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# Special Education in Action

*RESPONSIBLE, RESPECTFUL, AND READY FOR LIFE*



*A Message from Assistant  
Superintendent of Special Education,  
Thomas C. Babauta*

Hafa Adai, We are committed to strengthening our service delivery system. Part of this process involves strengthening relationships with stakeholders. We have prioritized relationships with administrators, school teams, parents/guardians and community partners.

Please know that all of our planning starts with "What is in the best interest of the child with special needs?" The child is the center of the plan and everything must be individualized. Children must get what they need to improve their outcomes. Open lines of communication is the key to stronger understanding and partnership. Constantly looking for dialogue and providing a voice for parents.

A monthly merienda will start in October as an opportunity to have direct contact with SPED Leadership.

Please reach back to parent services if you have any concerns at 671-300-1322 or sped@gdoe.net.

*The Division of Special Education is committed to the development of the mind, body and spirit of every student through the unified efforts of the school, family and community; supported and nurtured by appropriate funding and training, accountability, teamwork and advocacy.*

## THE SPED DASHBOARD

To view current special education data and reports, visit our dashboard.



## THE FAMILY CONNECTIONS CORNER



...informs and trains parents of children with disabilities to be effective advocates for their children.



...serves as a support group for families of individuals with Down syndrome and other developmental disabilities.



...serves as a support group for individuals with autism, their families and supporters on the island of Guam.



...provides year-round sports training and athletic competition for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Click on the icons, images, and text for direct access to information and resources.

## SPED HEADLINES

### RECENT RELEASE

- [Guiding Principles for Creating Safe, Inclusive, Supportive and Fair School Climates - March 2023](#)
- [Listing of School Support Staff](#)

### RESOURCES

#### DOCUMENTS AND FORMS

- [Notice of Procedural Safeguards \(Parent Rights\)](#)
- [Complaint Guidance and Forms](#)

#### WEBSITES/INFORMATION PAGES

- [Office of Special Education Programs Newsletters and Updates](#)
- [Guam Department of Education](#)
- [Division of Special Education](#)
- [Guam Early Intervention System](#)
- [Guam Early Learning Council](#)

### SAVE THE DATES!

September 28,  
2023

Autism Parent  
Session

Facilitated by:  
Dr. Irina Quebles

October 5, 2023

Parent Session on  
Communication

Facilitated by:  
SPED Pathologists

QUESTIONS?  
COMMENTS?  
CONCERNS?



Scan code or contact Parent Services Coordinator Laura Taisipic:  
(671) 300-1322 or sped@gdoe.net

### STAY CONNECTED!

