

Acadia Parish School Board
2024-2025 Annual Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Report



5/14/2025

What is the purpose of [LEA]’s Special Education Advisory Council?

R.S. 17:1944 requires local public school systems to create a special education advisory council to provide advice and feedback regarding special education policies, procedures, and resources. The council shall also engage in outreach activities to the community at large to increase the level of knowledge, support, and collaboration with respect to special education.

Members and Roles

Member	Role
Sherri LaCoste	Chairperson
Amy Covalt	Parent
Donny Cormier	Parent
Alyson Stewart	Parent
Conner Covalt	Student
Andy Hebert	Teacher
Tammy Meche	Community member as of 4/17/25
Ricard Hughs	Community member(passed away 3/2025)

[Indicate which member is the chair.]

2024-2025 Meetings, Agendas, Minutes [Insert links to any agendas and minutes.]

October 24, 2024	APEC 2122 Parkerson Ave. Crowley, LA	<p style="text-align: center;">Welcome</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Minutes from SEAC April 25, 2024 Meeting2. Self-Introduction of Council Members
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Self-Introduction of Special Education Leadership team 4. Guest Speaker: Families Helping Families–Advocating for your child/Parental Rights 5. Discussion regarding next planned meeting and suggested topics 6. Adjournment
February 20, 2025	APEC 2122 Parkerson Ave. Crowley, LA	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minutes from SEAC October 24, 2024 Meeting 2. Introduction of Council Members 3. Self-Introduction of Special Education Leadership team 4. Guest Speaker: Acadia Parish School Board Technology and Instruction Department 5. STEM & Special Education interactive learning activities 6. STEM bus tour and interactive learning activities 7. Discussion regarding next planned meeting and suggested topics 8. Adjournment
4/17/2025	APEC 2122 Parkerson Ave. Crowley, LA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minutes from SEAC February 20, 2024 Meeting 2. Introduction of Council Members

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-Quorum was met at all 3 meetings

Advertisements and Notices-

- All Principals posted the meeting notification on each school’s remind account
- The notification was posted on the district website
- Board members were emailed or called

Executive Summary

Overview;

a. **2024 PERFORMANCE SCORES**

Louisiana 80.2

Acadia

80 B

District Subgroups for ACADIA

Black or African American	C	61.9
Hispanic/Latino	B	75.4
White	B	86.6
Two or More Races	B	77
Economically Disadvantaged	C	74.4
Students with Disabilities	D	51.5

b. Compliance violations- N/A

c. Highlights and Accomplishments of the Council-

- Increased stakeholder knowledge in regards to parental rights
- Increase stakeholder knowledge in regards to STEM educational opportunities available in Acadia Parish.

- Increase stakeholder knowledge in regards to transition programs and programs that assist students with special education services as they transition into adulthood.
- d. Areas of Improvement: Continue to improve in transition and educational services for students with disabilities.
 - Next Steps: Create an action plan based on stakeholder surveys.
 - Timeline of Upcoming Activities: Plan meetings for October, January and April for the 2025-26 school year.
- e. Explain how parent engagement is encouraged throughout the school system and what activities sought to promote parent engagement.
 - Parental input surveys
 - teacher input and collaboration during professional development
 - Communication with stakeholders using Remind, district website, and email.

How to Join

<https://www.acadia.k12.la.us/page/seac>

All applications must be returned in an envelope marked with **Special Education Advisory Council - ATTENTION: Superintendent**. The applications can be mailed to: P.O. Drawer 309, Crowley, LA. 70527-0309 or dropped off at the front desk of the Acadia Parish School Board Office between the hours of 8:00-4:30 p.m. Tuesday – Friday.

To apply, please pick up an application at the Acadia Parish School Board office, 2402 North Parkerson Avenue, Crowley or print an application here.