



2026–2027 COFFEE CHAT CALENDAR

Growing Together Parent Academy

SUPPORTING • EMPOWERING • CONNECTING FAMILIES

The Growing Together Parent Academy is a year-long learning series from Clear Creek ISD's Parent Resource Center, built to give CCISD families the knowledge, resources, and confidence to advocate for their children. Through book studies, interactive workshops, community partnerships, and honest conversation, you will leave each session with practical tools you can use right away — at home, at school, and beyond.

WHEN

**Designated Thursday mornings
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.**

WHERE

**CCISD Parent Resource Center
2903 Falcon Pass, Houston, Texas**

Fall 2026

GROWING TOGETHER: PARENT ADVOCACY BOOK STUDY SERIES

DATE	SESSION	DESCRIPTION
Sep. 10	Understanding the IEP Process	Learn the purpose of the IEP, who participates in the process, and how every team member works together to support your child's success.
Sep. 17	Evaluations & Eligibility	Understand the evaluation process, eligibility requirements, and how assessment results determine special education services.
Sep. 24	Present Levels of Academic Achievement & Functional Performance (PLAAFP)	Learn how present levels tell your child's story and serve as the foundation for meaningful IEP goals.
Oct. 1	Developing Meaningful IEP Goals	Discover how measurable IEP goals are developed and how they guide instruction and monitor student progress.
Oct. 22	Progress Monitoring	Learn how progress is measured, reported, and used to make educational decisions throughout the school year.
Oct. 29	Accommodations & Modifications	Explore the differences between accommodations and modifications and how they help students access learning and demonstrate success.
Nov. 12	Preparing for the IEP Meeting	Build confidence by learning how to prepare for ARD meetings, organize questions, and actively participate as a member of your child's educational team.
Dec. 3	Communication & Documentation	Learn effective communication strategies, documentation tips, and ways to build positive partnerships with your child's school team.
Dec. 10	Dispute Resolution	Gain an understanding of your procedural safeguards, conflict resolution options, and strategies for advocating effectively when concerns arise.
Jan. 14	Transition Planning & Blooming Together Celebration	Celebrate your learning while exploring transition planning and preparing for the next stage of your child's educational journey.

Spring 2027

GROWING TOGETHER: LIFE BEYOND THE IEP

DATE	WORKSHOP	DESCRIPTION
Jan. 21	The Power of Self-Advocacy	Learn how to help your child understand their strengths, communicate their needs, and become an active participant in their educational journey.
Jan. 28	Executive Functioning at Home	Explore practical strategies for improving organization, routines, time management, emotional regulation, and independence in everyday life.
Feb. 4	Helping Your Child Build Independence	Discover ways to foster independence through self-care, daily routines, problem-solving, and age-appropriate responsibilities at home and in the community.
Feb. 11	Behavior Is Communication	Learn how to recognize the purpose behind behaviors and use positive, proactive strategies that support learning, communication, and emotional growth.
Feb. 18	Visual Supports & Communication Strategies	Discover how visual supports, social stories, communication tools, and assistive technology can increase understanding, reduce frustration, and promote independence.
Feb. 25	Make & Take: Visual Schedules & Social Stories	Join us for a hands-on workshop where you'll create customized visual schedules, social stories, first/then boards, token boards, and other supports to use immediately at home.
Mar. 18	Coffee & Conversation: Ask the Special Services Team	Bring your questions and connect with Special Services staff during this informal discussion designed to provide guidance, resources, and answers to the topics that matter most to your family.
Apr. 1	Navigating Difficult Conversations	Gain practical tips for having productive conversations with educators, service providers, and others while building positive relationships and advocating with confidence.
Apr. 8	Finding Your Village: Community Resources	Learn about local organizations, financial assistance programs, Medicaid waivers, SSI, respite care, and community supports that can help your family thrive.
Apr. 15	Partnering with Your School Team	Discover how strong partnerships with teachers and school staff create successful outcomes for students through collaboration, communication, and shared goals.
Apr. 22	Building Resilience in Children & Families	Explore strategies for managing stress, building emotional resilience, supporting mental wellness, and helping your family navigate challenges together.
Apr. 29	Celebrating Growth: Looking Ahead	Celebrate your family's accomplishments, recognize your advocacy journey, connect with fellow families, and look ahead to the future with confidence and hope.

