



St. Johns County School District

ESE Parent Advisory Council

Website: <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/ese/advisory/>

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Email: SJCSDEPAC@gmail.com Agenda May, 5 2026

Mission Statement

The mission of the ESE Parent Advisory Council (EPAC) is to support and strengthen Exceptional Student Education in St. Johns County by fostering collaboration among families, educators, administrators, and community partners; providing informed, solution-focused input to the District; and promoting inclusive, high-quality educational

1. Call to Order, Welcome, and Attendance

- Call to Order
- Welcome and brief overview of meeting purpose
- Attendance
 - Virtual attendees: add **name and email** to the chat for attendance and future communication
- Join EPAC Contact List:
<https://form.jotform.com/sjcsdepac/join-the-sjcsd-epac-or-ese-parent-a>

2. Review of Bright Feats Northeast Florida, Summer Resource Guide, EPAC

- **Website:** www.brightfeats.com
- **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/BrightFeatsNortheastFL

Water Safety Social Stories:

- Wandering: https://nationalautismassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/NAA_Social-Story.pdf
- Learn to Swim: <https://www.autismfl.org/drowning-prevention>

EPAC Summer Planning:

- Voting Member Appointments – Apply here:
<https://form.jotform.com/tlcarcsj/Voting-Member-Ap-EPAC>
- Council Documents & Information: <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/ese/advisory/st-johns-county-school-district-ese-parent-advisory-council-sjcsd-epac/>
- Join the contact list to stay in touch and receive meeting invites:
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- 2026-2027 Meeting Dates will be shared soon

3. Review of CARD Resources

Presenter: Jeannie Potthast, MBA, M.Ed., Associate Director, Director, Center for Autism and Related Disabilities, Director, Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System-Multidisciplinary Program, UF Health Neurodevelopmental Pediatric Center

- SJC Satellite clinic: <https://www.arcsj.org/tlc/satellite-clinic/>
 - Dates May 15, June 26, July 24
- SJC workshops: <https://form.jotform.com/tlcarcsj/card-clinic-supportgroup-form-926>

4. Extended School Year

Presenter: Avery Greene

5. Transition & Vocational Resources

Presenter: Jennifer Argentina

6. Upcoming Events, Announcements, and Opportunities

Family Care Council (FCC) – Area 4

- Family Care Councils are established by Florida statute to elevate family voice and advise on services and supports
- **Next Meeting:**
 - May 20, 2026
 - 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Virtual: **Join:** <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/26926321907726?p=sNfcRLi2UYSQ53dDuR>

Florida Department of Education – ESE Parent Survey

Complete the Survey: https://fldoepaads.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_881xTFo6E6C6ZII

- 2025–26 ESE Parent Survey is open for the full school year
- Data informs EPAC focus areas and District planning
- Eligible participants:
 - Parents/guardians of students with IEPs (PreK–Grade 12, excluding gifted)
 - Students with disabilities age 18+
- Available electronically or via paper survey
- Results are processed in real time

7. Public Comment and Questions

- Public comment period (time limits apply)

Closing and Next Meeting

- Adjournment

Resources

SJCSD 25-27 Budget Presentation February 2026: <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/SJCSD-Budget-Presentation-2025-27.pdf>

Access to Event Flyers, Resources, and EPAC Documents:

https://drive.google.com/drive/u/5/folders/11NzIXxKoge_wj2Tuyq7RBcY0AF7s4qjC