

Totals for All Pennsylvania Charter School Parents, 1999-2000

WMU Charter School Survey Descriptive statistics

Informant Group: **Parents (N=364)**

2000

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	
First child	47	25	31	19	21	27	43	36	14	32	32	22	9	358
Second child	6	11	12	8	12	10	8	7	2	5	5	3	1	90
Third child	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	7
Total number	55	37	44	28	33	37	51	45	16	37	37	25	10	455
Total percent	12.1%	8.1%	9.7%	6.2%	7.3%	8.1%	11.2%	9.9%	3.5%	8.1%	8.1%	5.5%	2.2%	100%

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

	Public school	Private school	Parochial school	Home-schooled	Another charter	Other	Total	Missing
N	124	9	11	3	9	21	177	187
%	70.1%	5.1%	6.2%	1.7%	5.1%	11.9%	100%	

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

Mean	4.87
STD	3.71
Missing	15

	Miles											Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	>10	
N	80	49	44	23	40	12	8	9	2	21	61	349
%	22.9%	14.0%	12.6%	6.6%	11.5%	3.4%	2.3%	2.6%	0.6%	6.0%	17.5%	100%

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

Mean	2.26
STD	2.29
Missing	7

	Miles											Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	>10	
N	216	49	28	18	19	5	3	5	1	2	11	357
%	60.5%	13.7%	7.8%	5.0%	5.3%	1.4%	0.8%	1.4%	0.3%	0.6%	3.1%	100%

5. What is your gender?

	Female	Male	Total	Missing
N	309	48	357	7
%	86.6%	13.4%	100%	

6. Which best describes your household?

	Two parents/guardians	Single parent/guardian	Other	Total	Missing
N	204	150	6	360	4
%	56.7%	41.7%	1.7%	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	34	75	68	42	78	44	10	351	13
%	9.7%	21.4%	19.4%	12.0%	22.2%	12.5%	2.8%	100%	

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

	No	Yes	Total	Missing
N	45	316	361	3
%	12.5%	87.5%	100%	

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

	Not very well 1	Fair 2	Well 3	Very well 4	Total	Missing
N	16	58	140	103	317	47
%	5.0%	18.3%	44.2%	32.5%	100%	

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

	No	Yes	Total	Missing
N	299	57	356	8
%	84.0%	16.0%	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	172	104	44	17	7	15	359	5
%	47.9%	29.0%	12.3%	4.7%	1.9%	4.2%	100%	

10b. Is voluntary work required by the school? attending this charter school?

	No	Yes	Total	Missing
N	148	165	313	51
%	47.3%	52.7%	100%	

11. What is your race/ethnicity?

	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/Pac. Islander	Native American	Total	Missing
N	135	192	21	4	2	354	10
%	38.1%	54.2%	5.9%	1.1%	0.6%	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	26	120	115	33	20	44	358	6
%	7.3%	33.5%	32.1%	9.2%	5.6%	12.3%	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	247	35	24	3	25	20	354	10
%	69.8%	9.9%	6.8%	0.8%	7.1%	5.6%	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	24.2%	11.5%	25.6%	9.9%	28.7%	3.07	1.53	3	364	9
b. My interest in an educational reform effort	6.8%	9.3%	21.4%	22.0%	40.6%	3.80	1.25	4	364	9
c. Promises made by charter school's spokespersons	6.6%	4.3%	15.9%	25.9%	47.3%	4.03	1.18	4	364	17
d. Academic reputation (high standards) of this school	1.4%	3.7%	13.0%	24.3%	57.6%	4.33	0.93	5	364	10
e. Safety for my child	2.3%	3.1%	10.0%	12.9%	71.7%	4.49	0.96	5	364	14
f. I prefer the emphasis and educational philosophy of this school	2.3%	2.3%	12.7%	30.6%	52.0%	4.28	0.93	5	364	18
g. My child has special needs that were not met at previous school	25.9%	12.5%	16.1%	10.1%	35.4%	3.17	1.63	3	364	28
h. Good teachers and high quality of instruction	1.7%	1.7%	11.0%	16.7%	68.9%	4.49	0.88	5	364	10
i. I prefer a private school but could not afford it	28.7%	7.8%	17.8%	15.5%	30.2%	3.11	1.61	3	364	16
j. My child wanted to attend this school	16.8%	10.3%	25.9%	14.0%	33.0%	3.36	1.45	3	364	13
k. My child was performing poorly at previous school	34.8%	10.7%	18.0%	9.9%	26.7%	2.83	1.63	3	364	19
l. I was unhappy with the curriculum & instruction at previous school	23.5%	12.2%	14.2%	13.9%	36.2%	3.27	1.61	4	364	19
m. Recommendations of teacher/official at my child's previous school	46.1%	11.0%	15.9%	8.1%	18.8%	2.43	1.57	2	364	19

