

## 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.

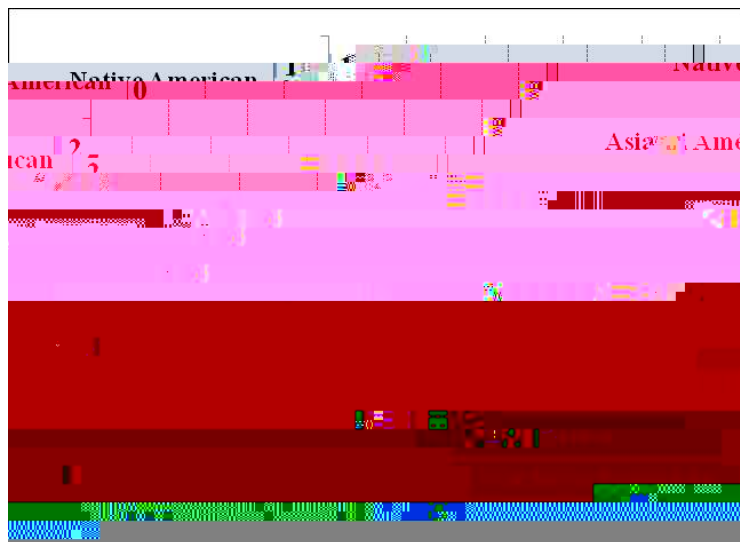
The image below displays factors that are known to be related to student academic growth. In this report, we focus on the role of parents (circled in red), which has been measured with six survey subscales: Respectful School Community; Information about Student Expectations and Progress; Academic Planning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

In Spring 2009, 130 parents returned surveys for Sunset Valley, representing 28% of students from Sunset Valley (compared to the district Elementary School response, 34%). Figure 1 represents the percentage of respondents with children at Sunset Valley from each ethnic group. The tables below show the total number of surveys Sunset Valley parents returned in 2009-2010, and the percentage of responses and students at Sunset Valley represented by each grade.

Number of Respondents Sunset Valley	
# of surveys returned	130
# of students	464
% of students represented	28

% of students represented by grade		
grade	% of respondents	% School population
PK	5	13
K	21	16
1st	18	16
2nd	5	16
3rd	18	13
4th	16	13
5th	9	11
6th	n/a	n/a

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



Survey results for Sunset Valley 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 Sunset Valley excels, as well as areas in which Sunset Valley 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 Sunset Valley's parent survey results from 2007-2008 through 2009-2010. Please review the individual items on each subscale with particular attention to how Sunset Valley'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 Sunset Valley'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 Sunset Valley and all Elementary Schools, 2009-2010

Sunset Valley'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.

Respectful School Community	Sunset Valley		All Elementary Schools
	2008-09		
4. School staff provide me with positive feedback about my child.	3.5		3.5
5. School staff treat my child with courtesy and respect.	3.5		3.5
6. I feel welcome in my child's classroom.	3.5		3.6
16. My child's school is a safe learning environment.	3.5		3.5
17a. My child's school principal treats me with courtesy and respect.	3.5		3.5
18a. The school assistant principal(s) treat me with courtesy and respect.	3.4		3.5
19a. My child's teacher(s) treat me with courtesy and respect.	3.6		3.6
20a. My child's counselor(s) treat me with courtesy and respect.	3.4		3.5
21a. Office staff treat me with courtesy and respect.	3.5		3.5
23h. School staff provided me with enough information about handling complaints and concerns.	3.3		3.3
Respectful School Community subscale	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	Sunset Valley		All Elementary Schools
	2008-09	2009-10	
My child's school staff clearly communicate their expectations for...			
8. My child's learning.	3.5	3.5	3.5
9. My child's behavior.	n/a	3.5	3.6
School staff provide me with enough information about my child's...			
22a. Academic progress.	3.5	3.5	3.6
22b. Preparedness for TAKS.	3.4	3.5	3.6
22c. Risk of failing a grade.	3.4	3.4	3.5
22d. Availability of tutoring.	n/a	3.4	3.5
23a. Behavior.	3.5	3.6	3.6
23b. Attendance	n/a	n/a	3.6
Expectations and Progress subscale	n/a	n/a	3.6

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Academic Planning Information	Sunset Valley			All Elementary Schools
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	
School staff provide me with enough information about...				
23c. After school programs	n/a	3.3	3.5	3.5
23d. Transitions to and from elementary, middle, and high school.	n/a	3.3	3.5	3.3
22e. High school graduation requirements.	3.1	3.3	3.5	3.3
23e. Career opportunities for my child.	3.1	3.1	3.4	3.3
23f. College admission requirements and financing options.	n/a	n/a	3.3	3.2
<b>Academic Planning and Information subscale</b>	n/a	n/a	3.5	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	Sunset Valley	All Elementary Schools
	2009-10	
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.	3.7	3.6
13. My child's teachers encourage my child to stick with problems until he/she can solve them.	3.6	3.5
<b>Teacher Expectations subscale</b>	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	Sunset Valley	All Elementary Schools
	2009-10	
11. I believe my child likes to go to school.	3.6	3.6
15. AISD's online ParentConnection system has helped me to monitor my child's progress.	3.5	3.3

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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

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Parental Assistance, Communication, and School Involvement	Sunset Valley 2009-10	All Elementary Schools
24. Talk with my child about his/her school day.	3.8	3.9
25. Supervise my child's homework.	3.9	3.9
26. Help my child study for tests.	3.6	3.7
27. Talk with other parents about my child's school.	3.0	3.0
28. Communicate with my child's teachers (e.g., telephone, email, notes, in person).	3.5	3.4
29. Volunteer at my child's school.	2.7	2.5
30. Attend PTA/CAC meetings.	2.6	2.5
31. Attend regularly scheduled parent-teacher conferences.	3.7	3.7
32. Attend annual meetings about my child's academic plans.	3.3	3.3
33. Visit my child's school (e.g., for lunch, walk them to class, observe).	3.3	3.3
34. Attend performance events and/or sports events at my child's school.	3.2	3.3
<b>Parental Involvement subscale</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.3</b>

*Note:* These items were new to the 2009-2010 parent survey and are designed to measure the degree of parental involvement on your campus. Response options range from 1 (never) to 4 (often). It is desirable to have a response of at least 3.0.

Parent Support Specialist	Sunset Valley 2009-10	All Elementary Schools
35. I use the Parent Support Specialist as a resource.	2.6	2.4
36. The Parent Support Specialist helps me to be involved in my child's education.	2.8	2.6
37. The Parent Support Specialist on my campus is accessible during a variety of times (e.g., before school, during school hours, after school, in the evenings, on the weekend).	2.9	2.8
<b>Parent Support Specialist subscale</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.6</b>

*Note:* These items were new to the 2009-2010 parent survey and are designed to measure the degree to which parents use their school's parent support specialist (if applicable). Response options range from 1 (never) to 4 (often). It is desirable to have a response of at least 3.0.

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