

# **Parent Involvement Survey Indicator 8**

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# Survey Requirement

The Parent Involvement Indicator is required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) under 20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) – Each State must collect valid and reliable information, as needed, to report annually to the section on the Indicators established by the section for the State Performance Plan (SPP).

# Survey Objective

To meet the requirements under the law –  
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 disabilities

# Survey Methodology

Parent involvement survey samples were stratified by grade, race, and gender using representative sampling methodology which incorporates equally proportionate representation according to geographic region, race/ethnicity, disability category, and language in order to produce valid and reliable results.

# Survey Administration

- The parent involvement survey was administered by Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center (MPRRC) on behalf of the State
- MPRRC selected survey participants using the representative sampling methodology I described earlier

# Survey Administration (Cont.)

- All districts participated in the distribution portion of the survey by mailing surveys to survey participants in their district area. This is why we can call it a census data collection.
- Participants mailed their completed surveys to MPRRC

# Survey Administration (Cont.)

- MPRRC compiled the survey results and provided them to the State at the State level and by each LEA

# Survey Scope Expansion

- 1,800 parent involvement surveys were distributed in FFY 2006
- 8,950 parent involvement surveys were distributed in FFY 2007, almost five times the number of surveys distributed in FFY 2006
- This represents a 497% increase in the scope of distribution of the survey from the previous year

# Survey Results for FFY 2006

- 1,800 surveys were distributed statewide in FFY 2006
- 717 or 39.8% of the 1,800 surveys were completed and returned
- 89.5% of respondents agreed, strongly agreed, or very strongly agreed to this question: The school facilitated parent involvement as a means of improving services for my child(ren).

# Survey Results for FFY 2007

- Incentives (cash, entry in a drawing, etc.) are generally used to increase survey return rates beyond 10%
- Incentives were not used during FFY 2007
- 914 or 10.2% of the 8,950 parent involvement surveys distributed throughout the State were returned

# Survey Results for FFY 2007 (Cont.)

- 75.3% of respondents agreed, strongly agreed, or very strongly agreed to this question: The school facilitated parent involvement as a means of improving services for my child(ren).
- This is a slippage of 14.2% less than FFY 2006s 89.5%

# Summary

- The parent involvement survey was administered and coordinated by MPRRC for the State
- Representative sampling was used as the means to produce valid and reliable results

# Summary (Cont.)

- The scope of the distribution of the survey expanded by nearly five times or 497% from the number of surveys distributed in FFY 2006 from the previous year
- 10.2% of the surveys distributed state-wide were returned.

# Summary (Cont.)

- 75.3% of respondents agreed, strongly agreed, or very strongly agreed to this question: The school facilitated parent involvement as a means of improving services for my child(ren).

# Questions

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