

## Parent Survey Webinar Q & A

1. If parents need to use the survey in paper format, does the school district download and print it for the parent?  
Yes, you can download and provide copies to parents or you can email them the electronic form.
2. Is this webinar recorded?  
Yes. The link will be emailed within the next couple of days following the webinar to the superintendents and special education contacts in districts that are doing their self-assessments.
3. Do we have to provide surveys to parents of State School students and does a parent have to fill out more than one survey if they have more than one student?  
Missouri School for the Deaf, Missouri School for the Blind, and Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled will conduct the parent surveys. These will be done during the time of the state school's self-assessment. I should have stated that the 3 state schools: MSD, MSB, and MSSD will send out parent surveys during their self-assessment year and not during the year that the district of residence does their self-assessment, unless, of course the state school does their self-assessment during the same year as the district of residence.
4. Can surveys be taken multiple times by one parent?  
Parents should complete a survey for each child receiving special education services in their family.
5. Is the survey data actually tied in any way to self-assessment? If not, why not do the survey in a different year to spread out the workload for special educators in the district?  
We will consider your suggestion. Thanks for submitting it.
6. Can we offer to allow them to come into the school and complete the survey online if they do not have access to a computer at home?  
Yes, as long as you can provide a location where they can have privacy to complete it.
7. Do my preschool students who come in for itinerant services qualify at preschool?  
Yes, surveys should be provided to parents of students receiving itinerant services.
8. How can we be assured that parents mail in the completed survey?  
There is not a way that you would be assured that parents have mailed the completed survey. You may contact OSEDA to request the number of surveys that were completed for your district. The timeframe that this information would be available is dependent on when your district distributes the survey to parents. This information may be relevant to encouraging parents to participate.

9. Is there a cover letter that will accompany the survey to explain to parents why this is being done?

The one-page survey includes an introductory paragraph including the purpose of the survey.

10. Is there a way that we are required to distribute this (i.e. Can it be sent home with students)? Do we have to mail it?

There is no required method of distribution. You can choose to send home a paper copy with the student, send electronically or by mail.

11. Does each district decide to do paper copy or online? Or do we send the paper copy out and let them decide?

Districts may decide how to distribute the surveys and parents may decide the format in which they wish to respond.

12. Do we send to service plan students also?

Yes, it could be beneficial to get responses from parents of students who receive services and proportionate share.

13. Do we send to parentally placed school students?

See above

14. Similar to the state school question, if a student is in an outside placement, will we send it to those parents as well?

If the student was placed by the district, the parent should be offered the opportunity to complete a survey.

15. What percentage of our surveys do you hope to receive?

We would like to receive as many as possible, but we do not have a specific target.

16. Do we need to communicate with MSSD to make sure they know to send out to our students?

State schools will send out surveys to complete during their year of self-assessment (see question #3).