

Opinion Survey for Parents

Sample High School

Here are some opinions that parents from time to time have expressed about their children's schools. Indicate how much you agree with each of these 20 statements as it relates to *your* experience at *this* school by circling the number of your choice.

1=Strongly Agree 2=Agree 3=So So 4=Disagree 5=Strongly Disagree

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| 1. This school is a good place for my child to learn. | 1. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2. My child is challenged by his or her school work this year. | 2. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3. I think this school is a friendly place. | 3. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4. Students at this school show respect for each other. | 4. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5. I like the way the school building and grounds look. | 5. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6. I feel my child is safe at this school. | 6. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 7. I feel that my child's personal belongings left at school are safe. | 7. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 8. As a parent, I feel welcome at this school. | 8. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 9. I can talk with my child's teachers easily. | 9. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 10. I feel comfortable about talking with the principal. | 10. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 11. I know the school's rules and behavioral expectations for my child. | 11. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 12. When it comes to discipline at this school, my child has been treated fairly. | 12. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 13. The school keeps me informed about how my child is doing. | 13. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 14. Teachers at this school expect my child to learn. | 14. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 15. Teachers give my child individual help when he or she needs it. | 15. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 16. Sports and other extracurricular activities add a lot to this school. | 16. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 17. I'm satisfied with my child's overall academic progress at this school. | 17. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 18. I'm satisfied with my child's progress in English (reading, writing, speaking). | 18. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 19. I'm satisfied with my child's progress in math and science. | 19. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 20. I'm satisfied with my child's progress in social studies (history/geography/govt.) | 20. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Comments (optional):

END OF SURVEY

Opinion Survey for Parents (OSP) Grades 6-12

Scoring Option 1

Disaggregated Results. No disaggregated results for this option

Survey Administration. There are two common ways to administer the OSP that are compatible with Scoring Option 1:

- (1) Distribute and collect one OSP survey form from each household with one or more children attending the school
- (2) Distribute and collect survey forms to “family” at a school event (i.e., parent-teacher conference, family math night, etc.)

Scoring Option 2

Disaggregated Results. Results can be disaggregated by students’ gender (M/F), ethnic group (W/H/O) and grade level (1/2...7/8)

Survey Administration. It is necessary to have parents complete one OSP survey form for each of their children attending the school. Attention must be paid to:

- (1) Coding the Questionnaire. There is a code at the end of the parent questionnaire to indicate the student’s gender (M/F), ethnic group (White, Hispanic, Other), and grade level (6-12). The teacher (or aide or administrator) who is conducting the survey should mark these student designations on the survey form **before** it is presented to the parents. Once the form is coded, attach the student’s name to it using a temporary “post-it note.”
- (2) Distributing/Collecting the Surveys. Come up with a sound distribution and collection procedure (with appropriate follow-up) to make sure that Jessica's parents get, fill out, and return the form coded for Jessica, i.e., complete the form that Jessica's teacher has coded as F/H/9. You should ask the parents to remove the “post-it note” with the student name before returning the questionnaire to the school.