

# Parent and Family Updates

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## The 2024-2025 Exceptional Children Parent Survey

Research shows students reach higher levels of achievement when parents are actively involved in their children's education. As a parent, family member, or guardian of a student with a disability, you know firsthand what is working and what is not. Therefore, each year, the Office of Exceptional Children (OEC) gathers feedback from families through the survey to improve services.

In previous years, the OEC used the sampling method to collect this feedback and provided the survey to the five largest Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) and select LEAs across the state. Based on stakeholder feedback, the OEC has moved to a census model and has shared the parent survey with all LEAs across the state. This allows every parent in the state to share their views on how their school involves them in their child's education.

The OEC followed additional stakeholder feedback to reduce the number of questions and include multiple languages so more parents could participate. The survey will be available to complete from January 6, 2025, to June 30, 2025.

If you have more than one child with a disability receiving services, you may complete the survey for each child. The survey is open to parents with children from preschool through high school.

Completing the survey is voluntary. You will not be asked to provide your name or other personally identifiable information. The information is confidential and will not be shared with anyone. The information from all families will be compiled to create a report about your school system, the state, the efforts to involve families in their children's education, and the impact of that involvement on educational results for

students with disabilities. The report is shared with LEAs so they can make improvements. We hope you will participate.

The survey has already been sent from the OEC to LEAs for distribution to families. If you have not received information about the survey or how to complete it, please contact your local director of Exceptional Children Services.

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## Agencies of Interest:

[Office of Special Education Programs](#) (U.S. Department of Education)  
[N.C. Department of Public Instruction](#)

## Upcoming events:

[Autism Society of North Carolina](#)  
[Autism Speaks](#)  
[The Center for Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Special Education](#)  
[Exceptional Children's Assistance Center](#)  
[Family Support Network](#)  
[National Alliance on Mental Illness](#)  
[NC ABLE](#)  
[NC Down Syndrome Alliance](#)  
[Special Olympics North Carolina](#)  
[Triangle Disability & Autism Services](#)

Do you have an event you would like to share with the community? Please [email](#) with information.

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