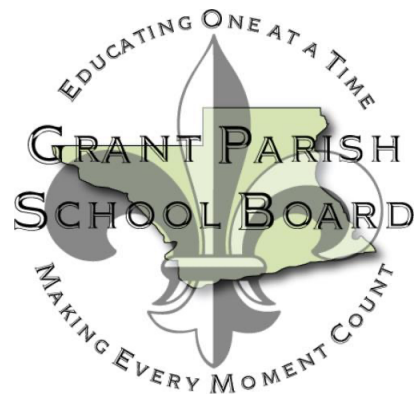


Grant Parish

2023-2024 Annual Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Report



May 21, 2024

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
Kaitlyn Brunson	Parent
Shermela Givens	Parent
Kassandra Hooter	Parent
Elaine Futrell	Parent
Jason Graves	Principal, Teacher or Paraprofessional
N. D., MHS	High School Student with a Disability
Pam Carey, FHF advocate	Entity That Serves Students with Disabilities
Bailey Lott, Pupil Appraisal Coordinator	GPSB Educational Diagnostician

The council is chaired by Denise Young, GPSB Special Education Supervisor.

2023-2024 Meetings, Agendas, Minutes

12/12/23 at 8:30 am	Pupil Appraisal & Virtual	https://grantpsb.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Grant-SEAC-Minutes-12-12-23-1.pdf
5/15/24 at 8:00 am	MHS & Virtual	https://grantpsb.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Grant-SEAC-Minutes-5-15-24.pdf
5/21/24 at 8:00 am	MHS & Virtual	https://grantpsb.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Grant-SEAC-Minutes-5-21-24-1.pdf

Members are notified of meeting dates through phone calls and virtual reminders (Google Meet schedule) and email reminders.

Executive Summary

In the 2023-2024 school year, 11% of Grant Parish student with disabilities scored Mastery or above on LEAP tests. The district had one non-compliant eval on the Child Find report and exceeded the state average by 0.364 for disciplinary removal. The Special Ed Supervisor filed corrective action plans with LDOE in those 2 areas. Additionally, Grant Parish was 0.8% over the 1% cap for alternate assessment. All alternate assessment student files were reviewed to confirm they met eligibility requirements. Grant Parish was selected for the LDOE Parent Survey and for IDEA Monitoring while also being the subject of a Medicaid audit.

In the area of finance, Grant Parish received a total of \$1,399,455 in Special Ed/IDEA funding for 23-24. This funding came in three different categories, IDEA 611 (for students ages 6-21), IDEA 619 (for

students ages 3-5), and IDEA 611 Set Aside (for professional learning). Approximately 70% of funding is used for salaries and benefits while 30% is used for professional services, travel, and supplies.

The committee worked toward creating support documents for parents. By the end of the year, these are nearing completion. The committee also sought to bring back Game Day. After bringing this discussion to the Pupil Appraisal team, it was decided that the PA team would provide adapted activities at each school's Field Day.

In 24-25, Grant SEAC seeks to establish a Special Ed Parent Support group to be held through Google Meet and to host a Resource Fair for parents to build awareness of public service entities. Parent engagement in these activities will be encouraged through written notices, JTexts, and social media posts.

How to Join

See the Grant Parish SEAC Handbook here <https://grantpsb.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Grant-Parish-School-District-SEAC-Handbook.pdf>

An application to join the SEAC can be found here. <https://grantpsb.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Grant-Parish-School-District-SEAC-Application.pdf>. All positions except one will be open at the beginning of the 24-25 school year.