

# Totals for All Pennsylvania Charter School Parents, 2001-02

2001-02 WMU Charter School Survey  
Descriptive Statistics

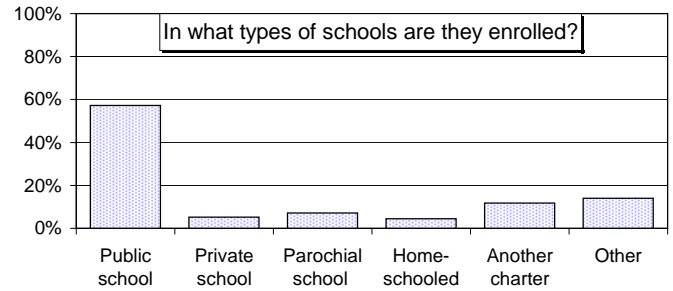
Informant Group: **Parents/Guardians (N=863)**

1. In what grades do you have children enrolled in this charter school?

	Grade level													Total
	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	
Total number	175	124	123	130	100	79	94	85	81	89	65	45	38	1228
Total percent	14.3%	10.1%	10.0%	10.6%	8.1%	6.4%	7.7%	6.9%	6.6%	7.2%	5.3%	3.7%	3.1%	100%

2. If you have other children attending another K-12 school, in what type of school are they enrolled?

	Public school	Private school	Parochial school	Home-schooled	Another charter	Other	Total	Missing
N	208	19	26	16	43	51	363	500
%	57.3%	5.2%	7.2%	4.4%	11.8%	14.0%	100%	



3. Approximately how many miles do you live from this charter school?

Mean	5.65
STD	3.90
Missing	40

	Miles												Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	>10		
N	167	91	76	54	68	44	29	40	12	40	202	823	
%	20.3%	11.1%	9.2%	6.6%	8.3%	5.3%	3.5%	4.9%	1.5%	4.9%	24.5%	100%	

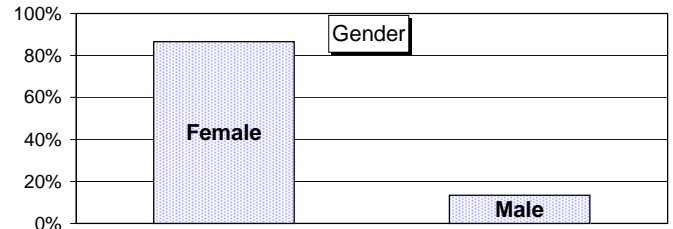
4. Approximately how many miles do you live from the nearest traditional public school where your child could be enrolled?

Mean	2.38
STD	2.43
Missing	28

	Miles												Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	>10		
N	498	110	62	38	41	25	10	10	5	11	25	835	
%	59.6%	13.2%	7.4%	4.6%	4.9%	3.0%	1.2%	1.2%	0.6%	1.3%	3.0%	100%	

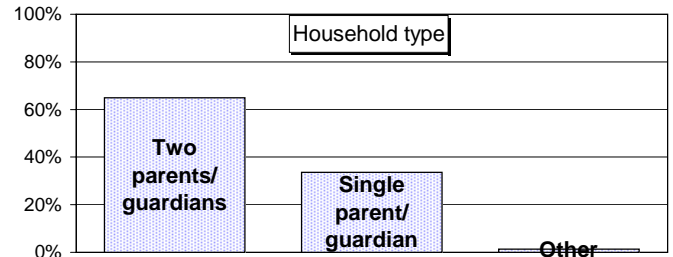
5. What is your gender?

	Female	Male	Total	Missing
N	739	115	854	9
%	86.5%	13.5%	100%	



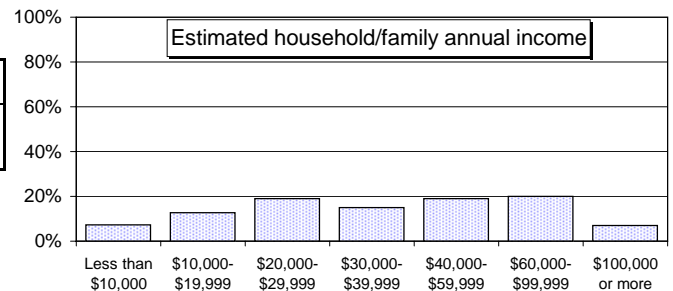
6. Which best describes your household?

