



Special Education Advisory Council

JCFA East

Annual Report

The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC), for JCFA East, is a result of Louisiana legislative requirements. JCFA's SEAC is created to support the development of special education policies and procedures, and foster stability and growth for all students, especially students with diverse needs.

Membership comprised 50% parents of students with a disability and/or students with a disability receiving special education services, 25% teachers employed by JCFA East, and 25% outside stakeholders. During the 2022-2023 school year, meetings were held on March 29, 2023, April 27, 2023, and May 22, 2023. Agenda and minutes are included on JCFA.co for each advisory council meeting. Each meeting lasted approximately forty-five minutes.

Open discussion was the main format of each advisory council meeting. The first meeting focused on areas of strength and opportunities for the special education program at JCFA, which allowed for pointed discussions at subsequent meetings. Specifically, best practices regarding special education instruction and related services were discussed, as well as transition services for graduating seniors. Improving student outcomes through promoting self advocacy was also a topic meaningful to members. Each council member shared from their vantage point how positive outcomes can be achieved for students. To achieve positive outcomes, possible processes and procedures were discussed at length, and it is the hope that recommendations will be able to be utilized within existing special education structures for next school year.

Per legislative requirements, the Special Education Advisory Council will continue into next school year and recommendations from the current council will be the starting point.

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