

2009-2010 AISD Parent Survey

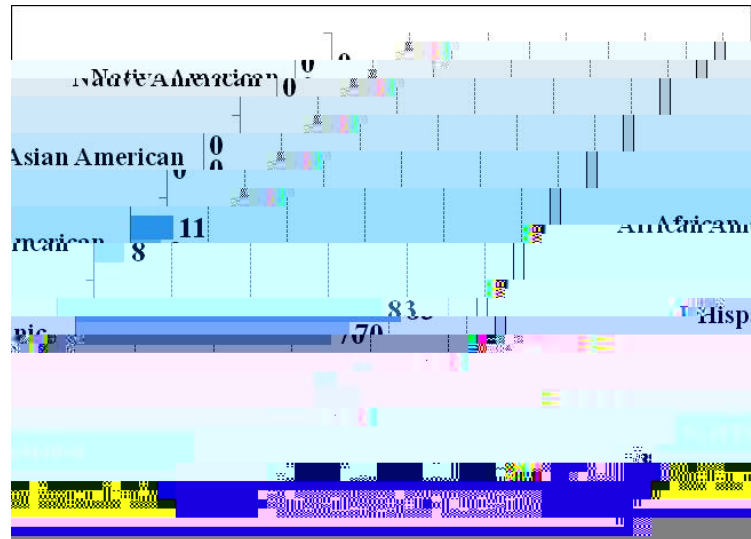
Strong relationships among staff, students, and parents are critical to student success. In particular, parent involvement in education is associated with a high level of student achievement (for a meta-analysis see Fan & Chen, 2001). These survey results provide campuses with feedback about how parents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

In Spring 2009, 214 parents returned surveys for Pleasant Hill, representing 34% of students from Pleasant Hill (compared to the district Elementary School response, 34%). Figure 1 represents the percentage of respondents with children at Pleasant Hill from each ethnic group. The tables below show the total number of surveys Pleasant Hill parents returned in 2009-2010, and the percentage of responses and students at Pleasant Hill represented by each grade.

Number of Respondents Pleasant Hill	
# of surveys returned	214
# of students	623
% of students represented	34

% of students represented by grade		
grade	% of respondents	% School population
PK	19	14
K	16	17
1st	12	14
2nd	13	14
3rd	9	15
4th	17	15
5th	5	10
6th	n/a	n/a

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



Survey results for Pleasant Hill 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 Pleasant Hill excels, as well as areas in which Pleasant Hill 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/>

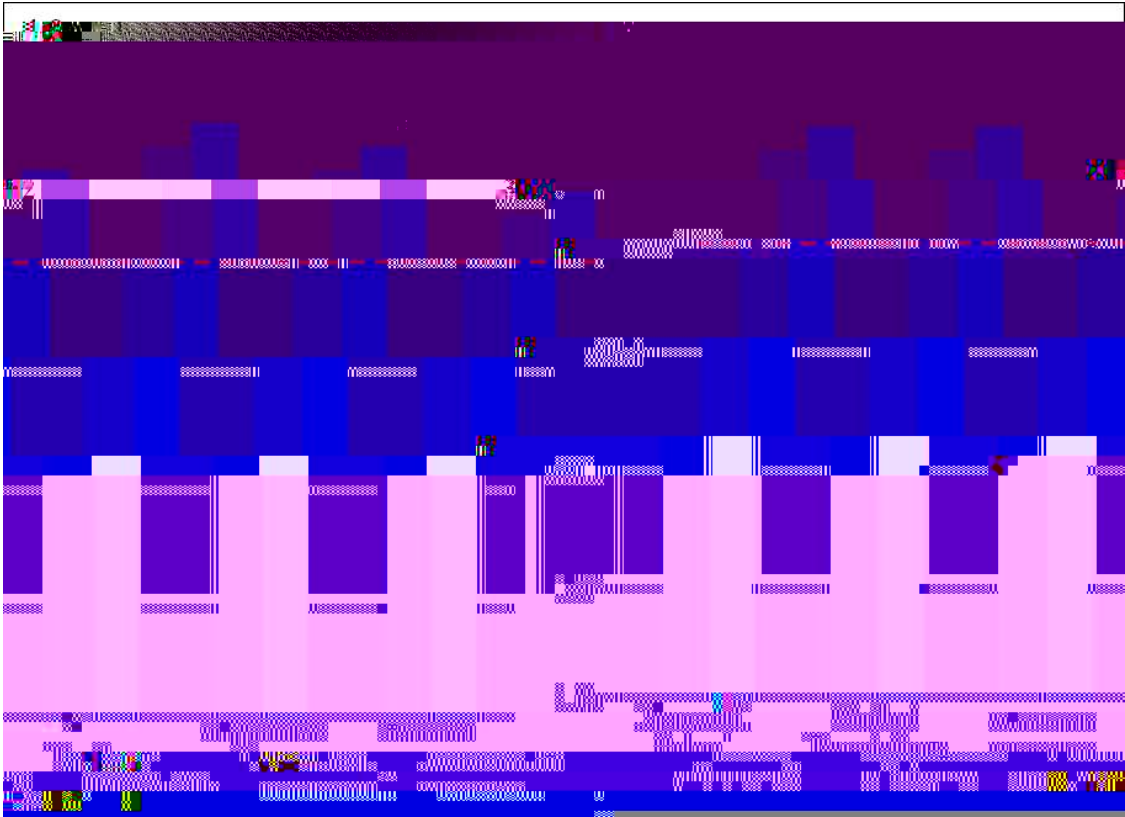
The National Center for Parental Involvement in Education <http://www.ncpie.org>