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

	Initial Expectation							Current Experience						
	False	Partly true	True	Mean	STD	Don't know	Missing	False	Partly true	True	Mean	STD	Don't know	Missing
a. My child will be/is motivated to learn	1.5%	11.3%	87.2%	2.86	0.39	10	10	5.4%	20.1%	74.6%	2.69	0.57	6	24
b. The quality of instruction will be/is high	0.9%	13.0%	86.1%	2.85	0.38	20	13	5.1%	24.5%	70.4%	2.65	0.57	7	26
c. My child will receive/receives sufficient individual attention	3.3%	14.5%	82.2%	2.79	0.48	18	14	9.3%	27.5%	63.3%	2.54	0.66	14	26
d. I will be/am able to influence the direction and activities in the school	11.3%	39.2%	49.5%	2.38	0.68	50	13	16.6%	43.4%	40.0%	2.23	0.72	42	27
e. There will be/is good communication between the school and my household	3.0%	14.9%	82.1%	2.79	0.48	16	13	9.8%	22.0%	68.2%	2.58	0.66	3	25
f. My child will have/has access to computers and other new technologies	3.1%	11.1%	85.8%	2.83	0.45	26	14	8.5%	19.5%	72.0%	2.63	0.64	12	24
g. The school will have/has effective leadership and administration	1.2%	14.9%	83.8%	2.83	0.41	23	13	6.1%	27.0%	67.0%	2.61	0.60	13	21
h. The school will have/has small class sizes	2.8%	12.6%	84.7%	2.82	0.45	21	17	8.4%	19.3%	72.3%	2.64	0.63	17	26
i. School personnel will be/are accountable for my child's achievement/performance	6.9%	28.1%	65.0%	2.58	0.62	26	18	12.3%	35.2%	52.5%	2.40	0.70	23	23
j. My child's achievement levels of students will improve/is improving	2.1%	17.6%	80.2%	2.78	0.46	19	16	5.5%	27.8%	66.7%	2.61	0.59	11	26
k. Support services (i.e., counseling, health care, etc.) will be/are available to my child	12.0%	22.0%	66.0%	2.54	0.70	59	14	17.8%	25.3%	56.8%	2.39	0.77	48	24
l. The school will support/is supporting innovative practices	2.7%	16.7%	80.5%	2.78	0.48	56	15	7.8%	28.0%	64.2%	2.56	0.63	45	23
m. I will be/am able to influence instruction and school activities	13.3%	38.8%	48.0%	2.35	0.70	58	12	21.2%	38.8%	39.9%	2.19	0.76	60	26

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

	Percentages					Mean	STD	edian	N	Don't know	Mis- sing	
	Strongly disagree 1	←	2	3	→							Strongly agree 5
a. This school is meeting students' needs that could not be addressed at other local schools	8.5%		5.0%	21.0%	21.6%	43.9%	3.87	1.27	4	319	35	10
b. Students feel safe at this school	2.9%		5.3%	12.1%	24.2%	55.5%	4.24	1.05	5	339	20	5
c. This school has sufficient financial resources	10.7%		13.7%	27.0%	22.3%	26.2%	3.39	1.30	3	233	121	10
d. I am satisfied with the school's curriculum	4.0%		9.1%	18.2%	25.3%	43.5%	3.95	1.16	4	352	7	5
e. I am satisfied with the instruction offered	4.0%		8.2%	14.8%	28.4%	44.6%	4.01	1.13	4	352	5	7
f. This school has been well received by the community	2.4%		7.6%	20.5%	21.5%	47.9%	4.05	1.10	4	288	74	2
g. I think this school has a bright future	4.4%		2.6%	9.3%	21.5%	62.2%	4.35	1.05	5	344	13	7
h. Too many changes are occurring at the school	33.0%		23.3%	22.3%	10.1%	11.3%	2.43	1.34	2	318	41	5
i. This school reflects a community atmosphere	4.7%		5.6%	20.2%	28.6%	41.0%	3.96	1.12	4	322	35	7
j. Extracurricular activities are not emphasized at the expense of academics	9.3%		5.3%	16.9%	27.5%	41.1%	3.86	1.27	4	302	56	6
k. This school has high standards and expectation for students	3.7%		4.0%	15.1%	20.6%	56.6%	4.22	1.08	5	350	6	8
l. This school has small class sizes	7.6%		5.9%	14.4%	23.8%	48.4%	3.99	1.25	4	341	16	7
m. This school has good physical facilities	14.7%		15.6%	25.2%	19.0%	25.5%	3.25	1.38	3	326	31	7
n. This school has good administrative leadership	5.5%		6.4%	15.7%	25.0%	47.4%	4.02	1.18	4	344	12	8
o. Teachers and school leadership are accountable for student achievement/performance	4.5%		5.4%	18.4%	27.7%	44.0%	4.01	1.12	4	332	24	8