

Coalition of Essential Schools Parent Survey

*****Please note: This document contains survey questions only and is intended as a sample of the survey on-line at essentialanalysis.org*****

This survey contains 48 questions. Please read each item, determine how you feel about the item and then respond to the item using the provided scale. These items will measure your attitudes towards school and perceptions of the school environment. In this survey, **we ask you to answer for your current school**. It is expected that the total time required will be about 30 minutes.

Use the following scale to respond to these questions

A=Almost Never True	B=Occasionally True	C=Frequently True	D=Almost Always True
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Think about the CLASSES your child has had at this school:

1. This school is preparing my child well for his/her future career choice.
2. This school is preparing my child well for college.
3. This school has helped my child learn how to write well.
4. This school has helped my child understand mathematics more deeply.
5. My child's teachers want my child to understand his/her school work, not just memorize it.
6. I understand how what my child is learning relates to the "real world" (for example, his/her life, interests, future career).
7. This school uses portfolios and competency presentations to assess my child's learning.
8. My child seems engaged by his/her school work.
9. My child's teachers ask him/her to learn through projects or other "hands-on" activities.
10. I feel that my child directs his/her own learning.
11. My child has courses where teachers team-teach or that have an interdisciplinary curriculum (a combination of two or more subjects, such as science and English or Humanities).
12. In my child's classes the students study a few topics deeply instead of covering a lot of topics.
13. My child's teachers help him/her to reflect on his/her work and set future learning goals.
14. My child's classes have helped him/her to learn how to collect, organize, and analyze information.
15. My child's classes have helped him/her to learn how to evaluate and defend his/her ideas and views.
16. Teachers rarely lecture in my child's classes.
17. The teachers' evaluations (grades, rubrics, narratives, report cards) help my child to understand what he/she knows and needs to know.
18. My student is assessed through presentations or exhibitions rather than multiple choice tests.

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19. My child's grades are based on tests that ask him/her to recall knowledge (such as multiple choice and fill-in-the-blank questions).
20. My child's school work has helped him/her to think about the world through other points of view (perspectives).
21. In academic classes, all learning styles are respected and included.
22. My child's school has students of different ability levels together in the same classroom-- the school does not 'track' or group students into classes based on students' achievement levels.
23. In my child's classes, students study and discuss issues relating to a wide range of racial and ethnic groups.
24. This school is fair - if my child works hard, he/she can get a good grade.

Think about the TEACHERS your child has had at this school:

25. The teachers and staff believe that my child can do well.
26. The teachers and staff believe that all students can do well.
27. Teachers and staff actively encourage my child to go to college.
28. Teachers and staff help him/her with school work as needed.
29. There is at least one teacher I can go to when I have a question or concern.
30. Teachers, staff, and students treat each other with respect at this school.
31. I feel heard by teachers and staff.
32. My child's teachers and I communicate frequently.
33. The teaching staff reflects the diversity of the student body (ethnically, socio-economically, linguistically).

Think about OTHER ASPECTS of this school:

34. I feel that my child is safe in this school.
35. My child feels comfortable and supported in sharing different points of view.
36. School rules are enforced consistently and fairly.
37. I think that all types of students feel welcome in this school.
38. There is a real sense of community in this school.
39. I like the physical building and area.
40. My child's teachers know his/her academic strengths and weaknesses.
41. The school uses its resources to support my child's academic success (such as in student support, library, technology).
42. My child's classes have fewer than 25 students.
43. I know what my child needs to do to graduate from high school and be eligible for college.
44. I am very involved in the school.
45. Through school work, my child works on projects that contribute to the community outside of school.
46. There are teachers/staff available to speak with me in my native language.
47. Parents have a real say in decisions that matter to them at this school.

48. I can talk to the principal when I need to.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!