Ouachita Parish School District

2023-2024 Annual Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Report

5/20/2024

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**
Tiffany Brantley	Parent
Lori Thames	Parent
Hannah Mayes	Parent
Jacey Maloy	Parent
James Sims	Principal, Teacher or Paraprofessional
	High School Student with a Disability
Alexa Bolden	Families Helping Families

[Indicate which member is the chair.]

2023-2024 Meetings, Agendas, Minutes [Insert links to any agendas and minutes.]

December 5, 2023	Student Support Services	Minutes
February 27, 2024	Student Support Services	Minutes
May 14, 2024	Student Support Services	Minutes

Quorum was met at the December 5, February 27 meeting, but not at the May Meeting. The notice of meetings were sent to each member through email. In the future the notice for each meeting will be on social media and through email for members.

Executive Summary

[This section is a narrative that provides an overview of the Council's activities and focus areas during the year.]

1. Overview of special education in Ouachita Parish
    a. At this time, we do not have current data or subgroup scores for 23-24 school year. However, they will be posted when the district has received them.
    b. IDEA Funds are in good standing at the time of this notice.
2. For the 2023-2024 school year, the council saw a district outreach that provided American Sign Language training for district personnel (teachers and paraprofessionals).
3. Currently, there is ongoing work on an informational brochure for parents to provide information on community resources for students with disabilities.

How to Join----- The following positions are open for the Fall of 2024. These will be posted on Social Media for 2024-25 Council.

Open positions for the Special Education Advisory Council, beginning the 2024-2025 school year are:

Parent

Principal, teacher, or paraprofessional

High School student with a disability