# 2009-2010 AISD Parent Survey

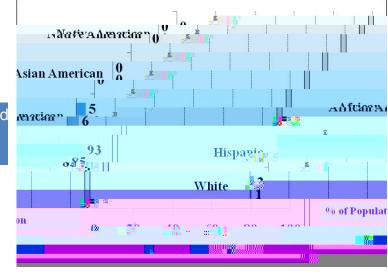
Strong relationships among staff, students, and parents are critical to student success. In particular, parent involvement in education is associated with a high level of student achievement (for a meta-analysis see Fan & Chen, 2001). These survey results provide

In Spring 2009, 156 parents returned surveys for Allison, representing 29% of students from Allison (compared to the district Elementary School response, 34%). Figure 1 represents the percentage of respondents with children at Allison from each ethnic group. The tables below show the total number of surveys Allison parents returned in 2009-2010, and the percentage of responses and students at Allison represented by each grade.

| Number of Respondents<br>Allison |     |  |  |
|----------------------------------|-----|--|--|
| # of surveys returned            | 156 |  |  |
| # of students                    | 529 |  |  |
| % of students represented        | 29  |  |  |

Figure 1. Percentage of Respondents and Students by Ethnicity for Allison, 2009-2010

| % of students represented by grad |                  |                     |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|
| grade                             | % of respondents | % School population |  |  |  |
| PK                                | 24               | 12                  |  |  |  |
| K                                 | 15               | 12                  |  |  |  |
| 1st                               | 20               | 16                  |  |  |  |
| 2nd                               | 12               | 17                  |  |  |  |
| 3rd                               | 12               | 11                  |  |  |  |
| 4th                               | 10               | 13                  |  |  |  |
| 5th                               | 1                | 13                  |  |  |  |
| 6th                               | 4                | 4                   |  |  |  |



Survey results for Allison Elementary School for the 2009-2010 school year are presented on the next page. Please note the green and red text boxes that highlight specific areas in which Allison excels, as well as areas in which Allison can improve. The following websites contain resources and tips on how to improve areas measured with the parent survey.

The US Department of Education http://www.dww.ed.gov/
The National Center for Parental Involvement in Education: http://www.ncpie.org
The Harvard Family Research Project: http://www.hfrp.org/

The appendix provides more detailed information regarding Allison's parent survey results from 2007-2008 through 2009-2010. Please review the individual items on each subscale with particular attention to how Allison's average ratings have changed or remained consistent over time. Please note that some subscales have changed from previous years, making longitudinal comparisons inappropriate for some items and subscales. For items and subscales where longitudinal data are available, statistically meaningful changes are flagged with up or down arrows. Please share the results of this report with all campus staff and your Campus Advisory Council to inform campus improvement planning.

The graph below depicts Allison's parent survey ratings over time, as well as parent survey ratings across all Elementary Schools in 2009-2010. Scores over 3.0 are desirable, as indicated by the red dashed line in the graph below. The first step in improving these characteristics is to examine the score for each area (Figure 2).

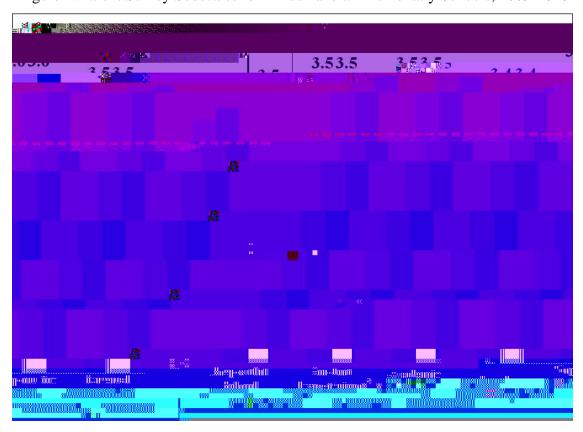


Figure 2. Parent Survey Subscales for Allison and all Elementary Schools, 2009-2010

*Note*. The light blue bars represent 2009-2010 data for Allison and the dark blue bars represent 2009-2010 data for all Elementary Schools.

