



PARENT MENTOR

SUPPORTING EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS & FAMILIES



DEAR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Hello! My name is Renee Rawlins, and I'm happy to introduce myself as the Parent Mentor for the Effingham County School District. My job is to support you and your child every step of the way.

As a mom of a child with disabilities, I truly understand the mix of hopes and questions that come with wanting the very best for your child. I've been where you are, and I'm here to share what I've learned and help guide your family through the process.

Together, we'll find the information and resources that fit your child's needs. I can offer easy-to-understand learning sessions and one-on-one support whenever you need it. I will work closely with you, your child's teachers, and school administrators, keeping your child's goals at the heart of everything we do.

Most importantly, I want you to know—you are not alone.

- Renee

LET'S TALK!

If you have questions, feel overwhelmed, or simply need someone to walk alongside you through the next steps, please reach out. I'm here for you and your family, and I look forward to getting to know you!

If you would like for me to contact you, scan the QR code or following this link:
<https://ecsdnews.com/ParentMentorContact>



HERE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE WAYS I CAN HELP SUPPORT YOUR FAMILY:

- ➔ **Understanding Your Child's IEP** – Learn what to expect and how to stay involved throughout the process.
- ➔ **Parents' Rights** – Learn how special education law is designed to support your child's growth and success.
- ➔ **Planning for Transitions** – Support you during changes like moving from Pre-K to Kindergarten, middle to high school, or preparing for life after graduation.
- ➔ **Services in ECSD** – Learn about the supports & programs available at your child's school.
- ➔ **Medicaid Waivers** – Start early to access additional financial assistance.
- ➔ **Financial Support** – Guidance for families who may need financial support (even families who don't qualify for Medicaid but still need help covering costs).
- ➔ **Community Resources** – Get connected with local groups and support networks.
- ➔ **One-on-One Guidance** – Personalized sessions to answer your questions and help you navigate forms and plans.
- ➔ **And more...**



OFFICE HOURS

- Tuesdays
 - 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
- Thursdays
 - 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
- Fridays
 - 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM



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