

DAVIDSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PARENT/GUARDIAN SURVEY REPORT
2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

SUMMARY

For the second year in a row, Davidson Elementary School's School Leadership Team (SLT) surveyed the school's parents and guardians for two weeks in late January 2013. The purpose of the survey was to gauge DES families' perceptions on various facets of the school, and to support the school's goal of continuous improvement. The survey was a school-specific initiative, as opposed to an initiative suggested by Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools.

Two-hundred-eight DES families responded to this year's survey. The school and the SLT thank DES families for their participation.

The survey included 11 multiple-choice questions, as well one open-ended, text-based question. The pages that follow provide a summary of the multiple-choice survey responses.

TEXT-BASED RESPONSES AND SCHOOL ACTION ITEMS

The survey elicited 116 text-based answers. These responses were reviewed and analyzed by members of the School Leadership Team. The responses have helped the school identify three main areas to focus improvement efforts on in the coming school year:

- Communication
- Health and Fitness
- Academic Enrichment

Through the end of the 2013 school year, the School Leadership Team plans to draft school improvement goals in each of these areas.

CONCLUSION

Davidson Elementary School's administration, teachers, and support staff are committed to delivering an outstanding educational environment for all children. The involvement and input of parents / guardians has always been an important component in shaping the school's environment.

Again, thank you DES parents and guardians for your participation in the survey!

Davidson Elementary School Parent/Guardian Survey Responses 2011-2012 School Year Compared to 2012-2013

Q1. How satisfied are you with the way Davidson Elementary School has tailored teaching content according to your child's or children's individual learning style and abilities this year?

Answer Options	2011-2012	2012-2013	Change
Very satisfied	53.1%	46.2%	-6.9%
Moderately satisfied	39.0%	39.4%	0.4%
Moderately dissatisfied	7.2%	12.0%	4.8%
Very dissatisfied	0.7%	2.4%	1.7%
<i>answered question</i>	290	208	
<i>skipped question</i>	1	0	

Q2. Please rate your agreement with the following statement: "Davidson Elementary School has appropriately high academic expectations for my child this year."

Answer Options	2011-2012	2012-2013	Change
Strongly agree	53.6%	51.9%	-1.7%
Moderately agree	39.4%	38.0%	-1.4%
Moderately disagree	5.9%	7.7%	1.8%
Strongly disagree	1.0%	2.4%	1.4%
<i>answered question</i>	289	208	
<i>skipped question</i>	2	0	

Q3. How satisfied are you with the overall quality of instruction at Davidson Elementary this year?

Answer Options	2011-2012	2012-2013	Change
Very satisfied	64.4%	56.3%	-8.1%
Moderately satisfied	31.8%	36.5%	4.7%
Moderately dissatisfied	3.5%	5.3%	1.8%
Very dissatisfied	0.30%	1.9%	1.6%
<i>answered question</i>	289	208	
<i>skipped question</i>	2	0	

Q4. How satisfied are you with how well Davidson Elementary has communicated in the following areas this year?

	2011-2012				
Answer Options	Very satisfied	Moderately satisfied	Moderately dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	# of answers
Communication about classroom curriculum	56.9%	35.2%	6.2%	1.7%	290
Communication about homework assignments	63.3%	31.1%	5.2%	0.3%	289
Communication about my child's academic performance	58.5%	34.3%	5.5%	1.7%	289
Communication about my child's behavior	72.7%	23.9%	3.5%	0.0%	289
Communication about school activities and events	79.6%	17.0%	2.8%	0.7%	289

	2012-2013				
Answer Options	Very satisfied	Moderately satisfied	Moderately dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	# of answers
Communication about classroom curriculum	62.0%	31.3%	5.3%	1.4%	208
Communication about homework assignments	54.6%	33.8%	8.2%	3.4%	207
Communication about my child's academic performance	55.6%	33.8%	7.7%	2.9%	207
Communication about my child's behavior	67.1%	27.1%	4.3%	1.4%	207
Communication about school activities and events	79.6%	16.5%	3.4%	0.5%	206

Q5. Please rate your agreement with the following statement: "Based on my children's experience this year, the homework at Davidson Elementary School is appropriate in quantity and quality."

