

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

PRESCHOOL AND SCHOOL-AGE



OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCES



The New Jersey Department of Education **provides resources** and sample surveys for both preschool and school age.



Technical assistance for LEAs can be requested to access direct consultation and professional development for the performance and compliance indicators.



One Page Resource Guide for **Improving Effective Communication Strategies**.



Guiding Questions for Consideration to Family Engagement.

EXTERNAL RESOURCES



Colorado Department of Education's **Indicator 8: Planning Tool for Families and Educators**.



Making the Most of Parent Involvement Data (IDEA Data Center).



Partners Education in A Dual Capacity Building Framework for Family School Partnerships.



FOCUS QUESTION

Are parents and families engaged and satisfied with the special education supports and services for their students?

DEFINITION

Indicator 8 evaluated the percent 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. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A)).

The parent survey is distributed each year (multiple languages are available) to parents of students with disabilities who are in the current *representative cohort* of local LEAs located throughout the state. Every school LEA in New Jersey participates in this study as a member of a cohort approximately once every six years.

Individual responses to the survey are anonymous and confidential. Parents' names and children's names do not appear on the survey or on any report that is generated as a result of the survey. Parents' responses to the survey questions will provide important information to help the state and LEAs determine how schools support parental involvement in their child's program and to inform state and local improvement strategies, as needed. Parents who receive a survey are encouraged to complete and return the survey as soon as possible.

DATA SOURCE

The New Jersey Department of Special Education (NJDOE), through a partnership with the Bloustein Center for Survey Research at Rutgers University, facilitates the annual use of the NCSEAM Scale (parent survey). The survey is distributed to parents in the *representative cohort* for each Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) and then calculated using specific methodology as described below.

CALCULATIONS

RESPONSE RATE



of parents who responded



of parents who received the survey as part of the sample

x 100

FACILITATION SCORE



Using a Likert-scale, total # of points received on the NCSEAM scale survey



Total # of points allotted per the # of questions that received a response

x 100