

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH

2024-2025 Annual Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Report



May 6, 2025

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 |
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| Tiffany Pitre | Parent/12 th grader at JHS |
| Laci Lemieux | Parent/7 th grader at JHS |
| June Abshire | Parent/6 th grader at LAES |
| Myisha Nixon | Parent/11 th grader at JHS |
| Holly Landry | Parent/9 th grader at LAHS |
| Dana Redlich Simar | JHS Teacher |
| Ashlynn Pitre | 12 th grade JHS Student |
| Susan Riehn, Families Helping Families | Entity That Serves Students with Disabilities |
| Jeremy Fuselier, Special Education Supervisor | Chairperson |

2023-2024 Meetings, Agendas, Minutes

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| August 22, 2024 at 3:00 pm | Jefferson Davis Parish School Board Boardroom | https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PRV_-0vSZF5z2RbIN3_b8-Tivkzat8xoHKGyUebnfY8/edit?usp=sharing https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Syduf0-vQPvLChNogL0Oy_gKdEfHnN1mNPvX_Boiclul/edit?usp=sharing |
| December 12, 2024 at 3:00 pm | Jefferson Davis Parish School Board Boardroom | https://docs.google.com/document/d/15TvlbEQCe24wQgaUXGO_Kf51YO3qV6-Hh5H9x-nsdaY8/edit?usp=sharing https://drive.google.com/file/d/128ECVu9w_GbWwneGZv5Vb8ee_TNqkif_B/view?usp=drive_link |
| May 1, 2025 at 3:00 pm | Jefferson Davis Parish School Board Boardroom | https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zwrFbiMld2B9lYRj-AJGiqF_SmbXOJBRYlcO87jYkyw/edit?usp=sharing https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oNfuUQIDkvK6rYRBINZlIx_NYQW8daeKVwuOCqK_XKKk/edit?usp=sharing |

Executive Summary

The Jefferson Davis Parish Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) met on the referenced dates above at the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board in the Boardroom and if any members were unable to attend the meeting, they were offered to participate via Google Meet, in order to provide every opportunity for the quorum to be reached at all scheduled meetings. Members are notified via email, email calendar invite, text, and phone calls from SEAC Chairperson Jeremy Fuselier about scheduled SEAC meetings.

- Our Superintendent, Mr. John Hall, met with SEAC and shared his vision for the parish and expressed his support for the vision of our special education department.
- For the 2024-2025 school year, approximately 1.4 million was allocated to K-12 Special Education under IDEA B Section 611 approximately 50K was allocated to Pre-K under IDEA B Section 619.
- Approximately 30% of the General Fund in Jefferson Davis Parish is spent on students with disabilities in grades PK-12.
- Jeff Davis Parish Department of Special Services will use the Jeff Davis Parish School Board Facebook page to advertise information and promote exciting news within the Special Education Community.
- The JDP Department of Special Services hosted the 3rd Annual JDP Transition Expo at Jennings High School for students with exceptionalities in grades 8th-12th grade. Students and parents throughout the parish were offered bus transportation to and from the Transition Expo from their hometown. We had a great turnout. The feedback from students, parents and community stakeholders was very positive.
- On behalf of the JDP Department of Special Services, selected SWD created holiday cards were shared via email with all JDP Employees, local dignitaries, local media outlets, community stakeholders etc., for most holidays during the 24/25 academic year.
- We hosted 3 Special Olympic Events in Jeff Davis Parish for the 2024-2025 academic year. Fall – (3rd-12th) “Field Day” Multiple Sports @ Welsh High School. Winter – (Prek-2nd) Youth Games @ Jennings High School. Spring – Track & Field @ Lake Arthur High School. We also competed in the SWLA Special Olympics Track & Field and Bowling events in Lake Charles, LA, the referenced competitions in Lake Charles, LA were under the direction of the State Special Olympics program.
- Our 2nd Annual “An Evening to Sparkle” Dance for all 6th-12th grade students with significant disabilities was a great success. We had over 30 current students and alumni attend and they all had a great time dancing and enjoying the provided music, snacks, and photo booth.
- MNRI (Masgutova Neurosensorimotor Reflex Integration) Training-SPED Teachers, SPED Paras, Prek Teachers, Prek Paras, Related Service Providers, 2 Reg. Ed Teachers from each school, all administrators and counselors.
- Special Education Playbook Coaching/Support in all of our Elementary Schools and 1 Middle School that has a SWD-A label (CIR)
- Parent Night held on 3/25/25: Understanding the IEP with Mrs. Donna Babineaux. In person and Google Meet. Feedback was positive with ideas for future meetings.
- LASARD was contracted to work with our schools with labels of UIN, UIR, CIR, regarding our SWD subgroup. This vendor works specifically with teachers, paraprofessionals, and administrators to plan and implement strategies and resources to grow our special education students and at-risk students (academic and behavior).
- ESYS-Critical Point-1st-3rd graders that scored well below will receive 4 weeks of intensive reading instruction/remediation in June 2025.
- Prek ESYS-last 2 weeks of July 2025 will work on transition to Prek.
- SPED Spotlights are shared weekly from SPED Supervisor Jeremy Fuselier via email with SPED Teachers, SPED ParaProfessionals, Administrators, Counselors, etc., regarding a JDP staff member that goes above and beyond to meet the needs of our SWDs. This effort is two fold - it serves as a sincere acknowledgement for a job well done and as an informative correspondence to build capacity and share best practices and expectations with all staff throughout the district.