

Austin ISD Special Education Learning Events

Sessions are in English

Please request Spanish
or any other language support



To request interpretation in Spanish or any other language (including ASL), you must register 24 hours in advance.

Interpretation Request: tinyurl.com/33u78ec7

Wednesday
**April
1**

Empower Hour | Behavior Basics - Is it Behavior, Social Emotional or Sensory? **Presented by Michelle Atanu of Avilo Pediatrics**

This workshop will help participants learn how to add structured sensory input as an instructional technique to help counter challenging behavior and sensory concerns in the home, classroom and community setting. Child caregivers, teachers and parents will leave the workshop with general knowledge of the sensory system, the mind/body and apply it to transform a child's challenging behaviors.



12 p.m. & 6 p.m. | Zoom: bit.ly/SPEDsessions

Wednesday
**April
8**

Empower Hour | Empowering Twice-Exceptional Learners in Austin ISD **Presented by Blake Haygood**

Do you have a child who may be gifted (GT) with a learning difference? Being "Twice-Exceptional" (2E) means your child has strong intellectual or creative needs along with other learning needs. We invite you to join us for a conversation about the 2E experience in Austin ISD. We'll share how our departments work together to recognize these students, value their perspectives, and provide the right support for success.



12 p.m. & 6 p.m. | Zoom: bit.ly/SPEDsessions

Wednesday
**April
15**

Empower Hour | Trauma & The Sensory Brain **Presented by the Center for Child Protection**

This presentation will explore how early trauma can impact children's development, emotional regulation, and behavior, while providing actionable strategies to help caregivers create trauma-responsive environments that support the unique needs of every child.



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Part One

Wednesday
**April
22**

Empower Hour | Trauma & The Sensory Brain **Presented by the Center for Child Protection**

This is the second part of the training from the week before. We will continue to explore how early trauma can impact children's development, emotional regulation, and behavior, while providing actionable strategies to help caregivers create trauma-responsive environments that support the unique needs of every child.



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Part Two

Wednesday
**April
29**

Empower Hour | Empowering Students in the ARD Process **Presented by Courtney Gregori & Judith LeBlanc**

Through TEA funding, families now have free access to Learning Ally's library of human-narrated audiobooks. Empower your student with reading disabilities, visual impairments, or physical disabilities by learning about this great service. By utilizing these resources at home, children can independently engage with grade-level texts to strengthen their vocabulary and academic confidence.



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