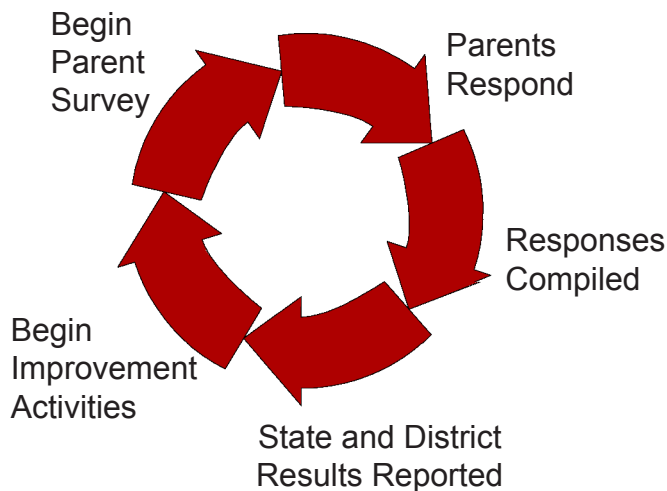


Announcement for Parents

of Students in Exceptional Student Education (ESE)

How well is your school supporting your involvement in your child's education?



What?

The Florida Department of Education is conducting a survey designed to provide the state with information on how well schools are supporting parents' involvement in their child's education. Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), states must report this information to the federal government on an annual basis.

When?

May 1 through May 31, 2008

Who?

- All parents of preschool children with disabilities
- All parents of K-12 students with disabilities in small districts
- A sample of parents of K-12 students with disabilities in large districts

How?

Parents have a choice of completing a paper survey or going online to complete the survey. Directions for the online survey will be included in a letter mailed to parents along with the paper survey.

The Florida Department of Education has contracted with Piedra Data Services, Inc. to mail the survey and compile the results. No names will be released in any report. **All responses are confidential.**

Results?

Survey results are reported to the United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, as part of Florida's Annual Performance Report and are posted on the Florida Department of Education's Web site at www.fldoe.org/ease. Improvement activities are determined based on the survey report. Progress is monitored through the annual parent survey.

What Can You Do?

The success of this survey depends on responses from parents. These responses will provide important information. Parents receiving a survey are encouraged to take part in this unique opportunity to be heard by completing and returning the survey no later than **May 31**.

