

Overall Results of Southwick Elementary School English Speaking Parent Survey

The results are from **122** parent surveys. All survey questions were not answered so some categories will not equal 100%.

Ethnicity:

African-American: 52%
Burmese: 2%
Caucasian: 17%
Hispanic: 10%
Other/Bi-racial: 9%
Asian: 5%

Responding:

67% of parent responses were **mothers**
15% of parent responses were **fathers**
7% of parent responses were **guardians**
2% of parent responses were **others**

Number of children at Southwick Elementary:

82 parents have 1 child at Southwick
29 parents have 2 children at Southwick
1 parent has 3 children at Southwick
2 parents have 4 children at Southwick

Number of children in the household:

12 parents have 1 child at home
37 parents have 2 children at home
25 parents have 3 children at home
21 parents have 4 children at home
3 parents have 5 children at home
3 parents have 6 children at home
2 parents have 7 children at home

Overall results are for each category on the survey:

58% of parents **strongly agreed** with each category on the survey.
35% of parents **agreed** with each category on the survey.
3% of parents felt **not applicable** for categories on the survey.
2% of parents **disagreed** with each category on the survey.
1% of parents **strongly disagreed** with each category on the survey.

Overall Grade level responses:

17% of the parents who responded have children in **Pre-Kindergarten**
32% of the parents who responded have children in **Kindergarten**
32% of the parents who responded have children in **First Grade**
25% of the parents who responded have children in **Second Grade**

Overall Question Results: STONGLY AGREE

1. 66% of parents feel welcome at their child's school.
2. 66% of parents are informed about their child's progress.
3. 61% of parents know what my child's teacher expects from their child.
4. 53% of parents feel their child is safe at school and going to and coming from school.
5. 56% of the parents feel their teachers show respect for the students.
6. 39% of the parents feel that the students show respect for the other students.
7. 47% of the parents feel the school meets the social needs of the students.

8. 45% of the parents feel the school meets the academic needs of the students.
9. 48% of the parents feel the school has an excellent learning environment.
10. 65% of the parents feel respect from Southwick's staff.
11. 66% of the parents respect the school's teachers.
12. 66% of the parents respect the school's principal
13. 48% of the parents fell the school has a good public image.
14. 73% of the parents feel good about themselves as a parent.
15. 64% of the parents have a computer at home.
16. 66% of the parents have access to the internet at home.

Overall Question Results: AGREE

1. 32% of parents feel welcome at their child's school.
2. 34% of parents are informed about their child's progress.
3. 35% of parents know what my child's teacher expects from their child.
4. 39% of parents feel their child is safe at school and going to and coming from school.
5. 39% of the parents feel their teachers show respect for the students.
6. 48% of the parents feel that the students show respect for the other students.
7. 48% of the parents feel the school meets the social needs of the students.
8. 44% of the parents feel the school meets the academic needs of the students.
9. 47% of the parents feel the school has an excellent learning environment.
10. 34% of the parents feel respect from Southwick's staff.
11. 32% of the parents respect the school's teachers.
12. 30% of the parents respect the school's principal
13. 36% of the parents fell the school has a good public image.
14. 24% of the parents feel good about themselves as a parent.
15. 22% of the parents have a computer at home.
16. 20% of the parents have access to the internet at home.

Overall Question Results: NOT APPLICABLE

1. 0% of parents feel welcome at their child's school.
2. 0% of parents are informed about their child's progress.
3. 2% of parents know what my child's teacher expects from their child.
4. 2% of parents feel their child is safe at school and going to and coming from school.
5. 4% of the parents feel their teachers show respect for the students.
6. 7% of the parents feel that the students show respect for the other students.
7. 2% of the parents feel the school meets the social needs of the students.
8. 3% of the parents feel the school meets the academic needs of the students.
9. 3% of the parents feel the school has an excellent learning environment.
10. 1% of the parents feel respect from Southwick's staff.
11. 1% of the parents respect the school's teachers.
12. 3% of the parents respect the school's principal
13. 4% of the parents fell the school has a good public image.

14. 0% of the parents feel good about themselves as a parent.
15. 3% of the parents have a computer at home.
16. 4% of the parents have access to the internet at home.

Overall Question Results: DISAGREE

1. 1% of parents feel welcome at their child's school.
2. 0% of parents are informed about their child's progress.
3. 0% of parents know what my child's teacher expects from their child.
4. 4% of parents feel their child is safe at school and going to and coming from school.
5. 0% of the parents feel their teachers show respect for the students.
6. 4% of the parents feel that the students show respect for the other students.
7. 2% of the parents feel the school meets the social needs of the students.
8. 3% of the parents feel the school meets the academic needs of the students.
9. 3% of the parents feel the school has an excellent learning environment.
10. 0% of the parents feel respect from Southwick's staff.
11. 0% of the parents respect the school's teachers.
12. 0% of the parents respect the school's principal
13. 10% of the parents felt the school has a good public image.
14. 0% of the parents feel good about themselves as a parent.
15. 4% of the parents have a computer at home.
16. 6% of the parents have access to the internet at home.

Overall Question Results: STRONGLY DISAGREE

1. 0% of parents feel welcome at their child's school.
2. 0% of parents are informed about their child's progress.
3. 0% of parents know what my child's teacher expects from their child.
4. 0% of parents feel their child is safe at school and going to and coming from school.
5. 0% of the parents feel their teachers show respect for the students.
6. 0% of the parents feel that the students show respect for the other students.
7. 0% of the parents feel the school meets the social needs of the students.
8. 0% of the parents feel the school meets the academic needs of the students.
9. 0% of the parents feel the school has an excellent learning environment.
10. 0% of the parents feel respect from Southwick's staff.
11. 0% of the parents respect the school's teachers.
12. 0% of the parents respect the school's principal
13. 0% of the parents felt the school has a good public image.
14. 0% of the parents feel good about themselves as a parent.
15. 7% of the parents have a computer at home.
16. 9% of the parents have access to the internet at home.

