

**2022 Annual Parent Involvement Survey  
for Georgia Families Raising a Student  
with a Disability**

A GaDOE Initiative to Assist Local School Systems in  
Partnering with Families

# Why a Parent Survey and How will Results be Used?

- The Parent Survey helps the Georgia Department of Education determine parents' perception of the success of parent engagement between themselves and the local school.
- Each state is required to conduct a Parent Survey collection process to measure parent/family perceptions.
- The Parent Survey is an opportunity for parents' voices to be heard at the state level.
- The Parent Survey information is gathered as a component of the State Performance Plan, Indicator 8: Percent of parents with a student receiving special education services who report that schools facilitated parent involvement as a means of improving results for children with disabilities.

# **Why is this Survey Important to GCPS?**

- The data collected is reported as a percentage of parental involvement in the Annual Performance Report for each district.
- It is critical that the GaDOE assist local school systems in partnering with families to raise the achievement rate for students with disabilities. The results of this survey will assist in achieving this goal.
- The GaDOE Division of Special Education will work collaboratively with Parent to Parent of Georgia, the statewide Parent Training Information Center, to identify needs in family involvement within the state and local districts based on statewide survey results.

# General Parent Survey Information

- This is an online survey process. Paper surveys are no longer available.
- The survey is available to *all* families of students receiving special education services in *all* Georgia public schools.
- The online survey link opened on January 18, 2022.
- The online survey link will close on May 31, 2022.
- The parent survey is available in English and Spanish.
- Parents can complete a separate survey for each of their children who receive special education services.
- Survey answers are anonymous and kept confidential. Each response is coded by a number – not a name.

# Parent Survey Questions Numbers 1-5

- #1. I am considered an equal partner with teachers and other professionals in planning and making decisions about my child's program.
- #2. Teachers ensure that I have fully understood the Procedural Safeguards (federal rules that protect the rights of parents) and my options if I disagree with a decision by the school.
- #3. My child's evaluation report and other written information are written in terms I understand.
- #4. At the IEP meeting, we discussed accommodations and modifications that my child would need.
- #5. The school communicates regularly with me regarding my child's progress on IEP goals.

# Parent Survey Questions Numbers 6-10

- #6. Teachers are available to speak with me.
- #7. The school offers parents a variety of ways to communicate with teachers.
- #8. Teachers respect my cultural heritage and show sensitivity to the needs of students with disabilities and their families.
- #9. The school gives parents the help they may need to play an active role in their child's education.
- #10. The school provides information on agencies that can assist my child in grade level transitions and/or transitions to post school settings.

# Parent Survey Questions Optional this Year

- This year, two **optional** questions will be included in the Parent Survey as a way of collecting data to support work the GaDOE is doing to improve the consideration of these factors in the IEP Team meeting.
- The responses recorded will **not** be included in survey result calculations.
- The **optional** questions are:
  - I. We discussed whether my child needs assistive technology at the IEP Meeting.
  - II. We discussed whether my child needs accessible formats like braille, large print, auditory and electronic text at the IEP meeting.

# Parent Survey Response Options

- When answering each question included in the Parent Survey, parents will make their choices based on the following response options:
  - Very Strongly Disagree
  - Strongly Disagree
  - Disagree
  - Agree
  - Strongly Agree
  - Very Strongly Agree

# Your Assistance is Needed

- The letters attached to the link below were recently included in C&I Weekly:  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1BO4an9qQ9eXTwKF69qEsyZgC6favgGfX?usp=sharing>
- If you have not already done so, please initiate the following actions:
  - Send the letters home with every student receiving special education services. Post the letters and survey link on your school's website.
  - Post the letters and survey link on your special education teachers e-class pages.

# Questions

- If you have any questions regarding the 2022 Parent Survey, please contact:

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- Thank you for your assistance regarding this important initiative.