

**East Carroll Parish**  
**2024-2025 Annual Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Report**



**May 14, 2025**

### What is the purpose of [LEA]'s Special Education Advisory Council?

R.S. 17:1944 requires local public school systems to create a special education advisory council to provide advice and feedback regarding special education policies, procedures, and resources. The council shall also engage in outreach activities to the community at large to increase the level of knowledge, support, and collaboration with respect to special education.

### Members and Roles

Member	Role
Morris King	Parent
Ronesha Warren	Parent
Courtney Hickman	Parent
Carissa Burks	Parent
Rhonda Lewis	Parent
Denise Lyons	Teacher
Renada Thompson	Teacher
Z. Lavender	High School Student with a Disability
Healthy Services	Entity That Serves Students with Disabilities
Connyettia Nelson	Chair

### 2024-2025 Meetings, Agendas, Minutes [Insert links to any agendas and minutes.]

October 2, 2024: 4:00 p.m.	Parent Center	<a href="https://www.ecarrollschools.org/departments/special-services-department/special-education-advisory-council">https://www.ecarrollschools.org/departments/special-services-department/special-education-advisory-council</a>
March 12, 2025: 2:00 p.m.	Media Center	<a href="https://www.ecarrollschools.org/departments/special-services-department/special-education-advisory-council">https://www.ecarrollschools.org/departments/special-services-department/special-education-advisory-council</a>
May 7, 2025: 5:00 p.m.	Media Center	<a href="https://www.ecarrollschools.org/departments/special-services-department/special-education-advisory-council">https://www.ecarrollschools.org/departments/special-services-department/special-education-advisory-council</a>

Quorum was met at all meetings. Meeting notices are advertised on the District webpage. Flyers are sent home by students with disabilities one week before and the day before the meeting. The SPED Supervisor also texts the members of the SEAC several times before the meeting to remind them about the meeting. Participation is encouraged because the meetings have been scheduled to accommodate the work schedules of the parents.

## Executive Summary

1. Overview of special education in East Carroll Parish
  - a. Overview of students with disabilities' academic performance data and subgroup performance  
**According to the state assessments, our students are in CIR status. However, we are seeing growth but not enough growth for us to lose the label.**
  - b. Overview of special education financial data  
**We are currently in good standing financially. Over 90% of the budget is used to provide students with intervention that would hopefully improve their statewide assessment scores.**
2. Compliance violations
3. Highlights and Accomplishments of the Council  
**Recognizing the importance of SWDs being able to interact with one another, the Special Education Department sponsored a trip to the zoo. The students had a great time!**
4. Areas of Improvement, Next Steps, and Timeline of Upcoming Activities-  
**Our focus will be on improving SWDs LEAP and DIBELS test scores. Although all of our students' scores are growing, there is much room for improvement. We would like to implement more interventions.**
5. Explain how parent engagement is encouraged throughout the school system and what activities sought to promote parent engagement  
**Parents are invited to all events that are hosted at the school. The teachers even call them to invite them to events.**

## How to Join

There are currently no vacancies on the SEAC Committee. Please see Connyettia Nelson at 603 4th Street Lake Providence, LA to inquire about applications. SEAC website:

<https://www.ecarrollschools.org/departments/special-services-department/special-education-advisory-council>