Overall Question Results: I would like information about the following

- Parenting 18%
- Financial Planning 18%
- Health/Nutrition 26%
- Other 1%

Overall Question Results: I would like more information on career readiness in these areas

- GED 5%
- Resume Building 16%
- Job Fair 29%
- Interview Techniques 6%

Overall Question Results: As a parent I feel I need more assistance in

- Academic support 17%
- Behavior 14%
- Technology 9%
- Other 3%

Overall Question Results: I use the computer at home:

- Access Child's grades 29%
- Use Compass Odyssey 26%
- View school website 16%
- View classroom news 7%
- Not Applicable 30%

Overall Question Results: Would you like school information through e-mail

- Yes 22%
- No 48%

COMMENTS:

What are the strengths of this school?

- Great teachers and office staff
- Everyone is working together to help in teaching and guiding the students for their future years.
- Very amazing staff that understand each student's needs. Very understanding, friendly, and makes Nevaeh feel great.
- Information regarding attempts on school improvement, schools yearly progress, and etc. are readily available to parents.
- Good learning environment. Classroom size isn't too overwhelming for me or my child. I feel she gets the individual attention she deserves.
- Safe and clean learning environment.
- Teachers check student's homework every day. The students are given new reading material and that helps keep kids interested in reading.
- I appreciate all the Southwick staff that go beyond my expectations to help my son in school.

- Is that the staff cares about the students.
- Communication with teachers.
- Not sure.
- Discipline, student code, staff, and volunteers.
- TEACHERS ROCK!
- Dedicated staff, diversity, activities and opportunities for parents to come to the school. A warm and friendly environment.
- Diversity, parent/teacher support, and a great staff.
- Strong supportive staff.
- Teaching Kindergarteners how to read and write.
- Meets social and academic needs.
- I think the strengths at this school are the teachers really get involved in the learning which is the strength and the weak points.
- What the kids are learning now days at an early age is a good thing because I didn't think it could be possible.
- Making sure the kids are learning at grade level.
- Very informed about my child's work.
- Friendly staff and great teachers. Very family orientated with wonderful ideas with bringing families into the school for events exa. Muffins with mom, donuts with dad.
- The positive male role models that play a major role in the education of the up and coming males. Mr. K!
- I feel the teaching structure at Southwick is very strong. We have two other girls at Prince Chapman and teaching methods and structure at Southwick has helped them work through all of the changes done in the school district.
- I enjoy the diversity of cultures. I have had positive feedback on my children's teachers.
- You care about the students.
- Letting parents know about the students behavior. Keeping parents updated on school events and functions.
- My son is an ADHD student. He is bright and loves to learn, but has behavior and social problems that hold him back. His teacher has been very dedicated to working with me and providing materials so I can help my son at home. She and I have excellent communication, and my son is making great progress. Southwick cares about kids succeeding. (Ms. Brite)
- Academics and I like my kid's teachers.
- An awesome principal and some staff that go the extra mile to help and accommodate. Education is number one priority.
- The school's academic and social support.
- I feel that the school is a wonderful cultural setting for all students.
- The interaction with teachers towards the students. Teachers and staff are proactive when the students are not progressing or having issues.
- Communication.
- I like how they seem really on it academically.
- The school has a great academic program for the kids and their education.

What needs to be improved?

- They need to make parents aware when their child is acting up in class right away instead of us knowing at the last minute.
- The structure in the cafeteria.
- K-5 not K-2.
- The pickup in the afternoon is so crazy.
- Training more in behavior issues for teachers especially the ones that teach smaller children. The training would be a benefit and would give them the skills to utilize on how to take care of kids with behavior issues and ADD/ADHD. Instead of teachers automatically holding things against the student and always thinking that medication is the answer. Especially because they are smaller children. Most of all the ones with ADHD don't always know that their behavior is wrong.
- Students' struggles are things they need work on.
- The way people drop the kids off.
- More information about after school activities for students. Also, this school seems like it is for Burmese children only. Don't understand why?
- Getting certain pieces of information sooner than what is provided. Example, lunch menus should be released 2 to 3 days prior to the end of the month than 2 to 3 days after the next month has started. Another item is bus schedules (approximate drop off time) for after school activities. Next, more advance notice of Award ceremony than one week. I do try to be at these awards, but one week notice does not work especially with bosses, and last minute meeting schedules.
- More male teachers the children seem to respect them more than the female teachers. Hire more like Mr. Kunberger.
- Closer bus stops for younger students home. Special need classes for kids with mental and behavior issues.
- Nothing
- The staff's attitudes.
- I really don't think there is anything that needs improved.
- I think the school needs more outside learning programs.
- Grades K-5 not grades K-2
- More academic support is always a plus with some children.
- Too early to be determined for first time students.
- Southwick could improve the school by developing academic classes and curriculum designed for children who learn differently.
- Not saying someone is not there when they are!!!!
- Language barrier.
- Bus drivers.
- Seems good so far.
- During morning time there is no faculty in the front to make sure all kids go through the front door and remain inside.
- I wish Pre-K had transportation to the school.
- Teacher to student ratio needs improved.
- Better supervision on playground and in school for hitting, slapping and kicking.

- Some other means of discipline should be implemented. Disruptive students take too much classroom time, while well-behaved children are not getting adequate attention.
- I am unaware of any more improvements at this time because I feel that the school is already doing all that it can currently.
- I have not seen a need for improvement in anything (Just had to give credit where credit is due).