Upcoming FDLRS Parent Information Sessions
Empowering Families • Enriching Communication • Navigating Education

Parent Services has hit the ground running this school year by offering a variety of parent information sessions that are relevant and of high interest to our families. We want to empower our families to be active participants in their child's education by providing learning opportunities that strive to open doors of communication within the school and district.

Visit our webinar and workshop webpage at https://bit.ly/fdlrs-ww for more information. If you would like to schedule a session at your school or group, please contact Debbie Valdes at (813) 837-7733 or debbie.valdes@hcps.net. You can also complete our Interest Survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FDLRSInt for consideration in future parent information sessions.

September 24, 2021 — 11:30AM to 12:30 PM*
Overview of the Facilitated Individual Educational Plan Meeting
This session will provide parents and caregivers the opportunity to have a first hand look at the structure of the Facilitated Individual Educational Plan (FIEP) meeting, what to expect and the importance of their role in the process. *This session will be presented in English with a Spanish translator.

September 28, 2021 — 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Promoting Positive Behavior
This training will provide care-givers general information related to behavior. The training will focus on defining behaviors, why they occur, provide behavior strategies, and highlight parent supports.
The primary focus of the Superintendent’s Advisory Council for the Education of Students with Disabilities, is to identify and recommend systemic strategies to improve outcomes for all students who have disabilities within Hillsborough County Public Schools (HCPS). To learn more how you can participate and find out when meetings are scheduled, visit the HCPS Exceptional Student Education webpage at [https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/Page/6208](https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/Page/6208).

**September 30, 2021 — 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM**
_Sense_sational Reading Strategies, Multisensory Instruction Part 1_
Join us as we share some basic multisensory approaches of learning and how families can utilize these strategies at home to help your child be a successful reader.

**October 5, 2021 — 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM**
**Accommodations: Involving Your Child in the Decision-Making Process**
Join us as we discuss how your child can provide invaluable insight when selecting and using accommodations during instruction and on assessments.

**October 7, 2021 — 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM**
**en Espanol, Navigating the FDLRS Website for Resources and Support**
Join us as we explore the new FDLRS Hillsborough website. Learn more about Child Find, Florida Inclusion Network, Parent Services, and other programs and resources available to support families who have or are at risk of having special needs. *This session will be presented in Spanish.*

**October 7, 2021 — 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM**
_Understanding the World of Exceptional Student Education_
Participants will be provided an overview into the world of ESE including an awareness of the law that governs exceptional student education, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

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**SUPERINTENDENT’S ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**
Are you interested in finding practical guidance, strategies, and helpful tools for your child with special needs? The Florida Department of Education is proud to provide access to the Special Ed Connection® at no cost to families of students with disabilities. For more information and to gain access to this free resource visit, [https://hillsborough.fdlrs.org/parent-services/special-ed-connection](https://hillsborough.fdlrs.org/parent-services/special-ed-connection).
Parent Services is supported by Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS) and Hillsborough County Public Schools (HCPS).

Our goal is to guide and empower families to become collaborative, effective advocates for their child with special needs by providing information, help and support to promote academic and social success in school and within the community. Each Exceptional Student Education (ESE) parent liaison works closely with regional district schools and staff and is a parent of a child who has received ESE services.

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**Liaison School Assignments**

**Website!**
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Vision
Preparing Students for Life

Mission
To provide an education and the supports that enable each student to excel as a successful and responsible citizen.

FDLRS Parent Services News & Information is designed to be an informational source for parents of Hillsborough County Public Schools (HCPS) Exceptional Student Education (ESE). All submittals are subject to District supervisory approval. Hillsborough County Public Schools does not necessarily endorse all information.

Continuous Notification of Nondiscrimination
Pursuant to Title VI, Title IX, Section 504/Title II and other civil rights regulations, the School District of Hillsborough County (District) does not discriminate nor tolerate harassment on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, marital status, genetic information or pregnancy in its educational programs, services or activities, or in its hiring or employment practices; and it will take immediate action to eliminate such harassment, prevent its recurrence, and address its effects. The District also provides equal access to its facilities to the Boy Scouts and other patriotic youth groups, as required by the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act.

The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies: Dr. Pansy Houghton, Executive Officer, Compliance. 813-272-4000; pansy.houghton@hcps.net; 901 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, Florida 33602. Office for Civil Rights Compliance

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