia (P2P), the statewide Parent Training Information Center, partners with the Division for Special Education on the results and identifies state, district and family needs in parent involvement. P2P will collaborate with the Division's Family Engagement Parent Leadership to develop trainings and assistance for schools and families. Survey results are also reported to the U. S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, and are part of each school system's annual report to the federal government.

**Thank you for being a vital part of your
child's education team!**

Questions? Contact your child's teacher, or:

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