	Two parents/guardians	Single parent/guardian	Other	Total	Missing
N	554	287	12	853	10
%	64.9%	33.6%	1.4%	100%	



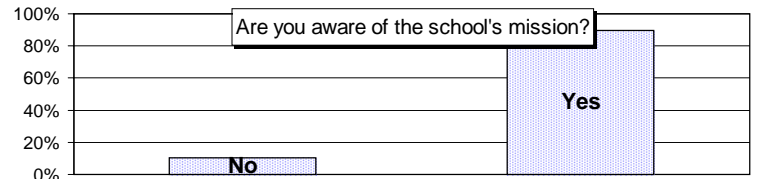
7. What is the estimated annual income of your household/family?

	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	Total	Missing
N	61	107	160	127	160	169	59	843	20
%	7.2%	12.7%	19.0%	15.1%	19.0%	20.0%	7.0%	100%	



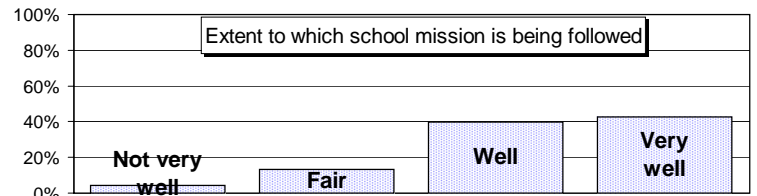
8a. Are you aware of the school's mission?

	No	Yes	Total	Missing
N	87	767	854	9
%	10.2%	89.8%	100%	



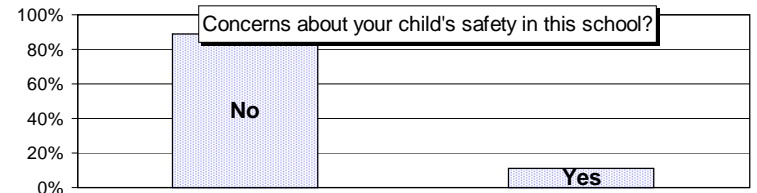
8b. If yes, to what extent is the mission being followed by the school?

	Not very well	Fair	Well	Very well	Total	Missing
	1	2	3	4		
N	33	100	302	324	759	104
%	4.3%	13.2%	39.8%	42.7%	100%	



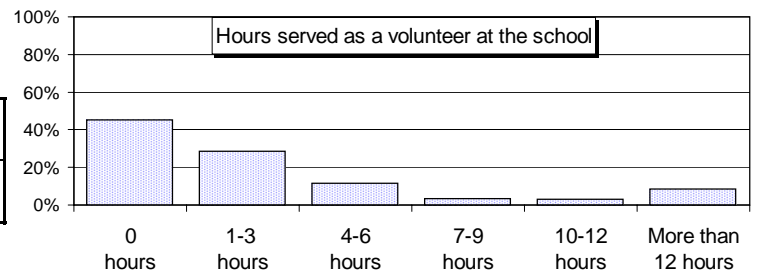
9. Do you have concerns about your child's safety in this school?

	No	Yes	Total	Missing
N	754	94	848	15
%	88.9%	11.1%	100%	



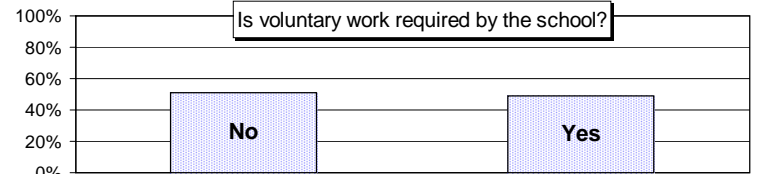
10a. Estimate the total number of hours that you and other adults in your household have served as a volunteer at the school during an average month?

	0 hours	1-3 hours	4-6 hours	7-9 hours	10-12 hours	More than 12 hours	Total	Missing
N	377	238	96	27	26	70	834	29
%	45.2%	28.5%	11.5%	3.2%	3.1%	8.4%	100%	



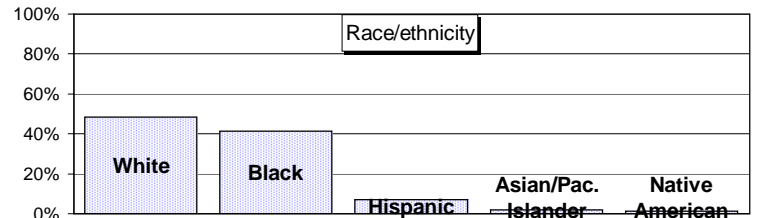
10b. Is voluntary work required by the school?

