



## **2017 New Hampshire Parent Involvement Survey Administration Frequently Asked Questions – for Administrators**

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

The New Hampshire Department of Education (NHDOE) is conducting its annual Parent Involvement survey for parents who have a student receiving special education services. This survey is required by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) and measures the extent to which parents feel their school is facilitating parent involvement as a means to improve services and results for children with disabilities.

### **What is different from prior years?**

Starting two years ago, districts across the state are divided into two survey blocks. Survey Block B administered the survey last year (2016) and Survey Block A will administer in March 2017. The process for administering the survey will be the same as 2015 for Survey Block A. This approach should help to reduce survey fatigue and increase time between when survey results are available to districts and the next administration, allowing district staff and families more time to develop and implement strategies to strengthen family involvement and family/school partnerships.

### **Is my district in Block A or Block B?**

To find your survey block assignment, go to the last page of this document.

### **How many surveys are sent per household?**

As a general rule, one survey PER CHILD is sent per household. However, in situations where two parents have educational rights and live in different households, each parent should be sent a Survey. It is important to remember that if a family has more than one child receiving special education services, one survey should be sent for each child.

### **I have a student who is 18 and signs their own IEP. Do they get a Survey?**

No. The Parent Involvement Survey in Special Education is intended for parents.

### **A parent(s) signed the IEP and during the IEP term the child turned 18. Do the parents still receive a Survey?**

Yes, the parent(s) should receive a survey.



## **Do we send Educational Surrogate Parents a survey?**

Yes.

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

This is an opportunity for parents to share their opinions with their schools, districts and the NHDOE. Results can be used by schools and districts to guide important improvements to special education services and parent engagement. If parents do not participate, they miss this chance to have their voice heard. The more parents who participate, the more accurate the resulting data will be for schools and districts.

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

All parents with students living in a Block A district who have a child receiving special education services should receive a survey in the mail. They can complete it and return it or complete the survey online at [www.NHParent.com](http://www.NHParent.com).

## **When are completed surveys due?**

Surveys must be completed and returned (or completed online) May 19, 2017.

## **What do we do if a parent did not receive a survey?**

If they have a student receiving special education services during the 2016-17 school year, and the district the student lives in (the student's district of liability) is in Survey Block A, direct them to [www.NHParent.com](http://www.NHParent.com), or have them call Gibson Consulting Group at 877-328-0884.

## **How can I help the survey effort?**

Encourage parents to complete the survey by publicizing it. Gibson Consulting Group and NH Connections will provide you with materials to help outreach to parents and market the survey. If you are aware that a parent has a language barrier or other access issues, contact Gibson for additional assistance.

## **How will results be used?**

Results will be described overall for the state, and by district. Such results will help to inform improvement efforts. NH Connections can help your district or school understand their data and develop a plan to utilize the data to improve family-school partnerships.



## What is the timeline for the survey project?

April 7, 2017	<b>SURVEY OPEN DATE.</b> The survey will go live at <a href="http://www.NHparent.com">www.NHparent.com</a> , and paper copies will be mailed to all parents of children receiving special education services.
May 19, 2017	<b>SURVEY DUE DATE.</b> Responses must be returned by Friday, May 19, 2017.
May – August 2017	<b>DATA ANALYSIS.</b> The research team will compile and analyze survey data from May to August 2017.
September – October 2017	<b>DISTRICT SUMMARY REPORTS.</b> District summary reports will be prepared and sent to district special education directors.

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## Which districts are included in Survey Block A?

Albany	Goshen-Lempster Cooperative	Newport
Allenstown	Grantham	North Hampton
Alton	Hampton	Pembroke
Amherst	Hampton Falls	Pittsburg
Ashland	Hanover	Pittsfield
Barnstead	Harrisville	Plainfield
Bartlett	Harts Location	Portsmouth
Brookline	Hinsdale	Prospect Mountain Jma
Chatham	Hollis	Raymond
Chesterfield	Hollis-Brookline Cooperative	Rochester
Chichester	Inter-Lakes Cooperative	Salem
Claremont	Jackson	Sanborn Regional
Clarksville	Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative	Seabrook
Colebrook	Keene	Souhegan Cooperative
Columbia	Laconia	South Hampton
Conway	Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative	Stewartstown
Coos County	Litchfield	Sullivan
Cornish	Littleton	Surry
Croydon	Marlborough	Unity
Deerfield	Marlow	Westmoreland
Dover	Mascenic Regional	White Mountains Regional
Dresden	Mason	Wilton-Lyndeborough
Eaton	Merrimack	Cooperative
Epping	Middleton	Windham
Epsom	Monadnock Regional	Winnacunnet Cooperative
Fall Mountain Regional	Mont Vernon	Winnisquam Regional
Farmington	Nashua	
Gilford	Nelson	

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