Answer Options	2011-2012	2012-2013	Change
Strongly agree	51.4%	48.5%	-2.9%
Moderately agree	36.8%	35.0%	-1.8%
Moderately disagree	9.4%	11.2%	1.8%
Strongly disagree	2.4%	5.3%	2.9%
<i>answered question</i>	288	206	
<i>skipped question</i>	3	2	

Q6. As a parent or guardian, I feel that Davidson Elementary School staff listens and responds to my concerns in a positive way...

Answer Options	2011-2012	2012-2013	Change
always.	49.5%	49.5%	0.0%
usually.	38.7%	35.0%	-3.7%
sometimes.	9.8%	13.1%	3.3%
rarely.	1.7%	1.5%	-0.2%
never.	0.3%	1.0%	0.7%
<i>answered question</i>	287	206	
<i>skipped question</i>	4	2	

Q7. As a parent or guardian, I feel welcome at Davidson Elementary....

Answer Options	2011-2012	2012-2013	Change
always.	74.7%	70.0%	-4.7%
usually.	20.1%	24.6%	4.5%
sometimes.	4.2%	2.9%	-1.3%
rarely.	1.0%	1.4%	0.4%
never.	0.0%	1.0%	1.0%
<i>answered question</i>	289	207	
<i>skipped question</i>	2	1	

Q8. My child is treated fairly by teachers and administrators at Davidson Elementary...

Answer Options	2011-2012	2012-2013	Change
always.	72.0%	73.3%	1.3%
usually.	24.6%	20.4%	-4.2%
sometimes.	2.8%	4.9%	2.1%
rarely.	0.7%	1.0%	0.3%
never.	0.0%	0.5%	0.5%
<i>answered question</i>	289	206	
<i>skipped question</i>	2	2	

Q9. What is the race of your child (or children) enrolled at Davidson Elementary School? (you may check more than one answer)

Answer Options	2011-2012	2012-2013	Change
African American	2.1%	1.9%	-0.2%
Asian	2.4%	1.9%	-0.5%
Hispanic	4.5%	1.4%	-3.1%
White	89.6%	93.7%	4.1%
Multi-racial	3.8%	3.4%	-0.4%
Other	1.4%	1.0%	-0.4%
<i>answered question</i>	289	207	
<i>skipped question</i>	2	1	

Q10. My child (or children) has one or more of the following classifications: (you may check more than one answer)

Answer Options	2011-2012	2012-2013	Change
LEP (Limited English proficient) – English is not my child’s first language	1.9%	0.5%	-1.4%
TD (Talent development) – tested into a program for gifted and talented students	31.6%	43.9%	12.3%
IEP (Individual education plan) – receives services related to a disability	9.3%	5.6%	-3.7%
AU (Autistic spectrum disorder)	0.4%	2.5%	2.1%
504 Plan (per Americans with Disabilities Act) – receives accommodations related to a disability	3.7%	4.0%	0.3%
Free or reduced lunch	4.5%	1.5%	-3.0%
Regular education – none of the above special classifications	64.7%	57.6%	-7.1%
<i>answered question</i>	269	198	
<i>skipped question</i>	22	10	

Q11. How many cumulative years of experience do you have with Davidson Elementary School. Please base your answer on the total number of years that you've had your children enrolled at Davidson Elementary (including any children who are no longer enrolled).

Answer Options	2011-2012	2012-2013	Change
1-2 cumulative years of experience at Davidson Elementary	38.5%	31.6%	-6.9%
3-5 cumulative years of experience at Davidson Elementary	35.0%	35.9%	0.9%
6 or more cumulative years of experience at Davidson Elementary	26.6%	32.5%	5.9%
<i>answered question</i>	286	206	
<i>skipped question</i>	5	2	

Q12. What suggestions do you have for Davidson Elementary School?

Answer Options	2011-2012	2012-2013
answered question	136	116
skipped question	155	92