	No	Yes	Total	Missing
N	373	359	732	131
%	51.0%	49.0%	100%	



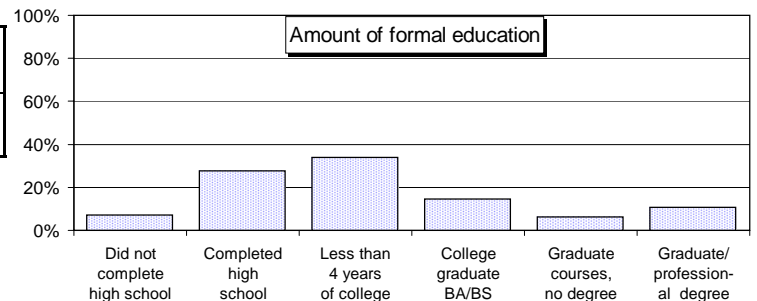
11. What is your race/ethnicity?

	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/Pac. Islander	Native American	Total	Missing
N	398	340	58	17	11	824	39
%	48.3%	41.3%	7.0%	2.1%	1.3%	100%	



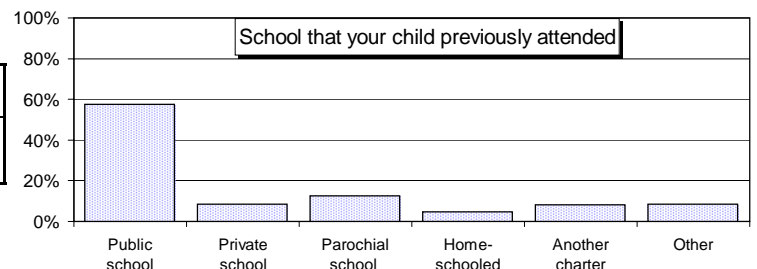
12. How much formal education have you had?

	Did not complete high school	Completed high school	Less than 4 years of college	College graduate BA/BS	Graduate courses, no degree	Graduate/professional degree	Total	Missing
N	60	229	282	120	52	88	831	32
%	7.2%	27.6%	33.9%	14.4%	6.3%	10.6%	100%	



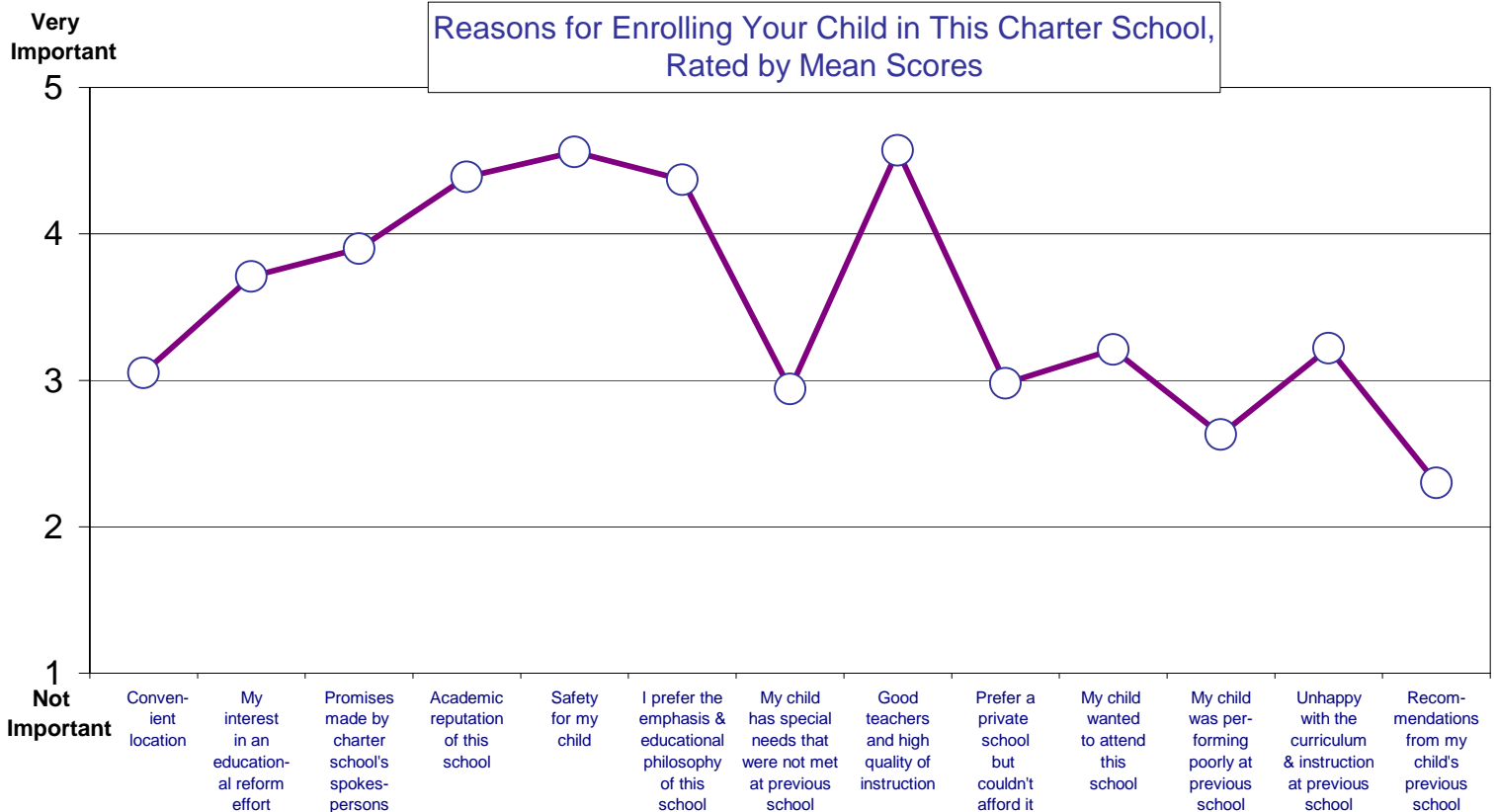
13. What kind of school did your child previously attend before this charter school?

