



# WINTER 2016 PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

**Cowan  
Group: (N = 226)**

## *Effective Instructional Strategies*

	N	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Pct Strongly Agree/ Agree	Mean (1-4)
My student's ability to understand difficult text improved this year.	<b>226</b>	32.7% (74)	54.0% (122)	11.5% (26)	0.9% (2)	0.9% (2)	86.7%	1.8
My student is encouraged to be curious and to use his/her imagination in class(es).	<b>224</b>	36.6% (82)	44.2% (99)	17.0% (38)	2.2% (5)	()	80.8%	1.8
My student makes an effort to keep learning even when it is difficult.	<b>225</b>	33.3% (75)	46.7% (105)	12.4% (28)	6.2% (14)	1.3% (3)	80.0%	2.0
My student's writing skills improved this year.	<b>226</b>	33.2% (75)	56.6% (128)	7.5% (17)	2.7% (6)	()	89.8%	1.8
My student's speaking and oral communication skills improved this year.	<b>225</b>	33.8% (76)	52.4% (118)	11.1% (25)	2.7% (6)	()	86.2%	1.8
My student's skill at solving large or complex problems improved this year.	<b>226</b>	30.5% (69)	50.0% (113)	15.0% (34)	4.4% (10)	()	80.5%	1.9
My student's skills at using technology to research information has improved this year.	<b>225</b>	36.0% (81)	40.4% (91)	19.6% (44)	4.0% (9)	()	76.4%	1.9
My student's ability to work with other students on problems or projects improved this year.	<b>226</b>	27.9% (63)	48.2% (109)	23.5% (53)	0.4% (1)	()	76.1%	2.0
My student can support his/her judgments with reason and evidence.	<b>225</b>	29.8% (67)	54.7% (123)	12.9% (29)	2.7% (6)	()	84.4%	1.9
My student is encouraged to creatively share his/her knowledge and ideas in class(es).	<b>224</b>	34.8% (78)	51.8% (116)	11.6% (26)	0.9% (2)	0.9% (2)	86.6%	1.8

## *Effective Communication*

	N	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Pct Strongly Agree/ Agree	Mean (1-5)
I am well-informed about my child's progress in school.	<b>222</b>	47.3% (105)	44.1% (98)	6.3% (14)	2.3% (5)	()	91.4%	1.6
Concerns about my student's progress are communicated promptly to me.	<b>222</b>	39.6% (88)	45.5% (101)	12.2% (27)	2.3% (5)	0.5% (1)	85.1%	1.8
Online resources (Q parent portal, Naviance) help me monitor my student's progress in the classroom.	<b>218</b>	16.1% (35)	23.4% (51)	38.1% (83)	15.1% (33)	7.3% (16)	39.4%	2.7
My student's teachers are helpful when I come to school or call.	<b>222</b>	56.8% (126)	39.2% (87)	4.1% (9)	()	()	95.9%	1.5
Teachers promptly respond to my phone calls, messages, or e-mails.	<b>221</b>	55.7% (123)	37.6% (83)	5.9% (13)	0.9% (2)	()	93.2%	1.5
The office staff is helpful and welcoming when I come to school or call.	<b>221</b>	57.0% (126)	34.8% (77)	5.4% (12)	2.3% (5)	0.5% (1)	91.9%	1.5

**Effective Communication**

	N	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Pct Strongly Agree/ Agree	Mean (1-5)
The principal and staff listen to my concerns about issues.	<b>222</b>	36.0% (80)	41.9% (93)	20.7% (46)	1.4% (3)	()	77.9%	1.9
The school and I are collaborating partners in promoting positive behavior for my student.	<b>222</b>	37.8% (84)	47.3% (105)	12.2% (27)	1.8% (4)	0.9% (2)	85.1%	1.8
Concerns about my student's safety are addressed in an appropriate and timely manner.	<b>222</b>	38.7% (86)	42.3% (94)	18.0% (40)	0.5% (1)	0.5% (1)	81.1%	1.8
I speak a language other than English and I receive general information from my student's school in my language.	<b>80</b>	41.3% (33)	41.3% (33)	10.0% (8)	7.5% (6)	()	82.5%	1.8
I speak a language other than English and I receive information about my student's performance in my language.	<b>74</b>	39.2% (29)	36.5% (27)	20.3% (15)	4.1% (3)	()	75.7%	1.9
Translated materials (or a translator) for my language are available when I come to school.	<b>73</b>	30.1% (22)	26.0% (19)	39.7% (29)	4.1% (3)	()	56.2%	2.2

