



PARENT INVOLVEMENT SURVEY: INDICATOR 8

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Agenda

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- Why is the Parent Survey Important?
- SY 2025 Results
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INDICATOR 8: PARENT INVOLVEMENT SURVEY

- The survey measures the percentage of parents with a child receiving special education services who report that schools facilitated parent involvement as a means of improving services and results for children with disabilities.
- The purpose of the survey is to gauge how well the school is involving parents in decisions regarding their child's special education services.
- Part of Arizona's SPP/APR (State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report)
- Based on the SPP/APR, OSEP (Office of Special Education Programs) makes an annual determination

SY 2025 RESULTS (1/2)

- Indicator 8 – 93.31% +0.73% from last year
- Students Eligible for Survey– 156,881
- Completed Surveys– 26,552
- Satisfied with Level of Engagement – 24,399
- Participation Rate – 16.90% +2.14% from last year

SY 2025 RESULTS (2/2)

Category	Eligible (E)	Surveyed (S)	Responded % (Surveyed/Total S)	Population % (Eligible/Total E)
Age 3-5	16,924	2,969	11.19%	10.79%
Age 6-13	94,435	14,993	56.53%	60.2%
Age 14-22	45,522	8,560	32.28%	29.02%
Totals	156,881	26,522	100%	100%

HOW TO GET YOUR PEA'S INDICATOR 8 PERCENTAGE

- On the Question-by-Question Report, look at the responses for question 8 only.
- Take the number of parents who said Strongly Agree or Agree, add them together. **(N)**
- Take the total number of surveys completed and subtract the NAs. **(D)**
- Now divide **N/D** to get your PEA's percentage.

EXAMPLE: HOW TO GET YOUR PEA'S INDICATOR 8 PERCENTAGE

$$\underline{14540 + 9859} = \underline{24399}$$

$$26552 - 404 = 26148$$

Total: 93.31%

Agreement Level	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		Not Applicable		Total
Question #1 I work together with the IEP team as an equal partner to develop my or my child's IEP.	15750	59.3%	9615	36.2%	607	2.3%	282	1.1%	297	1.1%	26551
Question #2 I feel comfortable telling my ideas about how well special education services meet my or my child's needs	15918	60%	9215	34.7%	817	3.1%	313	1.2%	288	1.1%	26551
Question #3 The teacher(s) keep(s) in touch with me regularly about my or my child's progress.	13010	49%	9876	37.2%	2383	9%	983	3.7%	300	1.1%	26552
Question #4 My relationship with the school staff has a positive effect on my or my child's education.	15117	56.9%	9680	36.5%	828	3.1%	375	1.4%	552	2.1%	26552
Question #5 Administrators are available to discuss my questions or concerns.	13935	52.5%	10212	38.5%	1090	4.1%	478	1.8%	838	3.2%	26553
Question #6 My school helps me play an active role in my or my child's education.	13882	52.3%	10518	39.6%	1260	4.7%	429	1.6%	463	1.7%	26552
Question #7 The school explains what choices I have if we disagree.	11991	45.2%	10302	38.8%	1508	5.7%	559	2.1%	2193	8.3%	26553
Question #8 Overall, I am satisfied with how my or my child's school makes it easy for me to be involved.	14540	54.8%	9859	37.1%	1175	4.4%	574	2.2%	404	1.5%	26552

PARENT SURVEY ONLINE APPLICATION

- The short online-only survey can be completed in less than ten minutes on a computer, tablet, or smart phone
- Users are prompted to choose English or Spanish
- Each unique—confidential—login code allows the survey application to extract demographic information about the student from AzEds
- Schools should have mailed or emailed the unique codes and instructions to parents

ADE DATA COLLECTION

- Annually; The survey is open January 19 through May 31, 2026
- October 1st census list generates student login codes
- Must have been enrolled and had IEP on October 1, 2025
- Ages 3-22 (all students on IEPs)
- Districts survey parents of their private day/tuitioned-out students
- Students over 18 take the survey, unless a parent has retained educational rights

QUESTIONS THAT MIGHT COME UP

- Where do I get my student's code? From the school or ADE.
- Does each of my children have their own code? Yes, each will have a unique code.
- What if my child was enrolled in another school earlier in the school year? The student needed to be enrolled and on an IEP on October 1, 2025 to have a code.
- Is there a Spanish version? Yes.
- What if I need a language other than English or Spanish? The school should help to translate the same way they would for the procedural safeguards.
- What if my student is on a 504 plan? Do I still take the survey? No, only students on IEPs.
- What if my code isn't working? Reach out to the school or ADE to confirm the code.
- What if the parent does not have a phone, tablet, or computer with internet access? The school should make arrangements to help the parent. (Ex: provide access to computer lab.)

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & SCHOOLS

- Website: Parent Involvement Survey Info for Families
 - Preview Survey Questions
 - Link to Survey Application
 - Sample User Instruction Letter
 - Resources (Tips to strengthen parent/teacher partnerships for student success)
- Website: Parent Involvement Survey Info for Schools
 - Resources (Instructions for Schools)
 - Family Engagement Strategies
 - Family Engagement Action Plan
 - Family Engagement Quick Links

PARENT SURVEY QUESTIONS (1 / 3)

- The Parent Survey uses a Likert Scale
 - Strongly Agree
 - Agree
 - Disagree
 - Strongly Disagree
 - Not Applicable

PARENT SURVEY QUESTIONS (2/3)

1. I work together with the IEP team as an equal partner to develop my or my child's IEP.
2. I feel comfortable telling my ideas about how well special education services meet my or my child's needs.
3. The teacher(s) keep(s) in touch with me regularly about my or my child's progress.
4. My relationship with the school staff has a positive effect on my or my child's education.
5. Administrators are available to discuss my questions or concerns.
6. My school helps me play an active role in my or my child's education.

PARENT SURVEY QUESTIONS (3/3)

7. The school explains what choices I have if we disagree.
8. Overall, I am satisfied with how my or my child's school makes it easy for me to be involved.
9. How does your school encourage you to be involved?

- Questions 1–8 are always confidential.
- Question 9 is an open-ended questions and will be confidential unless a student or a specific situation is identified.

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