

National Center for School Leadership
Parent Engagement and Satisfaction Survey—Highlights of Results
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A Few Introductory Notes

The full report is over 300 pages. There are 55 questions on the survey. I have reported:

- The top 10 favorable results (at least 67% favorable responses, with biggest gaps compared to national results and no more than 15% unfavorable results)
- The top 7 unfavorable results (at least 20% unfavorable and largest negative gap to national results)(Note: only 7 unfavorables are identified because there were only 7 items that had at least 20% unfavorable responses).

Putting these surveys in context: It is important to note that the number of parent responses is quite small—90 parents in 2016, which is less than 20%. Thus, the reliability of these results is uncertain. The 2015 survey had even fewer parent respondents (78), and there were significant swings in the results comparing the two years. While there is some pattern in the responses—the most positive in one set of results tend to be the most positive in the other and vice versa—the numbers themselves are markedly different in quite a few instances.

The Top Positive 10 in Order of Gap to Nation			
	Favorable %	Unfavorable %	Gap to Nation
29. I attend most school events offered to parents such as parent-teacher conferences and open houses	91	4	21
30. There is an active Parent Association at my child's school	83	3	16
55. My child's school is well regarded in the community	87	6	16
6. My child's school is superior to other schools in the area.	66	9	15
36. School staff is accessible	81	10	11
26. I am encouraged to participate in school activities	69	6	10
51. The school sets high learning standards for its students	83	9	10
1. I consider my child's school to be an excellent school.	82	7	9
5. My child's school does an excellent job of educating students	74	10	8
13. I understand the school's mission.	77	11	8

The Top 7 Unfavorable In Order of Negative Gap to Nation			
	Favorable %	Unfavorable %	Gap to Nation
33. My child's school does a very good job of meeting the needs of all its students.	38	29	-17
4. My child's school offers him/her opportunities to explore areas of interest outside the core content areas	52	26	-16
23. I am informed of my child's academic progress on a regular basis.	54	24	-15
42. My child enjoys going to school	59	20	-11
20. Oftentimes, my child's homework assignment requires interaction with me or others in our family	36	45	-8
25. It is very clear to me what the teacher(s) expect of my child in terms of school work	58	24	-7
11. I feel well informed about my child's school life	63	20	0

As noted, there are significant discrepancies in the results of the parent surveys by the small pool of respondents in 2015 and 2016. For example, the favorable ratings for the top unfavorable items in 2015 were

- 33. 54
- 4. 58
- 23. 65
- 42. 74
- 20. 17
- 25. 62
- 11. 63