

# Parent Involvement Analysis

## A School Community Survey for the School-Based Team

**Step 1:** Each member of the team completes the survey independently.

**Step 2:** The team discusses each item, with each member explaining his/her score.

**Step 3:** The team arrives at a team score for each item by consensus of the group.

We know that children do best in school when they receive the support, guidance, and discipline at home that prepares them for academic learning. Parents do best in providing the support their children need when they understand the school's expectations and stay in touch with teachers regarding their children's learning habits, attitudes toward school, social interactions, and academic progress. Think about how your school engages parents in the learning lives of their children. Answering the following questions will give you an idea of your school's strengths and areas where it might need improvement.

**Answer the following sets of questions about your school.**

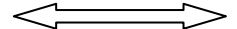
SD = Strongly Disagree, an area that definitely needs improvement in our school community

D = Disagree, an area where some improvement is needed in our school community

A = Agree, our school community is pretty good in this area

SA = Strongly Agree, an area of great strength in our school community

### BUILDING BLOCK: SHARED LEADERSHIP

**SD    D    A    SA**  


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| 1. The opinions of parents really count. ....  | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| 2. Parents have ample opportunity to voice their opinions. ....  | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| 3. Parents are included in making important decisions at the school. ....                                    | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| 4. Parents can make a real difference in the way this school operates. ....                                  | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| 5. Parents know exactly what the school expects of them. ....  | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| 6. Programs are provided for parents to assist them with their role in their children's education. . . . .   | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| 7. The opinions of teachers really count. ....   | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| 8. Teachers have ample opportunity to voice their opinions. ....   | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| 9. Teachers are included in making important decisions at the school. ....                                   | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| 10. Teachers can make a real difference in the way this school operates. ....                                | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| 11. Teachers know exactly what the school expects of them. ....  | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| 12. Programs are provided for teachers to assist them with their role in their students' education . . . . . | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |

### BUILDING BLOCK: COMMUNICATION

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| 13. Teachers contact parents to discuss their children's academic progress. ....           | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| 14. Parents contact teachers to discuss their children's academic progress. ....           | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| 15. If a teacher has a concern about a student, the parents will listen and help. ....     | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| 16. If a parent has a concern about a child, the teachers will listen and help. ....       | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| 17. Teachers visit the homes of students. ....   | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| 18. Teachers talk with parents on the telephone. ....                                      | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| 19. Teachers communicate with parents by e-mails or written notes.....                     | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| 20. Teachers let parents know good things their children have done. ....                   | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| 21. Parents let teachers know when their children have benefited from their teaching. .... | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |

## BUILDING BLOCK: EDUCATION

### Student Role

22. Students are encouraged to do their best work..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
23. Students are expected to behave properly ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
24. Students receive help when they need it ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
25. Students know exactly what is expected of them ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
26. A wide range of activities is offered for students ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
27. All students are encouraged to participate in activities ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

### Studying

28. Students are taught how to study ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
29. Students are expected to complete their homework on time ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
30. Parents are expected to see that their children complete their homework. .... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
31. Teachers regularly assign homework. .... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
32. The school has a homework policy. .... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
33. Homework practices are fairly consistent from teacher to teacher. .... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
34. Homework is very important at the school. .... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

### Character Development

35. Students are treated with respect ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
36. Students are taught to behave respectfully and responsibly ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
37. Discipline at the school is consistent and fair ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
38. Students generally treat each other with respect ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
39. Students generally treat teachers with respect ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
40. Most teachers are models of respectful and responsible behavior ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
41. Most parents are models of respectful and responsible behavior ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

### Reading

42. Teachers encourage students to read for pleasure ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
43. Parents encourage their children to read for pleasure ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
44. Teachers teach students how to read to master material ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
45. The school library or learning center is a place students like to spend time..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
46. The school library or learning center is well-stocked with books for students..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
47. The importance of reading is stressed ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

### Academic Development

48. Students get a solid grounding in basic skills and subjects ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
49. Students have an opportunity to learn more about topics of interest to them ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
50. Students are well-prepared for the challenges of each new course or grade level ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
51. Students who graduate from this school are well prepared for the challenges that lie ahead of them..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
52. All students are sufficiently challenged to learn the most they can ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
53. All students are helped to learn the most they can ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

## BUILDING BLOCK: CONNECTION

54. Parents feel welcome when they visit the school. .... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
55. The office staff greets visitors warmly. .... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
56. Administrators at the school are helpful. .... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
57. The support staff at the school--custodians, clerks, cooks—seem to care about the students ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
58. The school building is kept clean. .... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
59. The school building is in good repair and is well-maintained. .... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
60. Teachers seem to enjoy teaching at this school. .... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
61. The school is safe and orderly ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
62. Students are proud to be at this school ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

BUILDING BLOCK: CONNECTION (cont.)

- 63. Parents are happy their children are enrolled at this school. ....1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
- 64. Teachers at the school know each other well .....1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
- 65. Teachers are generally supportive of each other ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
- 66. Most parents know most of the other parents in their children’s classes. .... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
- 67. Most parents know their children’s teachers. .... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
- 68. Most teachers know their students’ parents. .... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
- 69. Students are encouraged to help one another learn ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
- 70. Students are routinely used to tutor other students..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
- 71. Adult volunteers are routinely used in the school to help students learn..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8