



SE Parent Partners NOTES

November 28, 2023
Held via ZOOM

Attendees: Matt Zemo, Emily Dunlap, Laura Avery, Lindsey Gauci, Susan Stotzer, Angela Davis, Vaidehee Gokhale, Tabitha Rose

Topics

2023 RDA (Results Driven Accountability) Report - Data from the 2023 RDA (Results Driven Accountability) Report were reviewed and discussed. Eanes ISD performed at a Level 0 across the board, which is the best rating possible, and the first time that has been achieved by the district. The team discussed there is always still room for improvement and growth. The team requested to see results for Eanes SPED students in comparison to typical schools that Eanes benchmarks against. The RDA report data will become publicly available within the upcoming months.

Overview of Special Education in Eanes ISD - Parents have recommended the creation of a new parent resource library linked directly in one place on the special education website. A possible committee may be formed in order to discuss ideas on how to support parent understanding of special education processes and available supports. [SPEDTex](#) - A resource to promote for parents looking for more information on various topics related to special education. Parents can search by topic for videos, resources, and training, and chat with a LIVE expert. You will create an account and can customize your dashboard with tailored resources to topics of interest specific to your family/child.

Communication Videos Featuring Inclusive Programs - Focus on featuring and targeting general education programs to diversify audience, education, and involvement for general education parents and peers. ECSE video was suggested to demystify that program, along with an emphasis on the educational portion of inclusivity, not just the non-academic programs.

Hidden Disabilities/Non-Apparent Disabilities - Discussion surrounding how to support special education students who do not personally identify as a student with a disability, and may be successful academically, but are struggling socially. High school-aged parents/students are struggling with whom to connect with regarding social-emotional needs. Mr. Zemo and Ms. Dunlap encouraged accessing the general education school-based therapists, behavior support staff (if applicable), and utilizing the ARD process and case manager to match students with clubs and interests. It is important to gather input from the student, in

conjunction with parent viewpoints on what the student's goals and desires are. The exploration of peer-to-peer support groups was also discussed.

SEPP Facebook/Instagram Change - There has been confusion around the name of the SEPP social media pages.. The district-managed profiles will change to Eanes ISD Special Education to avoid confusion on district vs. parent-run groups.

Follow up

- Explore peer-to-peer support group opportunities
- Emily & Matt will get with communication on video series

Upcoming Events

- ❑ Best Buddies Champions Annual Gala - November 30th
- ❑ Best Buddies Elementary Holiday Celebration - December 5th, @4:30 FTE
- ❑ Middle School Best Buddies Hyatt Lost Pines Field Trip / Job Sampling Opportunity
- ❑ ATS Progression Meeting - December 7th, @ 5:30 ATS
- ❑ [Cafe Series - Campus Conversations](#)
- ❑ [Topical Town Halls - TBD](#)
- ❑ [Listening Dinners - Invite Only](#)