

Parent Involvement Survey Handout Special Education

School Year 2025-2026



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 the 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.

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All states are required to report to the Office of Special Education Programs in their State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) annually 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.*

It takes a village to raise a child.

African Proverb

WHAT IS THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT SURVEY?

- It is a multiple-choice questionnaire 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, *Can I take the survey in another language other than English?* To learn more about the languages available)
- Is offered by your child's public school after the initial or annual IEP meeting.

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 [Special Education Parent Involvement Survey](#) website.





QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Why participate in the Parent Involvement Survey?

You are an essential member of the IEP team. You will share how your child's school partners with you by completing the survey. The results will help us plan improvements towards increasing outcomes for students with disabilities.

Am I required to complete the survey?

No. Participation is voluntary. We appreciate your taking the time to complete the survey, as the information provides feedback for the

Department to enhance parent involvement.

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 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 survey?

No. To ensure accurate data, please select one (1) method, either online or paper. One (1) survey per family per child with a disability.

When is the survey provided?

You are invited to participate annually after your child's initial or annual IEP meeting. Parents will receive an email reminder(s) 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 purposes but are not linked to a specific student.

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

The Parent Involvement Survey is available online in English, Hawai'ian, Marshallese, Spanish, and Tagalog. The survey is also translated into the following languages: Chinese, Chuukese, Ilocano, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Samoan, Thai, Tongan, and Vietnamese. Go to the following link to access the appropriate language to use while completing the English survey version: <https://hawaiipublicschools.org/school-services/parent-rights/parent-involvement-survey/>

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

How can I learn more about the State's performance on Indicator 8 in the SPP/APR?

To learn more about how the Department is performing, additional information on Indicator 8 and all the other indicators that comprise the SPP/APR can be found at: <https://hawaiipublicschools.org/data-reports/state-reports/state-performance-plan-annual-performance-report/>

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

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