



***East Baton Rouge Parish School Board is seeking  
Special Education Advisory Council Members***



The *East Baton Rouge Parish School Board* is accepting applications for membership on the newly created *Special Education Advisory Council*. The *Council* is an opportunity for parents, district staff, and community to provide advice and recommendations, regarding special education policies, procedures, and resources and will meet three (3) times per year.

**Council members will:**

- Actively participate in meetings with the *EBR Parish Schools Department of Exceptional Student Services* Director and Supervisors
- Share input on upcoming decisions concerning policy, procedures, and use resources
- Work collaboratively to improve the educational system for students with disabilities
- Engage in outreach activities to the community at large, to increase the level of knowledge, support, and collaboration with respect to Special Education.

**Members are being sought from the following stakeholder groups:**

- Parents or legal guardians of students with disabilities enrolled in *East Baton Rouge Parish Schools*
- Teachers, Principals, and Paraprofessionals employed by *East Baton Rouge Parish Schools*
- Adults with disabilities
- Self-Advocates (high school students with disabilities)
- Employers of students with disabilities
- School Board Members
- School student leadership

Members will be appointed by Mr. Warren Drake, *Superintendent*, and serve a two (2) year term.

To apply, applications can be obtained from the *East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Superintendent's Office*, 1050 South Foster Drive | Baton Rouge, LA | 70806 or access an application from the District's website: [www.ebrschools.org](http://www.ebrschools.org) .

All applications must be returned to Mrs. Mona Barnes via email: [mbarnes@ebrschools.org](mailto:mbarnes@ebrschools.org), no later than **November 18, 2019**.



**East Baton Rouge Parish School Board**  
**Application for**  
**Special Education Advisory Council**



Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Category of Applicant (please check one):

- Parent or legal guardian of a student with an exceptionality, other than Gifted and Talented, who is enrolled in an *East Baton Rouge Parish School System* school.
  - School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_
    - Elementary     Middle     High
- Teacher employed by EBR Parish School Board    School: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grade(s)/Subject(s) taught: \_\_\_\_\_
- Principal employed by EBR Parish School Board    School: \_\_\_\_\_
- Paraprofessional employed by EBR Parish School Board    School: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other Special Education stakeholders:
  - Self-Advocate (adult w/disability)                       Self-Advocate (student w/disability)
  - Member of organization serving students with disabilities (e.g., non-profit, community group, *Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS)*, post-secondary education program, employer of students with disabilities)  
 Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_
  - School Board Member
  - Student Leader: Name of organization and position of leadership: \_\_\_\_\_

The *East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Special Education Advisory Council* will meet at least three times during the school year, during school hours. Will you be able to consistently attend these meetings?     **Yes**     **No**

**Please answer the following questions (attach additional sheets as needed):**

A. Why are you interested in membership on the Special Education Advisory Council? \_\_\_\_\_  
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B. What is your vision for students with disabilities in East Baton Rouge Parish? \_\_\_\_\_  
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C. Please list all organizations, agencies, advisory boards, councils, or commissions you are affiliated with that serve students or individuals with disabilities or their families. \_\_\_\_\_  
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D. List any additional information you would like the membership committee to consider. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please submit this completed application by **November 18, 2019** to Mrs. Mona Barnes, at 1050 South Foster Drive | Baton Rouge, Louisiana | 70806 | or via email at [mbarnes@ebrschools.org](mailto:mbarnes@ebrschools.org).

The Superintendent, Mr. Warren Drake, will appoint and notify the council membership no later than **December 6, 2019**.

Thank you for your interest in improving Special Education in *East Baton Rouge Parish Schools*.

**Disclaimer and Signature**

**I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.**

**I understand that completing this application does not guarantee appointment to the council. Furthermore, I understand that participation is on a volunteer basis, as there is no compensation provided to *Special Education Advisory Council* members. Additionally, I understand that the purpose of the *Special Education Advisory Council* is to be a resource for the local superintendent and school board. The *East Baton Rouge Parish School System Special Education Advisory Council* has no authority to direct school district personnel, operations, policies, or budgeting. There is no requirement that the advice or feedback of the *East Baton Rouge Parish School System Special Education Advisory Council* be adopted or implemented by the *EBR Parish School System Board* or Superintendent.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_