

**Pulaski County Public Schools
Comprehensive Plan Parent Survey
Executive Summary**

Introduction

Recently, Pulaski County Public Schools administered a parent survey designed to assist the Pulaski County School Board with the design of their Comprehensive Plan. The survey focused on gathering and analyzing parent perceptions on how our schools were meeting the needs of a 21st Century student learner. Four thousand eight hundred and sixty (4,860) parent surveys were mailed out, one survey per child. However, parents were instructed to only fill out one survey per school. We had three hundred and thirty-three (333) parents respond to the online or paper survey.

Parents completing the survey responded to twenty-five (25) statements. Parents had a choice to respond to each of the twenty five (25) items using a 2-point scale, with 1 meaning you “Agree” with the statement, and 2 meaning you “I do not agree” with the statement.

The Comprehensive Plan Parent Survey provides key indicators of the current situation for our school system. Pulaski County Public Schools’ results on the faculty survey identify areas for commendations and areas of challenges.

Commendations (Above Ninety (90) Percent)

- The main purpose of my student’s school is to help students learn.
- My student’s school has school counselors, social workers, and other personnel that support students.
- My student has an opportunity to participate in school or community sports, clubs, or organizations.
- My student’s classes challenge students to think and solve problems.
- I am optimistic about my student’s future.

Challenges (Below Eighty (80) Percent)

- My student spends three or more hours per week practicing music, theater, or other arts.
- My student does an hour or more of homework each school day.
- My student’s school experiences prepare him or her to resist negative peer pressure and avoid dangerous situations.
- My student’s school provides a well-rounded curriculum for all students, including rigorous programs in arts, foreign languages, and social studies.

Please indicate the name of the school that your student attends. If you have additional students attending other schools, please complete a separate survey for each school. See directions at the end of this survey.

Response	Count	Percent
Critzer Elementary School	27	8.1%
Dublin Elementary School	42	12.6%
Newbern Elementary School	12	3.6%
Pulaski Elementary School	44	13.2%
Riverlawn Elementary School	27	8.1%
Snowville Elementary School	17	5.1%
Dublin Middle School	45	13.5%
Pulaski Middle School	24	7.2%
Pulaski County High School	95	28.5%

	Agree	I Do Not Agree
1. The main purpose of my student's school is to help students learn.	97.1% (340)	2.9% (10)
2. I can go to my student's counselors, teachers, or school leaders for advice and support.	88.9% (312)	11.1% (39)
3. My student's school provides a caring, encouraging environment.	86.8% (302)	13.2% (46)
4. I feel that my student is safe at school.	81.7% (285)	18.3% (64)
5. My student's school emphasizes lifetime healthy behaviors.	84.1% (291)	15.9% (55)
6. My student's teachers make learning interesting by teaching in different ways.	84.5% (294)	15.5% (54)
7. The adults who work at my student's school are encouraging.	88.8% (310)	11.2% (39)
8. The adults who work at my student's school care.	88.2% (305)	11.8% (41)
9. My student's school has clear rules and consequences for behavior.	85.3% (297)	14.7% (51)
10. My student spends three or more hours per week practicing music, theater, or other arts.	52.2% (179)	47.8% (164)
11. My student's school has school counselors, social workers, and other personnel that support students.	91.5% (321)	8.5% (30)
12. I know how to get help from school personnel if I need it.	88.0% (307)	12.0% (42)
13. The adults who work at my student's school care about all students, not just a few.	81.0% (282)	19.0% (66)
14. My student has an opportunity to participate in school or community sports, clubs, or organizations.	96.3% (337)	3.7% (13)
15. My student's school has specific goals that I understand.	85.3% (297)	14.7% (51)
16. My student's classes challenge students to think and solve problems.	90.3% (315)	9.7% (34)
17. School leaders and teachers hold all students to high expectations.	80.7% (281)	19.3% (67)

	Agree	I Do Not Agree
18. My student does an hour or more of homework each school day.	56.4% (197)	43.6% (152)
19. My student's school communicates with me using multiple formats, including technology.	80.5% (280)	19.5% (68)
20. My student's school curriculum supports creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving.	88.0% (307)	12.0% (42)
21. My student's school experiences prepare him or her to make decisions and plan ahead.	87.3% (303)	12.7% (44)
22. My student's school experiences prepare him or her to resist negative peer pressure and avoid dangerous situations.	78.1% (268)	21.9% (75)
23. My student's school experiences prepare him or her to be comfortable with people of different cultural, racial, and/or ethnic backgrounds.	85.3% (296)	14.7% (51)
24. My student's school provides a well-rounded curriculum for all students, including rigorous programs in arts, foreign languages, and social studies.	78.3% (271)	21.7% (75)
25. I am optimistic about my student's future.	91.1% (317)	8.9% (31)