

**JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH**

**2025-2026 Annual Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Report**



**May 8, 2026**

**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**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Role</b>
Natasha Domingue	Parent/10 <sup>th</sup> grader at JHS
Laci Lemieux	Parent/8 <sup>th</sup> grader at JHS
June Abshire	Parent/7 <sup>th</sup> grader at LAES
Myisha Nixon	Parent/12 <sup>th</sup> grader at JHS
Holly Landry	Parent/10 <sup>th</sup> grader at LAHS
Jennifer Guinn	Parent/6 <sup>th</sup> grader at HHS
Dana Redlich Simar	Homebound Teacher
Il Dom	10 <sup>th</sup> grade JHS Student
Susan Riehn, Families Helping Families	Entity That Serves Students with Disabilities
Jeremy Fuselier, Special Education Supervisor	<b>Chairperson</b>

**2023-2024 Meetings, Agendas, Minutes**

August 21, 2025 at 3:00 pm	Jefferson Davis Parish School Board Boardroom	<a href="#">SEAC 8.21.25 Agenda</a>  <a href="#">August 21.2025.SEAC.Minutes</a>
January 8, 2026 at 3:00 pm	Jefferson Davis Parish School Board Boardroom	<a href="#">1.8.26 SEAC Agenda</a>  <a href="#">Jan.8.2026.SEAC.Minutes</a>
May 7, 2026 at 3:00 pm	Jefferson Davis Parish School Board Boardroom	<a href="#">May 7, 2026 SEAC Agenda</a>  <a href="#">May 7.2026.SEAC.Minutes</a>

**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.

- Jeff Davis Parish Department of Special Services uses the Jeff Davis Parish School Board Facebook page to advertise information and promote exciting news within the Special Education Community.
- The current SPED Camera Law is in effect to include cameras with video/audio in classrooms. JDP turned on the SPED Cameras in the classrooms in September 2025. If 50% of the students on the teacher's eSER roster are in the class 50% or more of the school day, the classroom qualifies for a SPED camera with video/audio. All appropriate guardians were notified of the update via hardcopy letter. All JDP staff have been informed via letter (emailed) and they have received training. SPED camera signage has been installed in each classroom that meets the criteria.
- Pursuant to Act 479, the Seclusion and Restraint handbook has been updated to reflect changes in the law. The handbook includes how to prevent a crisis from happening, including outline of school expectations for the PBIS model with required components and how we use nonviolent de-escalation of behaviors. To note, JDP does not practice seclusion due to not having a state approved seclusion room. Restraints must be conducted by trained personnel except in emergency situations for the safety and wellbeing of students (as a last resort). If restrained, a nurse or health designee must check the student after the incident.
- The JDP Department of Special Services hosted the 4th Annual JDP Transition Expo at Jennings High School for students with exceptionalities in grades 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 positive.
- We hosted three Special Olympics Events: 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Special Olympics was held on 10.10.2025 – Fall Field Day - Welsh High School and 01.16.2026 – Young Athletes – Prek -2<sup>nd</sup> grade – JHS Gymnasium ; 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Special Olympics 03.20.2026 JDP Track and Field – 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade -LAHS. 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.
- Visual Phonics Training (a multisensory approach aligned to the Science of Reading [Act 108]) was held for Prek-3<sup>rd</sup> grade SPED Teachers and Paras, Speech Therapists, Identified PreK Teachers, and Reading Interventionists. Summer PD will be held for all Pre K teachers in June.
- Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "An Evening to Sparkle" dance for all 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students with significant disabilities was a hit. We had our biggest group yet of students and alumni attend and they all had a great time dancing and enjoying the provided music, snacks, and photo booths. Huge thanks to all in the community who supported and attended our dance.
- ESYS-régression/recouplement & Literacy will be held in June and July
- 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.
- LASARD and ABA Consultants were 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). SPED Subgroup scores are rising and presently only 1 school is UIR-A (urgent intervention required for academics) and 2 schools are UIN-A (urgent intervention in need for academics)
- 2026-2027 Budget Priorities will focus on Behavior Support - Behavior Interventions, ABA Coaching