Allison's highest score on the 2009-2010 Parent Survey was Teacher Expectations. This measure was new to the 2009-2010 survey and is designed to measure expectations parents believe that teachers have for their children. Research shows that teacher expectations relate to academic achievement. We encourage your campus to continue fostering a positive learning environment with rigorous teacher expectations for all students.

Allison's lowest score on the 2009-2010 Parent Survey was Parental Assistance, Communication, and School Involvement, which measures the extent to which parents spend with their child on school-related activities. Parental involvement contributes positively to academic achievement. For resources on how to improve parental involvement, please visit The Harvard Family Research Project: http://www.hfrp.org/complementay-learning

| Respectful School Community   | Allison        |     | All<br>Elementary |
|---|----------------|-----|-------------------|
| respondi consei community   | 2007-082008-09 |     |                   |
| 4. School staff provide me with positive feedback about my child.   | 3.5            | 3.5 | 3.5               |
| 5. School staff treat my child with courtesy and respect.   | 3.6 3.5        | 3.6 | 3.5               |
| 6. I feel welcome in my child's classroom.  | 3.6 3.6        | 3.6 | 3.6               |
| 16. My child's school is a safe learning environment.<br>17a. My child's school principal treats me with                              | 3.5 🛊 3.3 👢    | 3.5 | 3.5               |
| courtesy and respect.   | 3.7 🛊 3.5 👢    | 3.6 | 3.5               |
| 18a. The school assistant principal(s) treat me with courtesy and respect.  | 3.6 🛊 3.4 👢    | 3.6 | 3.5               |
| 19a.My child's teacher(s) treat me with courtesy and  |                |     |                   |
| respect. 20a. My child's counselor(s) treat me with courtesy and  | 3.7 1 3.6      | 3.6 | 3.6               |
| respect.  | 3.5 🐧 3.4      | 3.5 | 3.5               |
| <ul><li>21a. Office staff treat me with courtesy and respect.</li><li>23h. School staff provided me with enough information</li></ul> | 3.6 1 3.5      | 3.5 | 3.5               |
| about handling complaints and concerns.   | 3.6 1 3.3      | 3.4 | 3.3               |
| Respectful School Community subscale  | 3.6 3.4        | 3.5 | 3.5               |

*Note*: Response options range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 4 (strongly agree). It is desirable to have a response of at least 3.0.

| Information About Student Expectations and Progress  | 2007-08 | Allison<br>3 2008-09 2009-10 |            | All<br>Elementary<br>Schools |
|--|---------|------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|
| My child's school staff clearly communicate their expectations for 8. My child's learning. | 3.6     |                              |            | 3.5                          |
| 9. My child's behavior.  | n/a     | 3.5 <b>-</b> 3.4             | 3.6<br>3.5 | 3.5                          |
| School staff provide me with enough  |         |                              |            |                              |
| information about my child's 22a. Academic progress.                                       | 3.6     | 3.5                          | 3.5        | 3.5                          |
| 22b. Preparedness for TAKS.  | 3.5     | 3.4                          | 3.5        | 3.5                          |
| 22c. Risk of failing a grade.  | 3.5     | 3.4                          | 3.5        | 3.4                          |
| 22d. Availability of tutoring.   | n/a     | 3.4                          | 3.5        | 3.4                          |
| 23a. Behavior.   | 3.6     | 3.5                          | 3.6        | 3.5                          |
| 23b. Attendance  | n/a     | n/a                          | 3.6        | 3.5                          |
| Expectations and Progress subscale   | n/a     | n/a                          | 3.5        | 3.5                          |

Note: Response options range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 4 (strongly agree). It is desirable to have a response of at least 3.0.