The Harvard Family Research Project <http://www.hfrp.org/>

The appendix provides more detailed information regarding Pleasant Hill's parent survey results from 2007-2008 through 2009-2010. Please review the individual items on each subscale with particular attention to how Pleasant Hill'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 Pleasant Hill’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 Pleasant Hill and all Elementary Schools, 2009-2010






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

Pleasant Hill’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.

Pleasant Hill’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>

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4. School staff provide me with positive feedback about my child.
 5. School staff treat my child with courtesy and respect.
 6. I feel welcome in my child's classroom.
 16. My child's school is a safe learning environment.
 - 17a. My child's school principal treats me with courtesy and respect.
 - 18a. The school assistant principal(s) treat me with courtesy and respect.
 - 19a. My child's teacher(s) treat me with courtesy and respect.
 - 20a. My child's counselor(s) treat me with courtesy and respect.
 - 21a. Office staff treat me with courtesy and respect.
 - 23h. School staff provided me with enough information about handling complaints and concerns.
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APPENDIX

Academic Planning Information	Pleasant Hill			All Elementary Schools
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	
School staff provide me with enough information about...				
23c. After school programs	n/a	3.4	3.4	3.5
23d. Transitions to and from elementary, middle, and high school.	n/a	3.0	3.2	3.3
22e. High school graduation requirements.	3.0	3.2 	3.2	3.3
23e. Career opportunities for my child.	3.1	2.9 	3.0 	3.3
23f. College admission requirements and financing options.	n/a	n/a	3.0	3.2
Academic Planning and Information subscale	n/a	n/a	3.2	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	Pleasant Hill 2009-10	All Elementary 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	3.5	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	Pleasant Hill 2009-10	All Elementary Schools
11. I believe my child likes to go to school.	3.5	3.6
15. AISD's online ParentConnection system has helped me to monitor my child's progress.	3.3	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	Pleasant Hill			All Elementary Schools
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7. My child's school staff use the suggestions I make about my child's education.	3.2	3.3	3.3	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.).	3.2	3.3 	3.2	3.4
18b. My child's assistant principal(s) provide me with opportunities for 2-way communication (phone calls, meetings, email, etc.).	3.2 	3.3 	3.3	3.4
19b. My child's teacher(s) have helped me become more involved in my child's education.	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6
19c. My child's teacher(s) value my input in academic decisions about my child.	3.7	3.5 	3.5	3.6
19d. My child's teacher(s) provide me with opportunities for 2-way communication (phone calls, meetings, email, etc.).	3.7	3.5 	3.6	3.6
20b. My child's counselor(s) have helped me become more involved in my child's education.	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4
20c. My child's counselor(s) value my input in academic decisions about my child.	3.3 	3.3	3.3	3.4
20d. My child's counselor(s) provide me with opportunities for 2-way communication (phone calls, meetings, email, etc.).	3.2 	3.4 	3.3	3.4
23g. School staff provide me with enough information about opportunities to be involved.	n/a	n/a	3.3	3.4
Support for Parental Involvement subscale	n/a	n/a	3.4	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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