	Public school	Private school	Parochial school	Home-schooled	Another charter	Other	Total	Missing
N	469	68	103	39	67	68	814	49
%	57.6%	8.4%	12.7%	4.8%	8.2%	8.4%	100%	



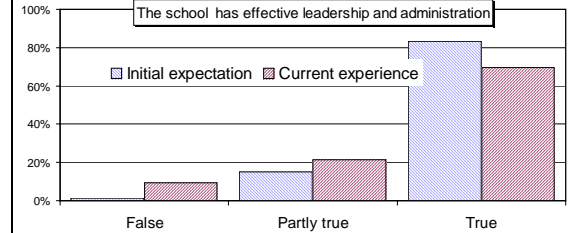
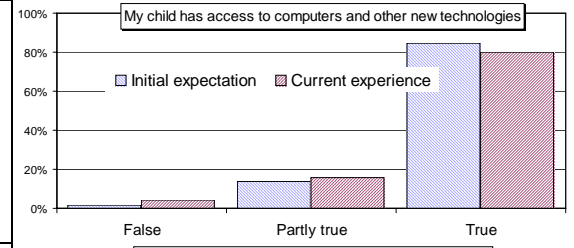
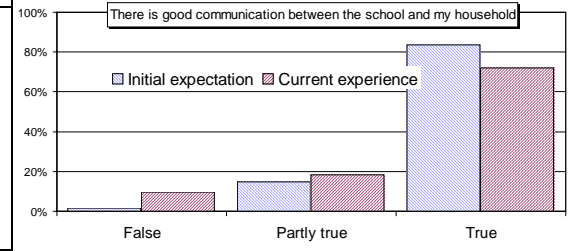
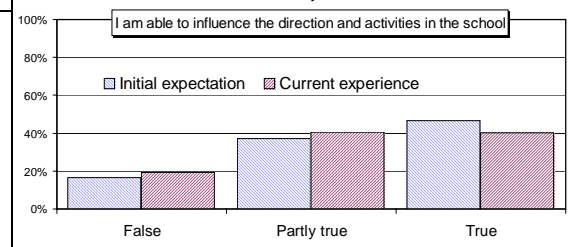
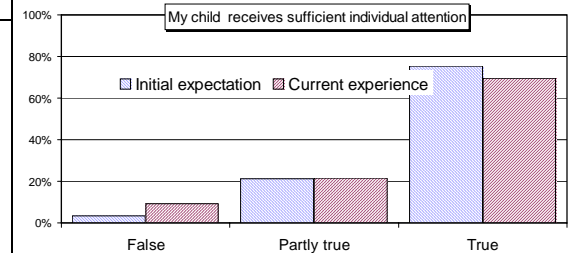
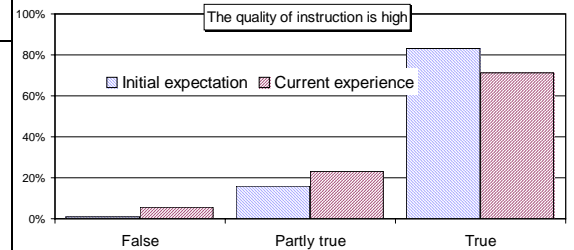
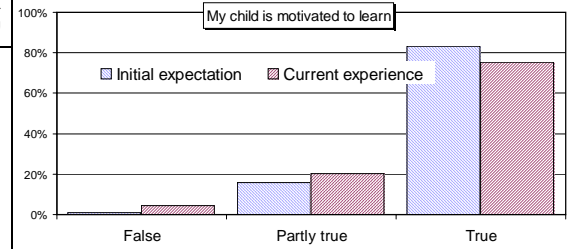
14. Rate the importance of the following factors in your decision to enroll your child in this school.

