

Comprehensive Plan Progress

Summer Evaluations

We are pleased to share that we completed 2,707 testing sessions for 2,103 students over the summer. To put that in perspective, throughout the entire 2022-23 school year, we completed just under 5,000. Our goal for the summer was to test 2000 students. Our teams held evaluation sessions seven days a week all summer long as a part of commitment to substantially reduce our pending evaluation requests, including backlogs. We are gaining ground and momentum moving into the 2023-24 school year.

Professional Development

In late July, Day Two of our Leadership Institute was dedicated to professional learning opportunities around special education. Dr. Lee Ann Jung, expert on inclusive practices and author of "Seen, Heard, & Valued," provided our keynote address with the topic of Universal Design for Learning and Beyond. Campus and district leaders spent the day participating in additional sessions with topics including deeper work on Universal Design for Learning and Leading with Collaborative Instruction & Intervention.

Staff Recruitment

In early August, Austin ISD proudly welcomed and onboarded a committed team of 74 evaluators including diagnosticians and school psychologists. This is over three times the number of full-time evaluators the district had in the 2022-23 school year.

The team is invested, engaged and excited to support our students, families and their campuses



The work has not
stopped this summer
and we are
well-positioned to
continue improving how
our families experience
special education in
Austin ISD."





August 15, 2023

An Update on Special Education

TEA Update

We continue to work closely with the TEA to implement and monitor our comprehensive Special Education recovery plan. We will inform the public once we have additional information, and in the meantime, remain focused on our plans for improvement on behalf of students.

Coming Up Next

Austin ISD will host a series of Family Empower Hour sessions throughout the year covering a variety of topics related to students with disabilities and special education. Families, community members and staff are all welcome to attend.

View the full schedule at:

<https://www.austinisd.org/special-education/engagement>



Matias Segura

Austin ISD Interim Superintendent

Family Empower Hour:
The ABCs of IEPs for
Families New to Special
Education

Tuesday, Aug. 22

12-1 p.m.

and again from

6-7 p.m

Join via Zoom:

tinyurl.com/33u78ec7