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| Academic Planning Information                    | 2007-08 | Allison<br>2008-09 | 2009-10         | All<br>Elementary<br>Schools |
|--|---------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| School staff provide me with enough              |         |                    |                 |                              |
| information about 23c. After school programs     | n/a     | 3.3                | 3.4             | 3.5                          |
| 23d. Transitions to and from elementary, middle, |         | 5.5                | J. <del>T</del> | 3.3                          |
| and high school.                                 | n/a     | 3.2                | 3.4             | 3.3                          |
| 22e. High school graduation requirements.        | 3.4     | 3.2                | 3.4             | 3.3                          |
| 23e. Career opportunities for my child.          | 3.0     | 3.0                | 3.4             | 3.3                          |
| 23f. College admission requirements and          |         | ,                  | 2.2             |                              |
| financing options.                               | n/a     | n/a                | 3.3             | 3.2                          |
| Academic Planning and Information subscale       | n/a     | n/a                | 3.4             | 3.4                          |

*Note*: Response options range from 1(strongly disagree) to 4 (strongly agree). It is desirable to have a response of at least 3.0.

| Teacher Expectations                                     | Allison<br>2009-10 | All<br>Elementary<br>Schools |
|--|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 11. My child's teachers believe my child can do well in  |                    |                              |
| school.  | 3.6                | 3.6                          |
| 12. My child's teachers believe my child can learn new   |                    |                              |
| things.  | 3.6                | 3.6                          |
| 13. My child's teachers encourage my child to stick with |                    |                              |
| problems until he/she can solve them.                    | 3.5                | 3.5                          |
| Teacher Expectations subscale                            | 3.6                | 3.6                          |

*Note*: These items were new to the 2009-2010 Parent Survey and were designed to measure teacher's expectations for their students. Response options range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 4 (strongly agree). It is desirable to have a response of at least 3.0.

| Knowledge about child's experiences at school   | Allison<br>2009-10 | All<br>Elementary<br>Schools |
|---|--------------------|------------------------------|
| <ul><li>11. I believe my child likes to go to school.</li><li>15. AISD's online ParentConnection system has helped me</li></ul> | 3.6                | 3.6                          |
| to monitor my child's progress.   | 3.4                | 3.3                          |

*Note*: These items were new to the 2009-2010 Parent Survey. Response options range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 4 (strongly agree). It is desirable to have a response of at least 3.0.

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| Support for Parental Involvement   | 2007-08 | Allison<br>2008-09 |     | All<br>Elementary<br>Schools |
|--|---------|--------------------|-----|------------------------------|
| 7. My child's school staff use the suggestions that I make about my child's education.   | 3.3     | 3.3                | 3.4 | 3.4                          |
| 14. My child's teachers make it easy for me to be involved with my child's education.  | n/a     | n/a                | 3.5 | 3.5                          |
| 17b. My child's principal provides me with opportunities for 2-way communication (phone calls, meetings, email, etc.).             | 3.5     | 3.4                | 3.5 | 3.4                          |
| 18b. My child's assistant principal(s) provide me with opportunities for 2-way communication (phone calls, meetings, email, etc.). | 3.5     | 3.3                | 3.5 | 3.4                          |
| 19b. My child's teacher(s) have helped me become more involved in my child's education.  | 3.7     | 3.5                | 3.6 | 3.6                          |
| 19c. My child's teacher(s) value my input in academic decisions about my child.  | 3.6     | 3.5                | 3.6 | 3.6                          |
| 19d. My child's teacher(s) provide me with opportunities for 2-way communication (phone calls, meetings, email, etc.).             | 3.6     | 3.5                | 3.6 | 3.6                          |
| 20b. My child's counselor(s) have helped me become more involved in my child's education.  | 3.5     | 3.4                | 3.4 | 3.4                          |
| 20c. My child's counselor(s) value my input in academic decisions about my child.  | 3.5     | 3.4                | 3.5 | 3.4                          |
| 20d. My child's counselor(s) provide me with opportunities for 2-way communication (phone calls, meetings, email, etc.).           | 3.6     | 3.4                | 3.4 | 3.4                          |
| 23g. School staff provide me with enough information about opportunities to be involved.   | n/a     | n/a                | 3.4 | 3.4                          |
| Support for Parental Involvement subscale  | n/a     | n/a                | 3.5 | 3.5                          |

*Note*: Items range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 4 (strongly agree) with a response of at least 3.0 desirable. With the addition of items 14 and 23g in 2009-2010, subscale comparisons across years are no longer possible.



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