Events

Transition Interviews
February 12, 13 at TCHP
February 18-21 & 25 at HCC
March 3, 5, 6 & 10, 11 at Houston Food Bank

Resource Fair
February 20 5:30pm at HMW

Family Information Night
March 25th 6:30 at Food Bank - contact WCHAMBER@houstonisd.org

Parent University
March 24, 2020
https://www.houstonisd.org/parentuniversity

Autism Parent Meeting
April 2, 2020 at SFO

Next SEAC meeting
April 23, 2020 at HMW

Special Education Spring Parent Summit
April 25, 2020 at HMW
Click Here to Register for the Spring Parent Summit

From the Field

Greetings to All,

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Tina Lee and I am the new Special Education Senior Manager-North Area. I have been dedicated to the field of education in HISD for 24 years. My roles have been special education teacher, special education department chairperson, dean of students, and special education program specialist.

I am very honored to be part of the Office of Special Education Services (OSES) Leadership Team. It’s truly a privilege to be part of a community where parents, students, teachers and stakeholders work together to develop a trusting relationship to improve overall academic success.

I am excited and eager to bring my skills as a special education leader and work with you as a partner in education to ensure your child’s success. I will strive to build positive relationships and support academic and social growth for students with disabilities.

Best Regards, Tina Lee

Student Success Story

Support for Informing Parents

I am a parent to a special needs child, who attends an HISD school. I am also an employee in HISD. In the past, I had concerns about my child academically and wanted to inquire how I could get placement for him. I attempted to initiate the process myself, but was unsuccessful, as I felt I was not properly informed of the steps to take. I eventually was pointed in the direction of Mr. Jules, a SPED Parent Liaison.

Prior to being introduced to Mr. Jules, I was unaware of the role of Parent Liaisons. Mr. Jules surpassed any expectations I may have had and was fully supportive in the process during my son’s academic placement. He took immediate action by reaching out to the school, on behalf of my son and I, and using his expertise to support us. I’m grateful for Mr. Jules’ support, and that I was able to utilize the HISD Special Education Office as a resource, and I couldn’t be happier with the end results.

T. Gatewood, Parent
10 Parent Advocacy Tips

1. Be informed
2. Organized Paperwork
3. Build relationships
4. Ask questions
5. Stay calm and collected
6. You’re part of the team
7. Know your child’s rights
8. Talk to your child
9. Learn the Lingo
10. Communicate


Inspirational Quote

“Every child deserves a champion – an adult who will never give up on them.”

-Rita Pierson

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Music Therapy and Autism Spectrum

Current research states 1 in 68 individuals in the United States have been identified as having Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). In addition, researchers have concluded exposing individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder to various components of music therapy can be beneficial to their academic and social development. According to research as stated by the American Music Therapy Association music therapy can increase student communication, interpersonal, auditory, and fine motor skills.

Most importantly, music therapy is recognized in the health field and by the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Please find more insightful information contained within the complete article by clicking on the link listed below.

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https://www.musictherapy.org/assets/17/Fact_Sheet_ASD_and_MT_8-26-15.pdf