

## 2009-2010 AISD Parent Survey

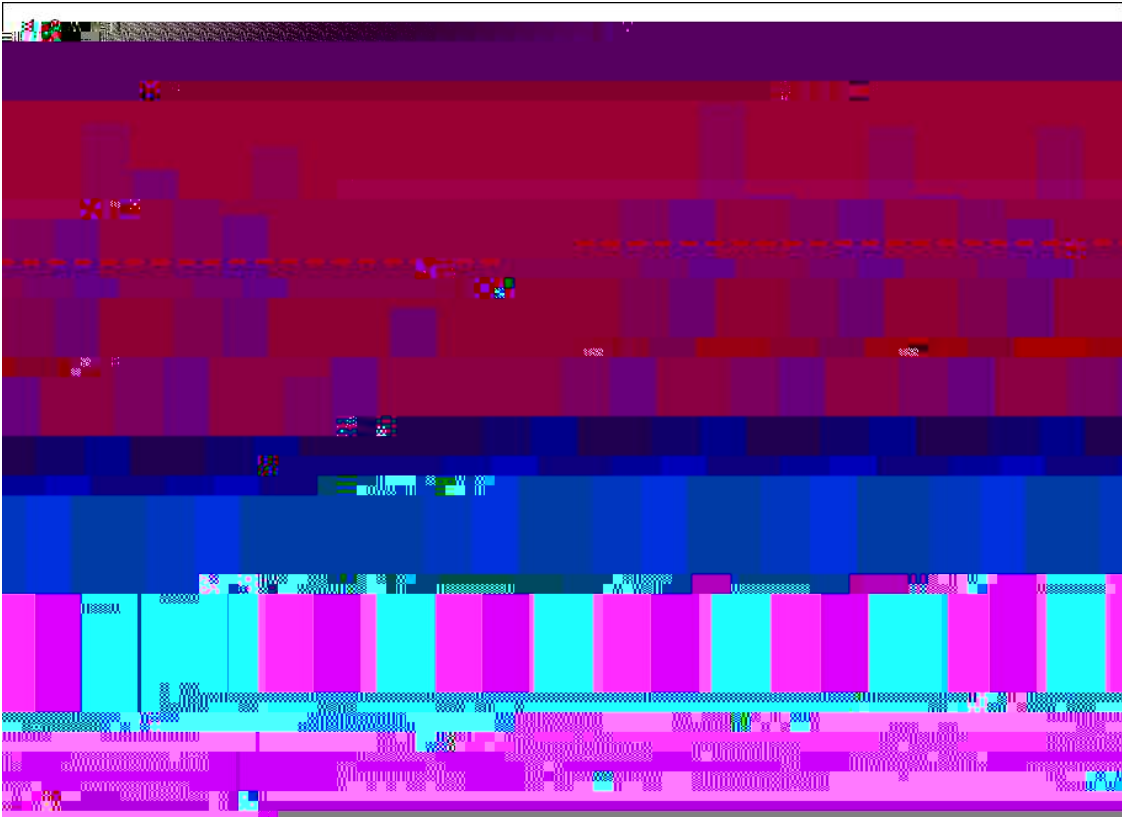
Strong relationships among staff, students, and parents are critical to student success. In particular, parent involvement in education is associated with a high level of student achievement (for a meta-analysis see Fan & Chen, 2001). These survey results provide campuses with feedback about how parents feel about their treatment by school staff, and the school's educational environment, and how parents describe their child's education. The following report contains the results of the 2009-2010 Parent Survey for Austin Independent School District (AISD); longitudinal data are provided where applicable.

The image below displays factors that are known to be related to student academic growth. In this report, we focus on the role of parents (circled in red), which has been measured with six survey subscales: Respectful School Community; Information about Student Expectations and Progress; Academic Planning Information; Teacher Expectations; Support for



The graph below depicts Garza’s parent survey ratings over time, as well as parent survey ratings across all High 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 Garza and all High Schools, 2009-2010



Note. The light blue bars represent 2009-2010 data for Garza and the dark blue bars represent 2009-2010 data for all High Schools.

Garza’s highest subscale on the 2009-2010 Parent Survey was Respectful School Community, which refers to the extent to which parents perceive that staff provide a welcoming, respectful environment for students and their families. Consider, continue, and share the best practices on your campus that lead to a Respectful School Community.

Garza’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	Garza		All High Schools
	2008-09		
4. School staff provide me with positive feedback about my child.	3.6		3.1
5. School staff treat my child with courtesy and respect.	3.7		3.3
6. I feel welcome in my child's classroom.	3.6		3.2
16. My child's school is a safe learning environment.	3.7		3.3
17a. My child's school principal treats me with courtesy and respect.	3.7		3.4
18a. The school assistant principal(s) treat me with courtesy and respect.	3.6		3.4
19a. My child's teacher(s) treat me with courtesy and respect.	3.8		3.4
20a. My child's counselor(s) treat me with courtesy and respect.	3.8		3.4
21a. Office staff treat me with courtesy and respect.	3.7		3.3
23h. School staff provided me with enough information about handling complaints and concerns.	3.6		3.0
Respectful School Community subscale	3.7		3.2

Information About Student Expectations and Progress	Garza		
	2008-09	2009-10	
My child's school staff clearly communicate their expectations for...			
8. My child's learning.	3.7	3.5	3.2
9. My child's behavior.	n/a	3.6	3.3
School staff provide me with enough information about my child's...			
22a. Academic progress.	3.5		3.3
22b. Preparedness for TAKS.	3.6		3.2
22c. Risk of failing a grade.	3.5		3.2
22d. Availability of tutoring.	n/a		3.2
23a. Behavior.	3.6		3.2
23b. Attendance	n/a		3.4
Expectations and Progress subscale	n/a		3.2

## Academic Planning Information

School staff provide me with enough information about...

23c. After school programs

23d. Transitions to and from elementary, middle, and high school.

22e. High school graduation requirements.


23e. Career opportunities for my child.

23f. College admission requirements and financing options.

Academic Planning and Information subscale

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## APPENDIX



7. My child's school staff use the suggestions that I make about my child's education.

14. My child's teachers make it easy for me to be involved with my child's education.

17b. My child's principal provides me with opportunities for 2-way communication (phone calls, meetings, email, etc.).

24. Talk with my child about his/her school day.
25. Supervise my child's homework.
26. Help my child study for tests.
27. Talk with other parents about my child's school.
28. Communicate with my child's teachers (e.g., telephone, email, notes, in person).
29. Volunteer at my child's school.
30. Attend PTA/CAC meetings.
31. Attend regularly scheduled parent-teacher conferences.
32. Attend annual meetings about my child's academic plans.
33. Visit my child's school (e.g., for lunch, walk them to class, observe).
34. Attend performance events and/or sports events at my child's school.

Parental Involvement subscale

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