

# PARENT SURVEY - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

## ***What is the purpose of the Parent Survey?***

- ◆ The purpose of this survey is to determine how well your child's school is partnering with you and promoting your involvement in your child's education.
- ◆ All states must collect these data as part of their State Performance Plans as required under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

## ***Who completes the Parent Survey?***

- ◆ Parents or guardians of children ages 3 to 21 who are receiving special education services through their local school system.
- ◆ Parents or guardians of children ages 3 to 21 who are receiving special education services who are placed in a nonpublic facility by the child's local school system.

## ***How will I get this Parent Survey? How do I return it?***

- ◆ The survey can be accessed on the internet at: <http://www.maparent1.com>.

## ***How do I complete the survey? How can I make sure that my answers are counted?***

- ◆ You may use any computer with an Internet connection to complete the online survey.
- ◆ If you do not have access to a computer for completing the online survey, your local school or typically public libraries may provide computers with Internet access.
- ◆ Submit the online survey by March 29, 2013.

## ***Do I have to participate? If I choose not to participate, will it negatively affect my child's services?***

- ◆ Participation is completely voluntary; however, we encourage you to participate to make your opinions heard.
- ◆ Your child's services will not be negatively affected in any way.

## ***I have more than one child who receives special education services. Can I just complete one survey for all of them?***

- ◆ **NO.** You should complete one survey for each child receiving special education services.

## ***How is the confidentiality of my responses protected?***

- ◆ The survey is confidential. Survey results will only be reported to MADESE in total.

**We are looking forward to hearing back from you. It is important for us to know how well your child's school is involving you in your child's education.**

**Thank you!**

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