



Louisiana Special School District

Application for Special Education Advisory Council

Louisiana Special School District is accepting applications for membership on the Special Education Advisory Council per LA R.S. 17:1944.1. The Council is an opportunity for parents, district staff, and the community to provide advice and recommendations regarding special education policies, procedures, and resources and engage in outreach in the community to increase the level of knowledge, support, and collaboration with respect to special education. Members will meet three (3) times per year.

Members will be appointed by Superintendent Ernest Garrett III and serve a two-year term.

Council members will:

- Actively participate in meetings
- Share input on upcoming decisions concerning policy, procedures, and resources
- Work collaboratively to improve the educational system for students with disabilities
- Engage in outreach activities to the community at large, to increase the level of knowledge, support, and collaboration with respect to special education.

The following stakeholder membership is being sought:

- Parents or legal guardians of students with disabilities enrolled in Special School District schools
- Teachers, Principals, and Paraprofessionals employed by Special School District schools
- Individuals who are special education stakeholders

All applications must be returned to the Superintendent via email to Leslie Hill: Leslie.Hill@la.gov no later than **December 15, 2021**.



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Applicant Information

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Membership Category of Applicant (please check one):

- Parent or legal guardian of a student with an exceptionality, other than Gifted and Talented, who is enrolled in a Special School District school.

School: _____

Grade: _____ Elementary Middle High

- Teacher employed by Special School District

School: _____

Grade(s)/Subject(s) taught: _____

- Principal employed by Special School District-

School: _____

- Paraprofessional employed by Special School District

School: _____

- Other Special Education stakeholders:

- Self-Advocate (adult w/disability)
- Self-Advocate (student w/disability)
- Member of organization serving students with disabilities (e.g., non-profit, community group, Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS), post-secondary education program, employer of students with disabilities)

Name of Organization: _____

- Student Leader:

Name of organization and position of leadership: _____

Special School District's Special Education Advisory Council will meet at least three times during the school year. Will you be able to consistently attend these meetings?

- Yes No



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Please answer the following questions (attach additional sheets as needed):

A. Why are you interested in membership on the Special Education Advisory Council?

B. What is your vision for students with disabilities in Special School District?

C. Please list all organizations, agencies, advisory boards, councils, or commissions you are affiliated with that serve students or individuals with disabilities or their families.

D. List any additional information you would like the membership committee to consider.

Please submit this completed application by **December 15, 2021** to the Superintendent's office, via email to Leslie Hill at Leslie.Hill@la.gov

Thank you for your interest in improving Special Education at the Louisiana Special School District.



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Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that completing this application does not guarantee appointment to the council. Furthermore, I understand that participation is on a volunteer basis, as there is no compensation provided to Special Education Advisory Council members. Additionally, I understand that the purpose of the Special Education Advisory Council is to be a resource for the local superintendent and school board. The Special School District Special Education Advisory Council has no authority to direct school district personnel, operations, policies, or budgeting. There is no requirement that the advice or feedback of the Special School District Special Education Advisory Council be adopted or implemented by the Special School District or Superintendent.

Signature: _____ Date: _____