

2024-2025 Annual Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Report

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**
Ellie Hilton	Parent
Jacey Meloy	Parent
Caryann Hancock	Parent
Jennifer Ecker	Parent
Janet Bentley	Principal, Teacher or Paraprofessional
	High School Student with a Disability
Alexa Bolden	Entity That Serves Students with Disabilities
Angela Westerburg (chair)	Special Education Supervisor

2024-2025 Meetings, Agendas, Minutes

January 28, 2025 5:30-6:30pm	800 Claiborne St, West Monroe	Agenda-Minutes
March 18, 2025 5:30-6:30pm	800 Claiborne St, West Monroe	Agenda-Minutes
May 6, 2025 5:30-6:30pm	800 Claiborne St, West Monroe	Agenda-Minutes

1. Overview of special education in [the LEA]
    a. Overview of students with disabilities' academic performance data and subgroup performance score for the 2023-2024 school year is 61.7 with a grade of "C"
    b. Overview of special education financial data:
    The initial budget for the year was $4,799,443.
    A significant portion of the budget is allocated to salaries, benefits, and contracted services.
    Additional expenditures include subscription fees for online curriculum platforms and travel costs for teachers, Pupil Appraisal staff, related service providers, and the Supervisors/program managers to attend professional development opportunities.

A substantial amount is also designated for materials and supplies necessary to implement student IEPs and support related services.

2. Compliance violations: We have not been found to be in violation on any compliance issues. We are currently participating in Desk Monitoring.
3. Highlights and Accomplishments of the Council: The council has explored various strategies to enhance parental involvement and strengthen community support.
   One initiative includes creating a resource brochure to share with parents and local service providers.

4. Areas of Improvement, Next Steps, and Timeline of Upcoming Activities:
   a. Strengthened communication efforts with parents, beginning at the district level and extending to individual schools.
   b. Continued promotion and visibility of events and activities that showcase students with special needs and disabilities.
   c. Deepened collaboration between schools and families through the support of our Families Helping Families (FHF) Liaison.
   d. Continue work on adapted playgrounds for all elementary schools
5. Explain how parent engagement is encouraged throughout the school system and what activities sought to promote parent engagement