



Parent-School Partnership Survey

Please take 15 minutes to help our parents and schools connect for student success.

We would like to know your opinions on how well your child(ren)'s school has met your family's and child(ren)'s needs and how you feel about your involvement and/or the involvement of other parents at the school. There are no right or wrong answers. We are interested only in your opinions.

Your answers will be kept private. Your answers will be combined with those of other parents in a report of the survey findings.

Your input is very important. Findings of the survey will be summarized and used to improve the school's efforts in strengthening the partnership between parents and their children's school.

1. Name of School: _____

2. Today's Date: ____/____/____
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For each item, please fill in the number bubble that most closely matches your answer. There are also several places to provide written comments.

SCHOOL WORKSHOPS/COURSES FOR PARENTS

3. Last year, did the school sponsor workshops or courses to help parents understand and work with children?

- ① Yes ② No ③ I do not know

4. Approximately how many workshops or courses did the school provide for parents on parenting skills (e.g. discipline, child development, etc.) last year?

- ① None ② 1-2 ③ 3-4 ④ 5-6 ⑤ 7 or more ⑥ I don't know

5. How many workshops or courses did you or your family attend last year?

- ① None ② 1-2 ③ 3-4 ④ 5-6 ⑤ 7 or more

6. If you DID attend workshops/courses last year, did they provide you with useful information?

- ① Yes always ② Usually ③ Not usually ④ Never

7. If you DID NOT attend some or any workshops/courses last year, please specify why. (choose all that apply)

- ① a. I was not provided with enough information or notice
- ② b. Workshop(s) not held at convenient times
- ③ c. No child care available
- ④ d. Workshop information provided is difficult for parents to understand
- ⑤ e. I was not interested in workshop topic(s)
- ⑥ f. Workshop(s) not provided in language I understood easily
- ⑦ g. Other – please specify: _____

Comments about SCHOOL WORKSHOPS/COURSES FOR PARENTS: _____

SCHOOL-PARENT COMMUNICATION

	ALL of the time	MOST of the time	SOME of the time	NONE of the time
8. When you visit your child’s school...				
a. is the reception staff friendly and helpful?	①	②	③	④
b. are the teachers easy to talk to?	①	②	③	④
c. are the administrators easy to talk to?	①	②	③	④
d. do you feel comfortable interacting with parents of cultural & ethnic backgrounds different from yours?	①	②	③	④
e. do you feel welcomed?	①	②	③	④
f. are written communications from school, such as report cards and newsletters, available in a language you understand?	①	②	③	④

9. What is/are the best way(s) to communicate with you and/or your family? (choose all that apply)

- ① a. School memos (e-mails, notes, newsletter, etc.)
- ② b. Children’s teachers
- ③ c. PTA newsletter
- ④ d. Counselor
- ⑤ e. Parent representative or liaison
- ⑥ f. Direct contact (phone call, school/home visit, meeting)
- ⑦ g. Other – please specify: _____

10. How many parent-teacher conferences did you attend last year?

- ① None
- ② 1
- ③ 2 or more

11. Last school year, were you contacted by your child’s school regarding...

(choose all that apply)

- ① a. Your child’s academic success
- ② b. Your child’s academic struggles
- ③ c. Your child’s positive social behavior
- ④ d. Your child’s negative social behavior
- ⑤ e. Your child’s recognition in achievement (sports, music, volunteerism, etc.)
- ⑥ f. No reason, just to make contact (say hello, introduce self, etc.)
- ⑦ g. Other – please specify: _____

Comments about SCHOOL COMMUNICATION: _____

VOLUNTEERING AT SCHOOL

12. Were you asked last year about your interests, talents, or availability for volunteering at school?

- ① Yes ② No

13. If you did volunteer last year, please indicate how often for each activity:

	Never	1 time	2-3 times	4 or more times
a. Helping on trips or at parties	①	②	③	④
b. Sharing food and customs from your culture	①	②	③	④
c. Assisting in the classroom (e.g., tutoring, grading papers, etc.)	①	②	③	④
d. Participating and/or leading club activities	①	②	③	④
e. Other – please specify below and indicate frequency: _____		②	③	④

14. I offered to volunteer at school last year, but was not contacted.

- ① Yes ② No

15. If you did not volunteer at school last year, please indicate why (choose all that apply):

- ① a. I had never been asked
- ② b. I didn’t know who to contact or how to get involved
- ③ c. I didn’t feel I had the skills to volunteer
- ④ d. I had a conflict with my work schedule
- ⑤ e. I didn’t have child care
- ⑥ f. I didn’t feel comfortable
- ⑦ g. I was not interested
- ⑧ h. Other - please specify: _____

Comments about VOLUNTEERING: _____

SCHOOL DECISION MAKING

16. Does the school have an active parent-teacher organization (e.g. PTA, PTO)?

- ① Yes ② No ③ I do not know

17. If yes, how many parent-teacher organization meetings did you attend last year?

- ① None ② 1 ③ 2 or more

18. Are parents involved in planning, implementing, or evaluating school programs?

- ① Yes ② No ③ I do not know

19. If yes, did you participate on any school councils or committees last year?

- ① Yes – please specify: _____
 ② No, I did not participate on any school councils or committees last year

20. For each item below, rate how parents’ opinions are considered at your child’s school.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. My opinion is taken into consideration when it comes to school policy/rule decisions.	①	②	③	④
b. School staff consider my opinion when it comes to decisions concerning my child.	①	②	③	④
c. I don’t feel part of the decision making body at the school at <u>any</u> level.	①	②	③	④
d. I believe parents who are involved in decision making at the school represent the diversity of our community.	①	②	③	④
e. The school has not offered opportunities for me to share my ideas or advice on school-related issues.	①	②	③	④

21. Would you like to participate more in making decisions, rules, or policies about your child’s school?

- ① Yes ② I’m not sure ③ No

22. What would help you participate more in making decisions, rules, or policies about your child’s school? (choose all that apply)

- ① a. More encouragement from the school to get involved
 ② b. More information about how to get involved
 ③ c. More information about school issues
 ④ d. More opportunity to share my opinions about school issues with the school
 ⑤ e. More confidence in my abilities to help
 ⑥ f. More time in my schedule
 ⑦ g. Other – please specify: _____

Comments about SCHOOL DECISION MAKING: _____

Please answer the following about yourself and your child(ren) at this school.

23. What best describes your highest education level? (choose one)

- ① No formal schooling
- ② Some elementary or middle school
- ③ Some high school
- ④ High school degree or GED
- ⑤ Some college
- ⑥ Trade school/Community College degree
- ⑦ Bachelor's degree
- ⑧ Master's/Doctorate degree

24. What best describes your household? (choose one)

- ① Two parents or guardians, both working outside the home
- ② Two parents or guardians, one working outside the home
- ③ Two parents or guardians, none working outside the home
- ④ One parent or guardian, working outside the home
- ⑤ One parent or guardian, not working outside the home
- ⑥ Other – please specify _____

25. How many children under age 18 live with you? ____

26. How many children in your household attend this school? ____

27. What is/are your child(ren)'s grade level(s) at this school? (circle all that apply)

Pre-K K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

28. Were any of these children enrolled at this school last year? ① Yes ② No

29. What is your relationship to the child(ren)? (choose one)

- ① Mother
- ② Father
- ③ Legal guardian (non-relative)
- ④ Grandparent
- ⑤ Other relative – please specify: _____
- ⑥ Other non-relative – please specify: _____

THANK YOU!

● To obtain a report summarizing the results of this survey, contact the following person:

Name:

Phone:

E-mail: