

# **2023 Texas Parent Involvement Survey Administration**

## **Frequently Asked Questions – for Parents**

### **What is this survey about?**

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is conducting its annual Parent Involvement Survey for parents who have a student receiving special education services. This survey measures the extent to which parents report their school is facilitating parent involvement to improve services and results for children receiving special education services. For more information on the parent survey and results from prior years, please visit:

<https://www.spedtex.org/parent-involvement-survey>

### **What is the definition of “Parent” for this survey?**

For the purpose of the Texas Parent Involvement Survey, a parent is any biological or adoptive parent, foster parent, guardian authorized to act as the child’s parent or make educational decisions, someone acting in the place of a biological or adoptive parent (such as another relative) with whom the child lives, or someone assigned as a surrogate parent. This definition comes from the Individuals with Disabilities Improvement Act (2004) and is what the Texas Education Agency uses for the purposes of this survey. See this link for more information: <https://tinyurl.com/44jb2n2t>.

### **Why should I take this survey?**

You should take this survey to ensure that your voice is heard! Your responses matter because they will help your district understand what they are doing well and how they can improve! Also, the state will use results from across all the districts to understand how they can help support schools.

### **Are my answers confidential?**

Yes, your answers are confidential. Individual responses are not shared with districts, only summaries of results across all parents.

### **Do all parents of students receiving special education services in my child’s school receive a survey?**

It depends. In schools that have 20 or fewer special education students, all parents of a student receiving special education services will receive a survey. In schools that have more than 20 special education students, students will be randomly selected to receive a parent survey. In these schools, not all parents of students receiving special education services will receive a survey.

### **What if my student attends school somewhere else now?**

We have asked schools to invite parents of students who attended any portion of this school year (2022-2023). Even if your students left partway through the year, we still want you to participate in the survey!

### **Can I take the survey even if I was not selected to receive one?**

To be sure that we have a representative picture of parents' opinions at the district level, participation in the Parent Involvement Survey is limited to the parents of the randomly selected students. Only parents who receive an invitation to take the survey can complete one.

### **How can I take this survey?**

Go to [www.ParentSurveyTX.com](http://www.ParentSurveyTX.com) to complete the survey online (you will need your PIN) or call ((512) 580-6008 to complete the survey over the phone in either English or Spanish. Or, you can send Gibson an email and ask them to call you back ([support@gibsonconsult.com](mailto:support@gibsonconsult.com))!

### **What if I lost my PIN?**

If you cannot locate your PIN number to complete the survey, please contact Gibson at (512) 580-6008 or [support@gibsonconsult.com](mailto:support@gibsonconsult.com).

### **What if I need help completing the survey?**

If you or another family you know needs assistance completing the survey, please contact Gibson Consulting Group at (512) 580-6008 or [support@gibsonconsult.com](mailto:support@gibsonconsult.com) or contact your school district's special education department.