

Parent/Guardian Survey

The Evaluation Center
Western Michigan University

MARKING INSTRUCTIONS

- Use number 2 pencil only.
- Make dark marks that fill the oval completely.
- Erase cleanly any mark you wish to change.
- Make no stray marks.

1. In what grades do you have children enrolled in this charter school? (Mark a grade level for each child you have enrolled.)

CHILD 1	CHILD 2	CHILD 3	CHILD 4
<input type="radio"/> Kinderg.	<input type="radio"/> Kinderg.	<input type="radio"/> Kinderg.	<input type="radio"/> Kinderg.
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2. If you have other children attending another K-12 school, in what type of school(s) are they enrolled? (Mark all that apply)

- 1 Public school (traditional)
- 2 Private school
- 3 Parochial/church-related school
- 4 Home schooled
- 5 Another charter school
- 6 Other (specify _____)

3. Approximately how many miles do you live from this charter school? (Mark appropriate response.)

- 1 mile
- 2 miles
- 3 miles
- 4 miles
- 5 miles
- 6 miles
- 7 miles
- 8 miles
- 9 miles
- 10 miles
- More than 10 miles

4. Approximately how many miles do you live from the nearest regular public school at which your child could be enrolled? (Mark appropriate response.)

- 1 mile
- 2 miles
- 3 miles
- 4 miles
- 5 miles
- 6 miles
- 7 miles
- 8 miles
- 9 miles
- 10 miles
- More than 10 miles

5. What is your gender?

- 1 Female
- 2 Male

6. Which best describes your household?

- Two parents/guardians
- Single parent/guardian
- Other

7. What is the estimated annual income of your household/family?

- Less than \$10,000
- \$10,000 - \$19,999
- \$20,000 - \$29,999
- \$30,000 - \$39,999
- \$40,000 - \$59,999
- \$60,000 - \$99,999
- \$100,000 or more

8. Are you aware of the school's mission?

- 1 No
- 2 Yes

If yes, to what extent is the mission being followed by the school?

- 1 Not very well
- 2 Fair
- 3 Well
- 4 Very well

9. Do you have concerns about your child's safety in this school?

- 1 No
- 2 Yes

If yes, please explain _____

10. Estimate the total number of hours that you and other adults in your household have served as a volunteer at the school during an average month?

- 0 hours
- 1 - 3 hours
- 4 - 6 hours
- 7 - 9 hours
- 10 - 12 hours
- More than 12 hours

Is voluntary work required by the school?

- 1 No
- 2 Yes

11. What is your race/ethnicity? (Mark the one group with which you most identify.)

- 1 White, not of Hispanic origin
- 2 Black, not of Hispanic origin
- 3 Hispanic
- 4 Asian or Pacific Islander
- 5 Native American/American Indian

12. How much formal education have you had?

- 1 Did not complete high school
- 2 Completed high school
- 3 Less than four years of college
- 4 College graduate (BA/BS)
- 5 Graduate courses, no degree
- 6 Graduate/professional degree

If you have more than one child enrolled in this charter school, please consider the child who has been enrolled for the longest period of time when responding to questions 13 - 16. If two or more children were enrolled at the same time consider the oldest child.

13. What kind of school did your child attend before this charter school?

- 1 Public school (traditional)
- 2 Private school
- 3 Parochial/church-related school
- 4 Home schooled
- 5 Did not attend school
- 6 Other (specify _____)

School ID

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14. Rate the importance of the following factors in your decision to enroll your child in this school. Mark only one number for each item (1 = Not Important and 5 = Very Important).

	Not Important	↔	Very Important		
a. Convenient location	1	2	3	4	5
b. My interest in being involved in an educational reform effort	1	2	3	4	5
c. Promises made by charter school's spokespersons	1	2	3	4	5
d. Academic reputation (high standards) of this school	1	2	3	4	5
e. Safety for my child	1	2	3	4	5
f. I prefer the emphasis and educational philosophy of this school	1	2	3	4	5
g. My child has special needs that were not met at previous school	1	2	3	4	5
h. Good teachers and high quality of instruction	1	2	3	4	5
i. I prefer a private school but could not afford it	1	2	3	4	5
j. My child wanted to attend this school	1	2	3	4	5
k. My child was performing poorly at previous school	1	2	3	4	5
l. I was unhappy with the curriculum and instruction at previous school	1	2	3	4	5
m. Recommendations of teacher or official at my child's previous school	1	2	3	4	5

List some other factors that motivated you to enroll your child in this school.

15. Please rate each of the following statements as to *what you expected* when you first enrolled your child in this charter school (*initial expectation*) and *how you would rate it today* (*current experience*).

Mark the appropriate response in each category: 1 = False, 2 = Partly True, 3=True, and DK = Don't Know.

	INITIAL EXPECTATION				CURRENT EXPERIENCE			
	False	Partly True	True	Don't Know	False	Partly True	True	Don't Know
a. My child will be/is motivated to learn	1	2	3	DK	1	2	3	DK
b. The quality of instruction will be/is high	1	2	3	DK	1	2	3	DK
c. My child will receive/receives sufficient individual attention	1	2	3	DK	1	2	3	DK
d. I will be/am able to influence the direction and activities in the school	1	2	3	DK	1	2	3	DK
e. There will be/is good communication between the school and my household	1	2	3	DK	1	2	3	DK
f. My child will have/has access to computers and other new technologies	1	2	3	DK	1	2	3	DK
g. The school will have/has effective leadership and administration	1	2	3	DK	1	2	3	DK
h. The school will have/has small class sizes	1	2	3	DK	1	2	3	DK
i. School personnel will be/are accountable for my child's achievement/performance	1	2	3	DK	1	2	3	DK
j. My child's achievement level will improve/is improving	1	2	3	DK	1	2	3	DK
k. Support services (i.e., counseling, health care, etc.) will be/are available to my child	1	2	3	DK	1	2	3	DK
l. The school will support/is supporting innovative practices	1	2	3	DK	1	2	3	DK
m. I will be/am able to influence instruction and school activities	1	2	3	DK	1	2	3	DK

16. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your child's school? Mark the most appropriate response for each item. (1 = Strongly Disagree, 5 = Strongly Agree, and DK = Don't Know)

Strongly Disagree	↔	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
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a. This school is meeting students' needs that could not be addressed at other local schools	1	2	3	4	5	DK
b. Students feel safe at this school	1	2	3	4	5	DK
c. This school has sufficient financial resources	1	2	3	4	5	DK
d. I am satisfied with the school's curriculum	1	2	3	4	5	DK
e. I am satisfied with the instruction offered	1	2	3	4	5	DK
f. This school has been well received by the community at large	1	2	3	4	5	DK
g. I think this school has a bright future	1	2	3	4	5	DK
h. Too many changes are occurring at the school	1	2	3	4	5	DK
i. This school reflects a community atmosphere	1	2	3	4	5	DK
j. Extracurricular activities are not emphasized at the expense of academics	1	2	3	4	5	DK
k. This school has high standards and expectations for students	1	2	3	4	5	DK
l. This school has small class sizes	1	2	3	4	5	DK
m. This school has good physical facilities	1	2	3	4	5	DK
n. This school has good administrative leadership	1	2	3	4	5	DK
o. Teachers and school leadership are accountable for student achievement/performance	1	2	3	4	5	DK