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Virginia Department of Education 2023 Private School Parent Involvement Survey



The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) has been charged with disseminating a "parent" survey of parents who have children enrolled in private schools for students with disabilities licensed by the Virginia Department of Education. The purpose of this survey is to solicit input directly from parents on their experience while their child was enrolled in a private school for students with disabilities and is not intended to be a satisfaction survey.

As a parent of a child enrolled in a private school for students with disabilities, your participation in this survey, as one measurement tool, will assist VDOE in collecting information necessary to ascertain, from a parent's perspective, on the effectiveness of programming in the private school you child is attending.

It is important to note that your response to each question will be recorded anonymously and cannot be personally linked to you or your family. When completing this survey you will answer questions designed to cause you to reflect upon your experiences during the current school year.

Parents or guardians who have more than one child receiving special education services in a private school for students with disabilities should submit one survey for each child receiving services.

If you have questions about this survey, please contact Hank Millward, via telephone, at (804) 371-0525, or via email, at Hank.Millward@doe.virginia.gov.

Please mail your completed survey to:

ATTN: Survey Coordinator 20th Floor
Department of Special Populations
Virginia Department of Education
P.O. Box 2120
Richmond, Virginia 23218

Demographics Questions

Provide answers to the following demographic questions:

1. What private school does your child attend? Please include city/county of its location.
2. What public school division placed your child in this private school?
3. What is your child's grade level?
4. What is your child's age in years?
5. What is your child's race/ethnicity?
6. What is your child's primary educational disability/exceptionality?

Survey Questions

Circle one answer for each question that best identifies your response to the following questions:

7. My child's private school staff helped me become involved to improve services and results for my child with a disability.

Agree

Disagree

8. I was comfortable asking questions, discussing my child's progress, expressing concerns about my child's special education program and services.

Agree

Disagree

9. My child's school and I participated in "two way" communication throughout the school year.

Agree

Disagree

10. I was provided information about school and community resources, supports, services, and school staff available to me to obtain assistance and information on the special education process.

Agree

Disagree

11. I was given information about the service and placement options available to my child and was offered the opportunity to ask questions during special education meetings.

Agree

Disagree

12. Please use this space to provide any additional comments.

13. Would you like someone from the VDOE to contact you regarding the questions in this survey or to discuss any other concerns with the special education process? Please circle your answer.

Yes

No

14. If you answered "Yes" to question #13, please provide the following contact information:

Name:

Email:

Address:

Phone Number:

Additional Information

If you have questions regarding your child's special education services or want to speak with someone regarding this survey, you may also wish to reach out to the VDOE Parent Ombudsman for Special Education. The Ombudsman serves as a designated neutral party who advocates for a fair process and provides confidential, informal assistance and support to parents, guardians, advocates, educators, and students with disabilities. The Parent Ombudsman for Special Education serves as a resource to parents in non-legal special education matters. Additional information about the Parent Ombudsman's responsibilities can be found on the VDOE website, at <https://www.doe.virginia.gov/programs-services/special-education/resolving-disputes/parent-ombudsman-for-special-education>. The Parent Ombudsman can be reached via phone, at (800) 422-2083, or via email, at specialeducationombudsman@doe.virginia.gov.

The Center for Family Involvement (CFI) is another available resource for parents. The CFI works with families to increase their skills as advocates, mentors, and leaders so that families, children, and young adults with disabilities can lead the lives they want. For additional information about CFI, you may visit their website at www.centerforfamilyinvolvement.org. The CFI can also be reached by telephone at 1-877-567-1122, or via cfihelpline@vcu.edu.

For additional information regarding parent training opportunities or parent advocacy, please visit the Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center (PEATC) website at www.peatc.org or call 1-800-869-6782. You may also reach out to PEATC via email, at partners@peatc.org.