

# Parent Involvement Survey Handout

## Special Education

### School Year 2020 - 2021



The Hawaii Department of Education (HIDOE) values your involvement in the Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings and other school activities/events relating to your child's education and would like to hear about your experience with your school's efforts to partner with you. Your participation in this survey will help HIDOE to improve parental involvement in the special education process and increase positive outcomes for our students with disabilities and their families.

To meet the requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA), the HIDOE is required to annually report to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) the *"percent of parents with a child receiving special education services who report that schools facilitated parent involvement as a means of improving services and results for children with disabilities"* enrolled in Hawaii public schools (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A)).

Like many other states, HIDOE collects this data through a large-scale survey. The HIDOE is using the Schools' Efforts to Partner with Parents Scale (SEPPS) that consists of a 25-item rating scale and was developed and validated by the National Center for Special Education and Accountability Monitoring (NCSEAM).

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 either online or at your child's public school in a paper format that includes a postage-paid envelope.
- Ensures objectivity by being collated, aggregated, and analyzed independently outside of the HIDOE by the current contractor, *Piedra Data Services LLC*.
- Provides you with the opportunity to complete one (1) survey per child receiving special education and related services.
- Is offered by your child's public school after the initial or annual IEP meeting.
- Is available to be completed from July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021.

#### **SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS**

*If you do not have access to a device, ask your child's school if a device is available for use at the school.*

**Step 1:** On your computer, smart phone, or tablet, open your Internet browser and type: <http://www.hiparentsurvey.com/>

**Step 2:** If you have a Quick Response (QR) reader on your device, you can access the survey with the following code.



**Step 3:** Complete the short survey as instructed.

The Parent Involvement Survey Handout can be found on the HIDOE website under **Parent Involvement Survey:**  
<http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/TeachingAndLearning/SpecializedPrograms/SpecialEducation/Pages/home.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 can tell us how your child's school partners with you.

### ***Is the data from the survey used by HIDOE?***

Yes. The results in this survey will help us plan improvements in our special education system and enrich school and parent partnerships to increase outcomes for students with disabilities.

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

Yes. Individual responses are reported anonymously and are not connected to you or your child.

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

No. Participation is voluntary. We appreciate your time and feedback.

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

No. Please try to answer all the applicable questions as the information that is gathered provides comprehensive feedback for HIDOE to enhance parent involvement. If the question does not apply, please skip and proceed to next question.

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

No. To ensure accurate data, please select one (1) method, online or paper.

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

The opportunity to participate is offered to you every year, after your child's initial or annual IEP meeting.

### ***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 purposes, but are in no way linked to a specific student.

### ***What do I do if I need the Parent Involvement Survey in a different language or mode?***

Please contact your child's school for assistance.

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

Contact the Monitoring and Compliance Branch at [macb@k12.hi.us](mailto:macb@k12.hi.us) or (808) 307-3600.



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