

# Charter School Parent Survey

This survey provides information related to charter school effectiveness for schools, parents, and the Mayor's office. Your responses will be used to help improve your charter school and to report on how your school is doing. Neither your school nor the Mayor's office will see your individual responses. Please place an "x" in the corresponding box for each item. Please seal your completed survey in the attached postage paid envelope and return it through the US mail or in the designated box in your school's office. Feel free to contact Ruth Green of the Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning at the University of Indianapolis (791-5913) if you have questions. Thank you for your help.

## Parents/Guardians New to This Charter School

If this is your first year in this charter school, please answer questions 1-3. If this is not your first year in this charter school, please skip questions 1-3 and go to question 4.

**1. When you decided to send your child to this school, how powerful were the following factors in your decision?**

	5=Very powerful	4=Quite powerful	3=Somewhat or moderately powerful	2=Slightly powerful	1=Not powerful
	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
a. Small school size .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Small classes.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Safe environment.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Quality academic program.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. High standards for student achievement.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Special curriculum focus .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Extensive use of technology.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Emphasis on meeting the needs of individual students.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Nurturing environment.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Emphasis on teaching students values.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Clear goals for each student.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. Central parent role.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m. Clear behavior code .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
n. Quality of services for special needs students.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
o. Focus on cultural/ethnic needs .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
p. The type of students attending this school.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**2. How does your child's performance in this charter school compare to his/her performance in the school he/she attended before coming to this charter school?**

***Respond for each child you have in this charter school:***

Child 1:	<input type="checkbox"/> Better	<input type="checkbox"/> About the same	<input type="checkbox"/> Worse
Child 2:	<input type="checkbox"/> Better	<input type="checkbox"/> About the same	<input type="checkbox"/> Worse
Child 3:	<input type="checkbox"/> Better	<input type="checkbox"/> About the same	<input type="checkbox"/> Worse
Child 4:	<input type="checkbox"/> Better	<input type="checkbox"/> About the same	<input type="checkbox"/> Worse



**5. Using the same scale, how satisfied are you with the following school operations?**

5=Very satisfied 4=Satisfied 3=Neutral 2=Dissatisfied 1=Very dissatisfied DK=Don't know

	5	4	3	2	1	DK
a. People running the school and the leadership they provide.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. School facilities.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. School finances.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Enrollment process.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Safety.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Students with Special Needs**

**6. Has your child had special needs (e.g., English as a second language, disabilities, etc.) during this school year? Respond for each child you have in this school:**

- Child 1:  Yes  No
- Child 2:  Yes  No
- Child 3:  Yes  No
- Child 4:  Yes  No

Please answer question 7 only if one or more of your children has had special needs (e.g., English as a second language, disabilities, etc.) during this school year. If none of your children have had special needs in the past year, skip question 7 and go to question 8.

**7. If you answered yes to question 6 for any of your children, how satisfied are you with the special needs services your child has received? (If you have more than 1 child in this school who has special needs, mark your overall satisfaction with the special needs services your children have received.)**

- Very satisfied  Satisfied  Neutral  Dissatisfied  Very dissatisfied

**Transportation**

**8. How important is it to you for the school to provide transportation for your child?**

- Very important  Important  Neutral  Not very important  Not important at all

**9. Did your child use the school's transportation services during this school year (e.g., school buses, IndyGo passes arranged by the school, carpools arranged by the school, etc.)?**

- Yes  No

Please answer question 10 only if your child has used the school's transportation services this school year. If your child did not use the school's transportation services this year, please skip question 10 and go to question 11.

**10. If you answered yes to question 9, overall, how satisfied are you with the transportation your school provides for your child:**

- Very satisfied  Satisfied  Neutral  Dissatisfied  Very dissatisfied

Overall Satisfaction

11. How is your child performing overall in this charter school? Respond for each child you have in this charter school:

- Child 1: [ ] Excellent [ ] Above average [ ] Average [ ] Below average [ ] Poor
Child 2: [ ] Excellent [ ] Above average [ ] Average [ ] Below average [ ] Poor
Child 3: [ ] Excellent [ ] Above average [ ] Average [ ] Below average [ ] Poor
Child 4: [ ] Excellent [ ] Above average [ ] Average [ ] Below average [ ] Poor

12. Do you intend to keep your child in this school as long as the school serves students your child's age?

- [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] Don't know

13. How likely are you to recommend this school to other parents/guardians as a good place for their children to attend?

- [ ] Extremely likely [ ] Very likely [ ] Somewhat likely [ ] Not very likely [ ] Not at all likely

14. Overall, how satisfied are you with this charter school?

- [ ] Very satisfied [ ] Satisfied [ ] Neutral [ ] Dissatisfied [ ] Very dissatisfied

15. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose your child's charter school were graded in the same way. What grade would you give the school?

- [ ] A [ ] B [ ] C [ ] D [ ] FAIL

Student's Background

16. What is your child's race/ethnicity? Pick one and write in the line the letter that fits the ethnicity of each child you have in this charter school:

- a. American Indian or Alaskan Native e White
b. Black or African American f. Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
c. Hispanic or Latino g. Multiethnic
d. Asian h. Other

Child 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Child 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Child 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Child 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Open-ended Questions

17. What works well in this school? Provide recent examples or descriptions.

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