**School Safety**

	N	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Pct Strongly Agree/ Agree	Mean (1-5)
I feel the school is a safe place for my child.	<b>222</b>	47.7% (106)	44.6% (99)	6.3% (14)	0.9% (2)	0.5% (1)	92.3%	1.6

**Educational Experiences**

	N	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Pct Strongly Agree/ Agree	Mean (1-5)
My student is motivated and engaged in what he/she is learning.	<b>225</b>	40.4% (91)	47.1% (106)	9.8% (22)	2.7% (6)	()	87.6%	1.7
The school is addressing my student's talents, gifts, or special needs.	<b>225</b>	23.6% (53)	44.9% (101)	25.3% (57)	5.3% (12)	0.9% (2)	68.4%	2.2
The school provides quality classes/activities that meet my student's interests and talents.	<b>225</b>	32.0% (72)	46.7% (105)	15.1% (34)	5.3% (12)	0.9% (2)	78.7%	2.0
My student is prepared for the next step of his/her educational experience.	<b>225</b>	36.9% (83)	51.6% (116)	8.9% (20)	2.7% (6)	()	88.4%	1.8

**Positive Character Traits**

*High=Most/all of the time Moderate=Some of the time Low=Rarely*

	N	High	Moderate	Low
To what degree does your child take responsibility for HIS or HER OWN LEARNING?	<b>210</b>	60.0% (126)	37.6% (79)	2.4% (5)
To what degree does your child take responsibility for HIS or HER PHYSICAL WELL-BEING?	<b>210</b>	69.0% (145)	30.0% (63)	1.0% (2)
To what degree does your child take responsibility for HIS or HER OWN BEHAVIOR?	<b>210</b>	80.0% (168)	19.5% (41)	0.5% (1)

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To what degree does your child take responsibility for HIS or HER TREATMENT OF OTHERS?	<b>210</b>	71.0% (149)	28.1% (59)	1.0% (2)

**School Community**

	N	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Pct Strongly Agree/ Agree	Mean (1-5)
My student feels like he/she is part of the school community.	<b>224</b>	42.4% (95)	45.5% (102)	10.3% (23)	1.8% (4)	()	87.9%	1.7
The school promotes academic success for all children.	<b>225</b>	41.3% (93)	43.6% (98)	13.3% (30)	1.3% (3)	0.4% (1)	84.9%	1.8
The school staff respects cultural, ethnic and gender differences.	<b>220</b>	41.8% (92)	41.8% (92)	15.5% (34)	0.9% (2)	()	83.6%	1.8
The school has a climate that is positive, nurturing and caring.	<b>222</b>	44.6% (99)	46.8% (104)	7.2% (16)	1.4% (3)	()	91.4%	1.7

**Family Involvement**

	N	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Pct Strongly Agree/ Agree	Mean (1-5)
This school clearly outlines the parent, student and school responsibilities in educating my child (e.g., School Compact).	<b>218</b>	46.8% (102)	44.5% (97)	8.3% (18)	0.5% (1)	()	91.3%	1.6
Teachers provide resources or ideas that help me support my student at home.	<b>222</b>	41.4% (92)	44.6% (99)	10.4% (23)	3.2% (7)	0.5% (1)	86.0%	1.8
The school keeps me well-informed about school activities.	<b>222</b>	46.4% (103)	44.1% (98)	5.0% (11)	4.1% (9)	0.5% (1)	90.5%	1.7
This school offers me opportunities to be involved in school and classroom activities.	<b>222</b>	59.0% (131)	36.5% (81)	4.1% (9)	0.5% (1)	()	95.5%	1.5
This school actively seeks the input of parents before making important decisions.	<b>220</b>	30.0% (66)	39.1% (86)	25.9% (57)	4.5% (10)	0.5% (1)	69.1%	2.1
The school offers me opportunities to have a role in committees, PTA, SSC, ELAC, PTO, etc.	<b>221</b>	46.6% (103)	47.1% (104)	5.4% (12)	0.9% (2)	()	93.7%	1.6
I feel welcome to attend meetings where discussions and decisions occur about school programs and funding.	<b>221</b>	40.3% (89)	43.0% (95)	14.9% (33)	1.4% (3)	0.5% (1)	83.3%	1.8
I am invited to meetings where the school's academic performance is discussed.	<b>220</b>	30.9% (68)	44.1% (97)	21.4% (47)	3.6% (8)	()	75.0%	2.0
This school's Family Resource Center provides useful resources and services.	<b>218</b>	15.6% (34)	23.9% (52)	52.8% (115)	3.2% (7)	4.6% (10)	39.4%	2.6