	Percentages					Mean	STD	Median	N	Missing
	Not important 1	2	3	4	Very important 5					
a. Convenient location	25.1%	11.1%	24.6%	11.9%	27.3%	3.1	1.52	3	840	23
b. My interest in an educational reform effort	7.8%	8.6%	24.4%	23.5%	35.7%	3.7	1.25	4	829	34
c. Promises made by charter school's spokespersons	7.8%	5.8%	17.2%	26.6%	42.6%	3.9	1.24	4	831	32
d. Academic reputation (high standards) of this school	1.8%	2.2%	11.5%	24.5%	60.0%	4.4	0.90	5	824	39
e. Safety for my child	2.6%	1.8%	6.9%	14.0%	74.6%	4.6	0.90	5	836	27
f. I prefer the emphasis and educational philosophy of this school	2.3%	1.7%	11.3%	26.3%	58.4%	4.4	0.92	5	825	38
g. My child has special needs that were not met at previous school	36.6%	7.6%	12.3%	12.2%	31.2%	2.9	1.71	3	794	69
h. Good teachers and high quality of instruction	1.6%	1.0%	8.8%	16.0%	72.7%	4.6	0.82	5	821	42
i. I prefer a private school but could not afford it	31.1%	9.8%	18.6%	10.9%	29.7%	3.0	1.62	3	818	45
j. My child wanted to attend this school	22.6%	7.5%	24.7%	16.5%	28.7%	3.2	1.50	3	813	50
k. My child was performing poorly at previous school	43.0%	7.3%	16.3%	10.4%	23.0%	2.6	1.64	2	781	82
l. I was unhappy with the curriculum & instruction at previous school	28.5%	5.1%	17.9%	12.8%	35.7%	3.2	1.64	3	792	71
m. Recommendations of teacher/official at my child's previous school	50.9%	9.5%	15.3%	7.8%	16.5%	2.3	1.54	1	786	77



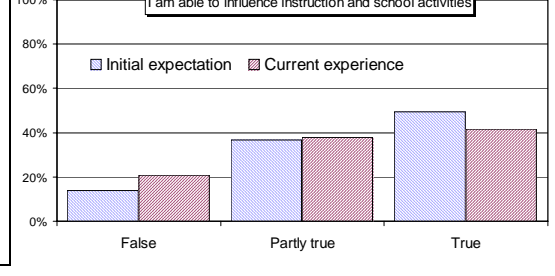
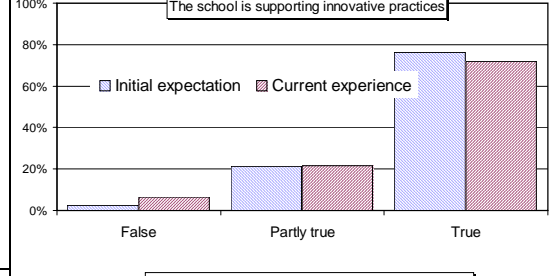
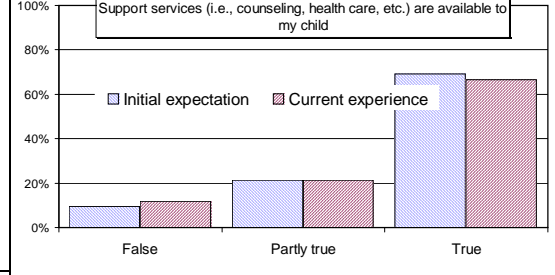
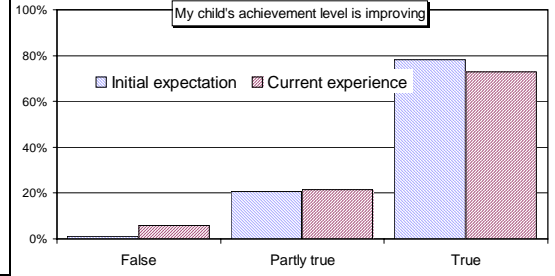
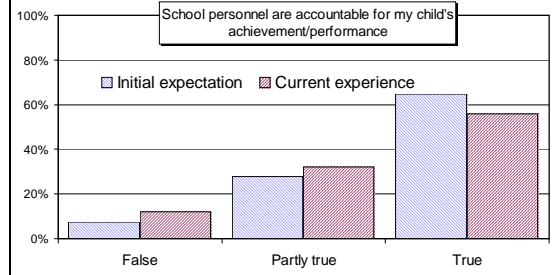
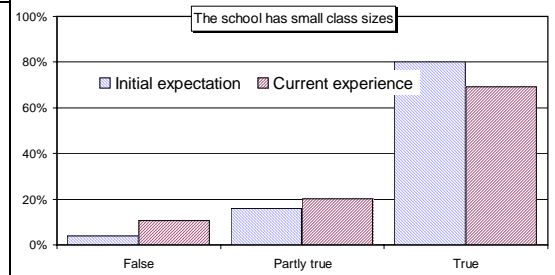
15. Rate each of the following statements as to what you expected when you first enrolled your child at this school (initial expectation) and how you would rate it today (current experience).

