



The Willow School - New Orleans

2025-2026 Annual Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Report

May 28, 2026

What is the purpose of The Willow School's Special Education Advisory Council?

R.S. 17:1944 requires local public school systems to create a special education advisory council to provide advice and feedback regarding special education policies, procedures, and resources. The council shall also engage in outreach activities to the community at large to increase the level of knowledge, support, and collaboration with respect to special education.

Members and Roles

Member	Role
Rebecca Carr	Parent
Delila Omerbasic	Parent
Vanessa Rodriguez	Parent
Julie Tizzard	Parent
Jeffrey Chenier	Representative of a School Serving Students with a Disability
Vacant*	High School Student with a Disability
Julie Riley	Entity That Serves Students with Disabilities
Alex Sims	Entity That Serves Students with Disabilities

- A student was selected but did not attend any meetings due to scheduling conflicts

2024-2025 Meetings

September 30, 2025	The Willow Middle School	Updates to start school year Solicited supports for teachers and awareness building for events
October 28, 2025	The Willow Middle School	Gumbel proposal updates and outreach
December 16, 2025	The Willow Middle School	PD needs Gumbel updates
January 27, 2026	The Willow Middle School	2/1 updates Leadership PD discussion
May 12, 2026	The Willow Middle School	Reviewed Gumbel progress Reviewed Seclusion and Restraint Draft Leadership PD Review

The Special Education Advisory Council held meetings in the conference room at the Marsalis campus or on Zoom.

Executive Summary

The council's main action this year was to continue outreach activities. The Council was involved in the Gumbel application and committee review meeting. Members from the council continued to be in communication with administration regarding increasing visibility of Student Support Services at school functions. The council supported leadership PD for school administrators.

How to Join

The Willow School Special Education Advisory Council is accepting applications for membership. Vacancies currently are for

- Student with a Disability

Please complete the application [linked here](#).