

Sarasota County Schools Special Education Program Review



**Board of
Education
Workshop**

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General Information

The Team

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Exceptional Learning Solutions

- Founded in 2009
- Customized Solutions
- True Partnership with Districts
- Extensive Experience at the Building, District, State, and Federal Levels



Methodology

Systematic, Thorough, and Comprehensive Special Education Evaluation of Programs, Systems, and Personnel

- Collaborative Process
- Recommendations Based on Data-Driven Best Practices

The Special Education Program Review is Divided into Three Phases:

- Phase One – Pre-Evaluation
- Phase Two – Program Evaluation Site Work
- Phase Three – Post-Evaluation



Phase One: Pre-Evaluation

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- Data and Information Gathering
- Data Request Sent to District Leadership
- Offsite Analysis of Data and Information Received
- Kickoff Meeting Prior to Onsite Work



Phase Two: Program Evaluation Site Work

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- Onsite Analysis and Review of Programs and Systems at the District Level – Central Office Meetings
- Onsite School Visits for 11 Schools – Diverse Sample Chosen by the District and Exceptional Learning Solutions
 - Meetings with Building Leadership
 - Meetings with Related Services Personnel
 - Office Hours for Teachers and Staff
 - Classroom Visits for Observation
- Parent Meeting(s) – In Person and/or Virtual Parent Meetings for Feedback and Parent Perspective



Phase Two: Program Evaluation Site Work

Phase Two: Program Evaluation Site Work (continued)

- Parent Surveys
 - Anonymous
 - First Parent Survey Sent in June 2023 for Reflection on the 2022-2023 School Year
 - Second Parent Survey Sent in September 2023 for Feedback on the Beginning of the 2023-2024 School Year
 - English and Spanish (if needed)
- Staff Survey
 - Anonymous
 - Sent to all Special Education Personnel and Staff at Building and District Levels



Phase Three: Post-Evaluation

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- Final Report
 - Comprehensive Analysis
 - Recommended Action Plan
- Presentation to the Board of Education
 - Presentation and Regular or Special Board Meeting to Discuss Findings and Recommended Next Steps



Proposed Timeline

Description	Estimated Time	Duration
Initial Kick-Off Meeting with Sarasota Leadership Team and Staff	Zoom Meeting	June 12, 2023 (specific dates TBD)
Phase One: Pre-Evaluation	Approximately Two (2) Weeks	June 12-23, 2023 (specific dates TBD)
Phase Two: Program Evaluation Site Work – Sarasota Central Office (overall special education program evaluation)	Two (2) Onsite Days	Week of June 26, 2023 (specific dates TBD)
Phase Two: Program Evaluation Site Work – Parent Survey for 2022/2023 School Year	Sent via Email	Week of June 26, 2023 (specific dates TBD)



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Phase Two: Program Evaluation Site Work – Parent Survey for 2022/2023 School Year	Sent via Email	Week of June 26, 2023 (specific dates TBD)
Phase Two: Program Evaluation Site Work – Parent Survey for Beginning of the 2023/2024 School Year	Sent via Email	Week of August 28, 2023 (specific dates TBD)
Phase Two: Program Evaluation Site Work – Sarasota Central Office (overall special education program evaluation)	Two (2) Onsite Days	September 6-7, 2023 (dates may be altered)
Phase Two: Program Evaluation Site Work – School #1	One and One Half (1.5) Onsite Days	September 11-12, 2023 (dates may be altered)



Proposed Timeline

Description	Estimated Time	Duration
Phase Two: Program Evaluation Site Work – School #2	One and One Half (1.5) Onsite Days	September 12-13, 2023 (dates may be altered)
Phase Two: Program Evaluation Site Work – School #3	One and One Half (1.5) Onsite Days	September 14-15, 2023 (dates may be altered)
Phase Two: Program Evaluation Site Work – School #4	One and One Half (1.5) Onsite Days	September 18-19, 2023 (dates may be altered)
Phase Two: Program Evaluation Site Work – School #5	One and One Half (1.5) Onsite Days	September 19-20, 2023 (dates may be altered)



Proposed Timeline

Description	Estimated Time	Duration
Phase Two: Program Evaluation Site Work – School #6	One and One Half (1.5) Onsite Days	September 21-22, 2023 (dates may be altered)
Phase Two: Program Evaluation Site Work – School #7	One and One Half (1.5) Onsite Days	September 25-26, 2023 (dates may be altered)
Phase Two: Program Evaluation Site Work – School #8	One and One Half (1.5) Onsite Days	September 26-27, 2023 (dates may be altered)
Phase Two: Program Evaluation Site Work – School #9	One and One Half (1.5) Onsite Days	September 28-29, 2023 (dates may be altered)



Proposed Timeline

Description	Estimated Time	Duration
Phase Two: Program Evaluation Site Work – School #10	One and One Half (1.5) Onsite Days	October 2-3, 2023 (dates may be altered)
Phase Two: Program Evaluation Site Work – School #11	One and One Half (1.5) Onsite Days	October 3-4, 2023 (dates may be altered)
Wrap Up Meeting with Sarasota Leadership and Staff	One (1) Onsite Day	October 5, 2023 (specific dates TBD)
Phase Three: Post-Evaluation	Approximately Two (2) Weeks	October 9-20, 2023 (specific dates TBD)
Final Presentation to the Board of Education	One (1) Onsite Day	October 2023 or November 2023 Board Meeting (or special meeting called for presentation)



Questions and Discussion