	Initial Expectation						Current Experience							
	False 1	Partly True 2	True 3	Mean	STD	Don't know	Mis-sing	False 1	Partly true 2	True 3	Mean	STD	Don't know	Mis-sing
My child will be/is motivated to learn	0.8%	15.8%	83.3%	2.82	0.40	3	67	4.3%	20.4%	75.3%	2.71	0.54	3	67
The quality of instruction will be/is high	1.0%	16.0%	83.0%	2.82	0.41	15	82	5.6%	23.0%	71.4%	2.66	0.58	15	82
My child will receive/receives sufficient individual attention	3.3%	21.2%	75.5%	2.72	0.52	12	79	9.2%	21.4%	69.4%	2.60	0.65	12	79
I will be/am able to influence the direction and activities in the school	16.4%	37.0%	46.6%	2.30	0.73	97	75	19.2%	40.5%	40.2%	2.21	0.74	97	75
There will be/is good communication between the school and my household	1.7%	14.7%	83.5%	2.82	0.43	3	74	9.5%	18.4%	72.0%	2.62	0.65	3	74
My child will have/has access to computers and other new technologies	1.6%	13.7%	84.7%	2.83	0.42	13	71	4.2%	15.8%	80.0%	2.76	0.52	13	71
The school will have/has effective leadership and administration	1.5%	15.2%	83.2%	2.82	0.42	25	76	9.2%	21.3%	69.6%	2.60	0.65	25	76



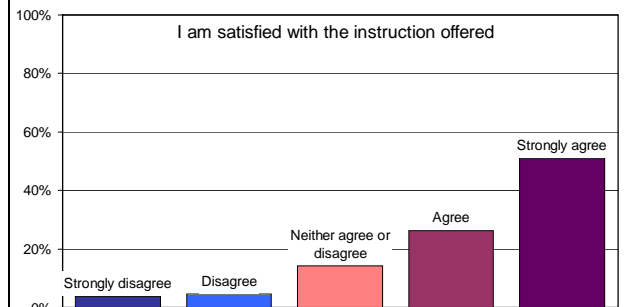
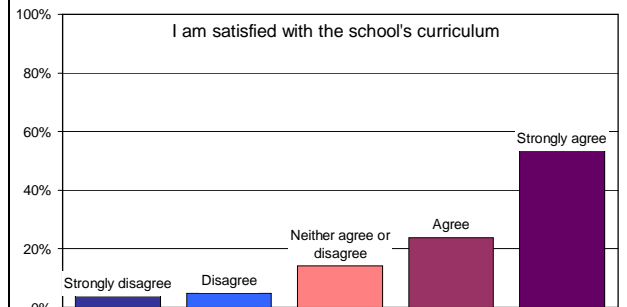
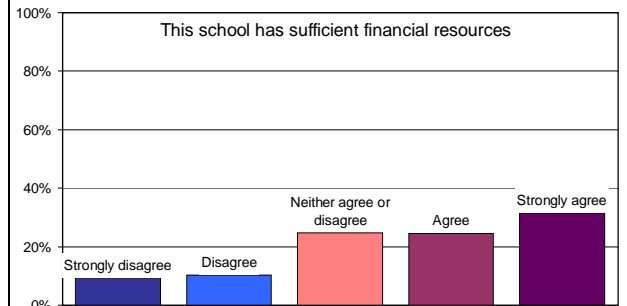
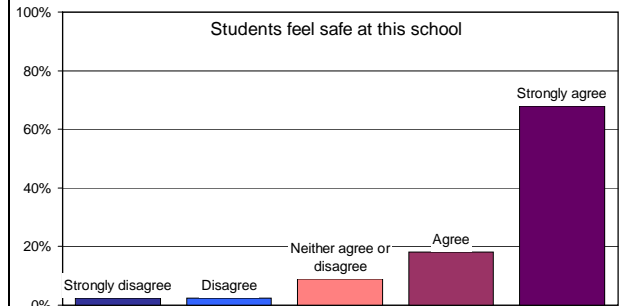
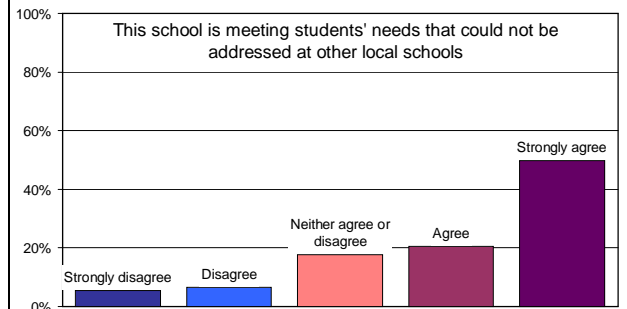
Rate each of the following statements as to what you expected when you first enrolled your child at this school (initial expectation) and how you would rate it today (current experience).

	Initial Expectation						Current Experience							
	False 1	Partly True 2	True 3	Mean	STD	Don't know	Missing	False 1	Partly true 2	True 3	Mean	STD	Don't know	Missing
The school <b>will have/has</b> small class sizes	3.8%	16.0%	80.2%	2.76	0.51	22	78	10.6%	20.3%	69.1%	2.58	0.68	22	78
School personnel <b>will be/are</b> accountable for my child's achievement/performance	7.5%	27.9%	64.7%	2.57	0.63	45	84	12.0%	32.2%	55.9%	2.44	0.70	45	84
My child's achievement level <b>will improve/is</b> improving	1.1%	20.6%	78.3%	2.77	0.45	14	84	5.8%	21.4%	72.8%	2.67	0.58	14	84
Support services (i.e., counseling, health care, etc.) <b>will be/are</b> available to my child	9.4%	21.4%	69.3%	2.60	0.65	73	78	11.9%	21.3%	66.7%	2.55	0.70	73	78
The school <b>will support/is</b> supporting innovative practices	2.5%	21.2%	76.3%	2.74	0.49	114	88	6.4%	21.6%	72.0%	2.66	0.59	114	88
I <b>will be/am</b> able to influence instruction and school activities	14.0%	36.8%	49.3%	2.35	0.71	114	77	20.7%	37.8%	41.5%	2.21	0.76	114	77



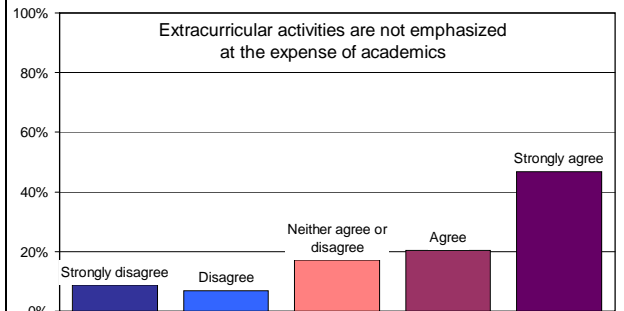
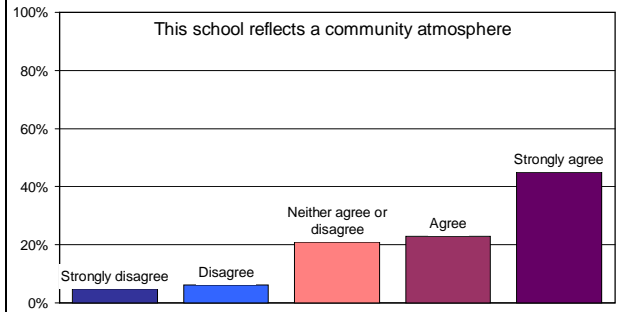
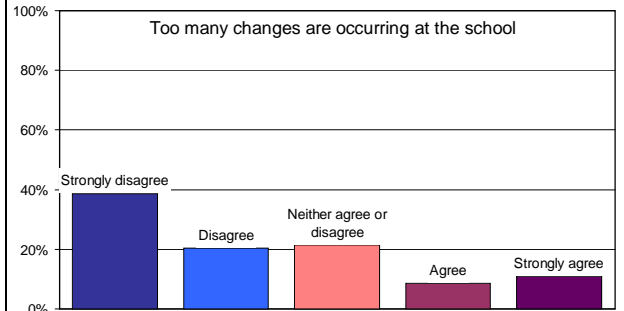
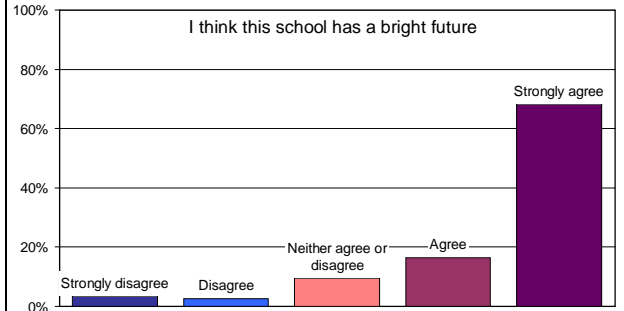
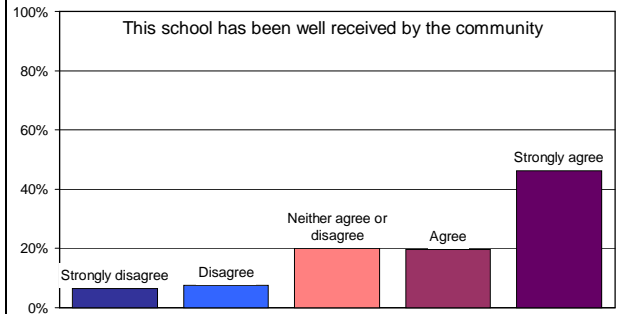
16. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your school?

	Strongly disagree	←-----→			Strongly agree	Mean	STD	Median	N	Don't know	Missing
	1	2	3	4	5						
This school is meeting students' needs that could not be addressed at other local schools	5.4%	6.6%	17.6%	20.6%	49.8%	4.03	1.19	4.0	757	82	24
Students feel safe at this school	2.5%	2.4%	9.0%	18.2%	67.9%	4.47	0.93	5.0	807	34	22
This school has sufficient financial resources	9.1%	10.2%	24.8%	24.4%	31.5%	3.59	1.27	4.0	581	247	35
I am satisfied with the school's curriculum	3.9%	4.8%	14.2%	23.8%	53.3%	4.18	1.09	5.0	839	4	20
I am satisfied with the instruction offered	3.8%	4.7%	14.2%	26.3%	51.0%	4.16	1.08	5.0	822	11	30



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	Strongly disagree	←-----→				Strongly agree	Mean	STD	Median	N	Don't know	Missing
	1	2	3	4	5							
This school has been well received by the community	6.5%	7.6%	20.1%	19.7%	46.2%	3.92	1.24	4.0	712	132	19	
I think this school has a bright future	3.4%	2.5%	9.4%	16.5%	68.3%	4.44	0.99	5.0	800	39	24	
Too many changes are occurring at the school	38.7%	20.4%	21.4%	8.6%	11.0%	2.33	1.35	2.0	771	63	29	
This school reflects a community atmosphere	4.9%	6.1%	21.0%	23.0%	45.0%	3.97	1.16	4.0	753	75	35	
Extracurricular activities are not emphasized at the expense of academics	8.9%	6.9%	17.1%	20.4%	46.8%	3.89	1.31	4.0	686	137	40	



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	Strongly disagree	←-----→				Strongly agree	Mean	STD	Median	N	Don't know	Missing
	1	2	3	4	5							
This school has high standards and expectation for students	2.9%	2.2%	12.8%	22.1%	60.1%	4.34	0.98	5.0	807	23	33	
This school has small class sizes	7.3%	8.1%	13.8%	15.3%	55.4%	4.03	1.30	5.0	803	30	30	
This school has good physical facilities	15.3%	11.8%	21.5%	18.6%	32.7%	3.41	1.43	4.0	743	80	40	
This school has good administrative leadership	6.7%	4.7%	16.4%	22.6%	49.6%	4.04	1.21	4.0	806	33	24	
Teachers and school leadership are accountable for student achievement/performance	5.8%	4.7%	18.9%	24.9%	45.7%	4.00	1.16	4.0	782	58	23	

