

2011-2012 AISD Parent Survey Dobie Middle School

Strong relationships among staff, students, and parents are critical to student success. In particular, parent involvement in education is associated with a high level of student achievement (for a meta-analysis see Fan & Chen, 2001). These survey results provide campuses with feedback on how parents feel about their treatment by school staff, the school's educational environment, and various school-based opportunities parents would like for their children. The following report contains the results of the 2011-2012 Parent Survey for Austin Independent School District (AISD) for Dobie Middle School. The district report can be found at: <http://www.austinisd.org/dre/district-campus-surveys#parent>.

Demographic Information

Table 1. Number of respondents for Dobie, 2011-2012

	Dobie	All Middle Schools
# of surveys returned	96	2298
# of students	669	15922
% of students represented	14%	14%

Table 2. Distribution of respondents relative to Dobie's population, 2011-2012

Grade	% of respondents	% school population
6th	45	36
7th	28	31
8th	27	32

Table 3. Distribution of respondents and students by ethnicity and race, 2011-2012

	% of respondents	% school population
Hispanic/Latino	89	83
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	0	1
Asian	0	1
Black/African American	9	12
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0	0
White	2	3

New Federal Standards for Collecting and Reporting Ethnicity and Race

Starting in 2010-2011, districts were required to report race and ethnicity using revised standards. The new standards require a person to first select his/her ethnicity (Hispanic/Latino or non-Hispanic/Latino) and one or more of five race values. Since more than one race value may be chosen, percentages might not add to 100.

Note. Students' grade and ethnicity were self-reported. Population data reflect enrollment as of the October 2011 PEIMS snapshot date.

Item Results

Communication	Percent Agree Dobie 2011-2012	Percent Agree All Middle Schools 2011-2012
I receive information from school staff about my child's...		
academic performance.	79	78
behavior.	78	73
attendance.	88	91
I receive information about my child that is...		
in my preferred language.	83	86
in my preferred method of communication (e.g., e-mail, phone, letter, face-to-face meeting).	100	86
My preferred method of communication is...		
e-mail.	75	77
phone.	25	13
letter.	0	3
face-to-face meeting.	0	7
School staff clearly communicates their expectations for my child's...		
learning.	75	78
behavior.	67	83
School staff provide me with positive feedback about my child's...		
academic performance.	50	74
behavior.	33	69
AISSD's online ParentConnection/Gradespeed system has helped me to monitor my child's progress.	75	87

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Superintendent and Central Office Staff	Percent Agree Dobie 2011-2012	Percent Agree All Middle Schools 2011-2012
The Superintendent does a good job...		
asking for input from parents.	75	35
communicating with parents.	75	56
managing the district's finance/budget and staffing needs.	75	55
The Superintendent has made a positive impact on students' academic progress.	50	34
Staff at the district's main offices...		
are responsive to my needs.	50	37
treat me with courtesy and respect.	50	46
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Equity	Percent Agree Dobie 2011-2012	Percent Agree All Middle Schools 2011-2012
I am satisfied with the...		
quality of my child's teacher(s).	75	81
condition of my child's school building.	75	83
technology available at my child's school.	75	76
learning materials (e.g., textbooks, classroom supplies, lab equipment) at my child's school.	75	65
The educational experience at my child's school is just as good as or better than that at any other school in the district.	50	69
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Safety and Access	Percent Agree Dobie 2011-2012	Percent Agree All Middle Schools 2011-2012
I believe that my child likes to go to school.	100	81
My child's school is a safe learning environment.	75	78
Typically, AISD bus transportation to and from my child's school is safe.	100	57
Typically, walking or biking to and from my child's school is safe.	50	38
Bullying at my child's school is a problem.	75	46

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Customer Service	Percent Agree Dobie 2011-2012	Percent Agree All Middle Schools 2011-2012
My child's teacher(s)...		
has helped me support my child's education.	75	78
values my input in academic decisions about my child.	75	65
provides me with opportunities for two-way communication.	75	78
provides the extra effort to ensure that my child is successful.	75	68
is enthusiastic about teaching.	50	72
School staff use the suggestions I make about my child's education.	50	40
School staff provide me with enough information about...		
the process for handling complaints and concerns.	50	53
my child's preparedness for state assessments.	50	57
high school graduation requirements.	50	44
career opportunities for my child.	33	30
college admission requirements and financing options.	50	24
transitions to and from elementary, middle, and high school.	50	67
opportunities to volunteer.	50	78
when PTA meetings/events occur.	50	85
school events.	50	84
what occurred at school committee meetings.	50	48
The following school staff treat me with courtesy and respect		
principal	81	72
assistant principals	78	70
teachers	84	84
school office staff	87	84
counselors	77	76

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Customer Service	Percent Agree Dobie 2011-2012	Percent Agree All Middle Schools 2011-2012
The counselor(s) at my child's school...		
have helped me support my child's education.	50	59
value my input in decisions about my child.	50	55
I am aware of opportunities to provide input at the district level.	75	73
My child's school offers convenient opportunities for me to be involved in my child's education.	81	72
I would be interested in my child having more opportunities to participate in...		
academy or magnet programs.	100	68
an all girls' or all boys' school.	75	35
fine arts.	100	74
athletics.	100	70
community service.	100	88
technology.	100	85
dual language program other than Spanish.	75	56
My child applies what he/she learned at school to areas outside of school.	75	82

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References

Fan, X. & Chen, M. (2001). Parental involvement and students' academic achievement: A meta-analysis. *Educational Psychology Review*, 13(1), 1-22.