

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Russell Independent Schools and the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) value your input and want to hear about your experience as a parent or guardian of a child with an Individual Education Program (IEP). The information you offer will give the KDE and Russell Independent Schools valuable data on how to improve parent and family engagement.

To collect your input, we ask that you complete a brief survey about how the school supported parent or guardian engagement to improve services and results for your child during the **current** school year. Specifically, we want to hear about how your child's school involves you in the special education process. The survey is available in English, Spanish, Arabic, Somali, Swahili, and Amish. All responses are anonymous and cannot be traced back to you or your child.

The online survey can be completed in three ways:

1. Go to www.kypso.org/parent and select "*Click here to access the 2024 Parent Survey.*"
2. Scan the code below into your smartphone or mobile device. Some smartphones will open the survey link automatically when you open your camera, others may need a QR code scanner app. If you do not have access to a computer or smartphone, you may contact your child's school to request a printed copy and a confidential envelope.



3. If you would prefer to complete a paper copy of the survey, please contact your child's case manager for more information.

Only one parent or guardian per student should complete this survey. However, if you have more than one child with an IEP, please complete the survey for each of your children.

Survey results will be carefully studied by the KDE and the Human Development Institute (HDI) at the University of Kentucky (UK) and reported to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). The results will help us further understand what supports parents and districts may need to ensure meaningful parent and family engagement in special education.

The deadline for completing this important survey is **June 30, 2024**. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Amy McGuire at 606-836-1881.

Thank you for your help.

Amy McGuire
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