



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

IDEA Part B – Parent Survey

2017-2018

Purpose

Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) requires states to report 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 IEPs.

The Iowa Department of Education is gathering these data as a census for both students with and without an IEP using a brief survey.

2017 – 2018 Requirement

The Department has requested the assistance of the AEAs to disseminate the survey link and instructions to building principals and nonpublic administrators. The AEAs will provide you with the information for dissemination and monitor the response rate to ensure that this year's survey is conducted as a census and is answered by as many parents as possible.

Building principals, nonpublic administrators, and preschool program contacts are being asked to

- Provide all parents (of students with and without IEPs) with the information contained in the IDEA Parent Survey – Letter to Parents document. This survey should be completed once for each child in the family. This can be done up to five times (a maximum of five children).

Survey Questions - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018AEA15>

- How old was your child on January 1, 2018? (choose 3-21)
- What is your child's race or ethnicity? (choose American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Hispanic/Latino, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, Two or More Races, White)
- Does your child have an Individualized Education Program – IEP? (y/n)
- Did the school your child is currently attending facilitate (request, encourage or initiate) your involvement as a means of improving services and results for your child? (y/n)

Timeline

Survey will be open March 26th through June 30th. Building principals and nonpublic administrators should disseminate the required information to parents as soon as possible but no later than April 30th.

Contact

Questions should be directed to the AEA contact that provided you with this information or to the Department contact - Meredith MacQuigg at meredith.macquigg@iowa.gov.