

# Special Education Parent Involvement Survey Handout



## Your Opinion Matters! Your Kokua is Needed!

*Your participation in this survey will help the Department improve parental involvement in the special education process and increase positive outcomes for our students with disabilities and their families.*



The Hawai‘i State Department of Education (Department) values parental involvement in Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings and other school activities/events related to your child’s education. The Department would like to hear about your experience with your school’s efforts to partner with you.

Annually, all states are required to report to the Office of Special Education Programs in their State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) on Indicator 8, the percent of parents with a child receiving special education services that schools facilitated parent involvement as a means of improving services and results for children with disabilities.

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*It takes a village to raise a child.*

*African Proverb*

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## THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT SURVEY:

- Is multiple choice and takes less than ten (10) minutes to complete.
- Collects responses that are reported anonymously and cannot be personally linked to you or your child.
- Is available online or from your child’s public school in a paper copy to be submitted using the provided postage-paid envelope.
- Is accessible in a variety of languages. (See Questions & Answers for additional information)
- Is offered by your child’s public school after an initial or annual IEP meeting.
- Can be completed between July 1 through June 30 of each year.

## SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS

*If you do not have access to a device, ask your child’s school if a device is available for use on campus.*

On a computer, smartphone, or tablet, open an Internet browser and complete the survey at:

<https://www.hiparentsurvey.com/>

If you have a Quick Response (QR) reader on your device, you can access the survey using this QR code:

If you would like to complete a paper copy, please contact your child’s school.



This handout, available in 16 languages, can be found on the Department’s website, **Special Education Parent Involvement Survey:**

<https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/TeachingAndLearning/SpecializedPrograms/SpecialEducation/parentinvolvement/survey/Pages/default.aspx>



## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### ***Why participate in the Parent Involvement Survey?***

You are an important member of the IEP team. By completing the survey, you share with us how your child's school partners with you. The results of this survey will help us plan improvements and enrich school and parent partnerships to increase outcomes for students with disabilities.

### ***Am I required to complete the survey?***

No. Participation is voluntary. We appreciate your time to complete the survey as the information gathered provides valuable feedback for the Department.

### ***Are my responses kept confidential?***

Yes. Individual responses are reported anonymously and are not connected to you or your child. In addition, to ensure objectivity, responses are collected, aggregated, and analyzed outside of the Department by an independent contractor.

### ***Do I have to answer all the questions on the survey?***

Yes. Please try to answer all questions that apply to you and your child. Indicate "Not Applicable" (N/A) if the question does not apply and proceed to the next question.

### ***Can I take both the online and the paper copy survey?***

No. To ensure accurate data, please select one (1) method, either online or paper copy, to respond to the survey. Please complete only one (1) survey per child with an IEP.

### ***When is the survey provided?***

The opportunity to participate is offered to you every year, after your child's initial or annual IEP meeting. If your email is on file, an email reminder will be sent to you to complete the survey before the end of the school year.

### ***I have a paper survey and have more than one child receiving special education. Should I make a copy?***

No. Please ask your child's school for another copy of the paper survey for your other child. Surveys are individually coded for data collection and accuracy purposes but are not linked to a specific student.

### ***Can I take the survey in another language other than English?***

Yes. The survey is available to complete online in English, Hawaiian, Marshallese, Tagalog, and Spanish. It is also translated into the following languages: Chinese, Chuukese, Ilocano, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Samoan, Thai, Tongan, and Vietnamese. To access the appropriate language while completing the English survey version, please go to the following link:

<https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/TeachingAndLearning/SpecializedPrograms/SpecialEducation/Pages/Family-Involvement.aspx>

For a Braille version, please contact your child's school.

### ***How can I learn more about how the Department is performing on Indicator 8 in the SPP/APR?***

To learn more about how the Department is performing on Indicator 8 and all other indicators that comprise the SPP/APR, please go to the following link:

<https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/TeachingAndLearning/SpecializedPrograms/SpecialEducation/sppapp/Pages/default.aspx>

### ***Who do I contact for questions on how to complete the survey?***

You may contact your child's school or the Monitoring and Compliance Branch at (808) 307-3600.