Parent and Family Engagement Survey

Our school system is working to strengthen partnerships between schools and families in order to help children perform better in school. In order to continue to do so, we need to collect information regarding the involvement of parents in the schools their children attend. The purpose of this survey is to get your opinion on how well schools have met your families’ and child's needs and how you feel about the school’s parental involvement activities. There are no right or wrong answers. We are only interested in your opinions. The findings of the survey will be summarized and used to make improvements.

**DIRECTIONS: Please check the selection that most closely matches your answer for each item. The last page provides room for written comments.**

School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Grade level(s): Pre–K – K – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10 – 11 – 12 ***[Circle all that apply.]***

Language(s) Spoken at Home: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# B. COMMUNICATION

1. When you visit your child's school: ***[Respond to the questions below by using the indicators to the right.]***

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Yes** | **Somewhat** | **No** |
| **Is the reception staff friendly and helpful?** |  |  |  |
| **Are the teachers easy to talk to?** |  |  |  |
| **Is the principal easy to talk to?** |  |  |  |
| **Do you feel comfortable interacting with parents of cultural and ethnic backgrounds different from yours?** |  |  |  |

2. Are written communications from the school, such as report cards and newsletters available in a language you understand? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

3. Clearly written? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

4. The best way to communicate with you and/or your family is: ***[Check your two preferred methods.]***

[ ]  School memos [ ]  Child's teachers [ ]  PTA newsletter [ ]  Parent representative (of any given culture)

[ ]  Parent liaison [ ]  Counselor [ ]  Parent representative (your own culture)

5. How many parent–teacher conferences did you attend last year? [ ]  None [ ]  1 [ ]  2 or more

6. Did you receive sufficient information about: ***[Respond to the questions below by using the indicators to the right.]***

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Yes** | **Some** | **No** |
| **English–as–a–second language programs?** |  |  |  |
| **Special education programs?** |  |  |  |
| **Gifted and talented programs?** |  |  |  |
| **Bilingual education programs?** |  |  |  |
| **Title I programs?**  |  |  |  |
| **Migrant education programs?** |  |  |  |
| **Report cards?** |  |  |  |
| **Standardized testing?** |  |  |  |

7. How often do you communicate with teachers about your child's performance?

[ ]  Often [ ]  A little [ ]  Never

8. Are report card grades fully explained to you? [ ]  Yes [ ]  Somewhat [ ]  No

9. Are standardized tests fully explained to you? [ ]  Yes [ ]  Somewhat [ ]  No

10. Does the school provide translators, when needed, for: ***[Respond to the information topics below by using the indicators to the right.]***

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Yes** | **No** | **Not Sure** |
| **Parent conferences?** |  |  |  |
| **Private individual meetings?** |  |  |  |
| **When requested by parent?** |  |  |  |

11. Other comments or suggestions on how the school can create better connections with families:

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN COMPLETING THIS SURVEY.**