

2018 Texas Parent Involvement Survey Administration

Frequently Asked Questions – for Parents

What is this survey about?

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is conducting its annual Parent Involvement survey for parents who have a student receiving special education services. This survey measures the extent to which parents report their school is facilitating parent involvement to improve services and results for children receiving special education services. For more information on the parent survey and results from prior years, please visit:

<https://www.texasparent.org/parentsurvey>

Why should I take this survey?

You should take this survey if you have a child receiving special education services to ensure that your voice is heard! Results can be used by schools and districts to guide important improvements to special education services and parent engagement. If you have more than one child receiving special education services, you should complete a survey only for the child that was selected and sent home with the Parent Involvement survey.

Why do my responses matter?

You have a chance to tell your district and the state how important parent involvement is to children's success in school. If you do not participate, you miss this chance to have your voice heard.

Are my answers confidential?

Yes, your responses are confidential. Individual responses are not shared with districts and your responses will not be tied to your or your child.

Do all parents of students receiving special education services in my child's school receive a survey?

It depends. In schools that have 20 or fewer special education students, all parents of a student receiving special education services will receive a survey. In schools that have more than 20 special education students, students will be randomly selected to receive a parent survey. In these schools, not all parents of students receiving special education services will receive a survey.

What if my student attends school somewhere else now?

We have asked schools to distribute all of the materials for students who attended any portion of this school year (2017-2018). Even if students left part way through the year, we still want their parents to participate in the survey!

Can I take the survey even if I was not selected to receive one?

To be sure that we have a representative picture of parents' opinions at the district level, participation in the Parent Involvement survey is limited to the parents of the randomly selected students receiving special education services. Only parents who receive a survey from their child's school are eligible to take the survey.

How will results be used?

Your responses provide key information to school districts to help them improve family-school partnerships in special education. School districts around the state are using their data to develop a variety of activities including sponsoring workshops, hosting family/school meetings, and starting partnership groups.

How can I take this survey?

Go to www.ParentSurveyTX.com to complete the survey online or wait for a survey to arrive from your child's school.

What if I lost my paper survey?

If you cannot locate your paper survey, or you would prefer to take the survey online, you can take the survey online at www.ParentSurveyTX.com.

What if I need help completing the survey?

If you or another family you know needs assistance completing the survey, including an interpreter, please contact Gibson Consulting Group at (512) 685-2697 or email Elizabeth Marwah at emarwah@gibsonconsult.com

If you have any further questions, contact Gibson Consulting Group, Inc. at (512) 685-2697 or email Elizabeth Marwah at emarwah@gibsonconsult.com. Thank you for your participation!