



2007-2008 AISD PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

MURCHISON MIDDLE SCHOOL

The following report contains the results of the 2007-2008 AISD Parent Survey for your campus and all AISD schools at your level. The first section of this report provides a comparison of the campus demographics and the demographics reported by parents who responded to the survey from your campus. The next section describes the percentages of parents selecting specific responses for each survey item, and the final section indicates the actual number of parents who selected each response option. Campus survey results should be examined for areas of strength and opportunities for improvement. Results for all AISD schools at your level and longitudinal results for your campus are presented to provide references for comparison.

How many parents responded to the survey in 2007-2008, and how does this compare to the number of students in the population?

	Murchison	District EL	District MS	District HS
# of Parents Responding	76	12,493	1,831	1,731
# of Students	1155	45,993	16,115	19,522
Ratio of Parent Respondents to Students	7%	27%	11%	9%

Note: Student population data are based on May enrollment in the district, and may differ from the official AEIS report.

What did parents report as their child's ethnicity, and how does this compare to the ethnic distribution of the student population?

	% of Students, as Reported by Murchison Parent Respondents	% of Students in Murchison Population
African American	3%	6%
Asian	9%	7%
Hispanic	16%	22%
Native American	0%	1%
White	72%	64%

Note: Some parents chose not to report their child's ethnicity; thus, percentages may not sum to 100%.

What did parents report as their child's grade, and how does this compare to the grade level distribution of the student population?

Grade	% of Students, as Reported by Murchison Parent Respondents	% of Students in Murchison Population
6 th	30%	34%
7 th	30%	31%
8 th	39%	35%

Note: Some parents chose not to report their child's grade level; thus, percentages may not sum to 100%.

USING THE RESULTS OF THE AISD PARENT SURVEY

Please examine your results to determine areas of strength and opportunities for improvement. Areas of strength can be identified by large percentages of parents who “Strongly Agree” or “Agree” with a statement. Opportunities for improvement can be identified by large percentages of parents who “Disagree” or “Strongly Disagree” with a statement. In addition, please look for patterns in which one staff category consistently receives more positive or negative responses than other staff categories. This will help you to identify opportunities for praise and areas in which training may be necessary. If your campus percentages are very different from those reported by parents district-wide, please consider potential reasons for discrepancies.

It is important to look at the responses from year to year to determine whether there are any areas in which percentages have changed by more than a few points. Keep in mind that when response rates are low, the percentages may appear to fluctuate more without necessarily signaling a serious shift in perception. Please consider how representative your parent respondents are of the students in your school. Also, think about any changes in campus policies and practices that may have resulted in positive or negative changes. How can campus staff continue to support the positive changes? How might your staff address any undesirable changes that may have occurred? Because parental perceptions of treatment by school personnel are based on interactions with a variety of school staff, representatives from all areas should be included in discussions regarding school planning and improvement processes.

ITEM RESULTS FOR MURCHISON MS

Each survey item is presented below in a table containing your school’s longitudinal results (when available) and this year’s results for all campuses at your level.

4. School staff provide me with information in my home language.

	Murchison 2006-07	Murchison 2007-08	All MS 2007-08
Strongly Disagree	2%	6%	3%
Disagree	7%	3%	4%
Agree	31%	31%	41%
Strongly Agree	60%	61%	52%

5. I regularly help my child with school projects and homework.

	Murchison 2006-07	Murchison 2007-08	All MS 2007-08
Strongly Disagree	4%	4%	2%
Disagree	10%	14%	9%
Agree	39%	47%	50%
Strongly Agree	47%	35%	39%

6. School staff provide me with positive feedback about my child.

	Murchison 2005-06	Murchison 2006-07	Murchison 2007-08	All MS 2007-08
Strongly Disagree	0%	5%	13%	4%
Disagree	18%	14%	21%	10%
Agree	54%	46%	53%	53%
Strongly Agree	28%	35%	14%	32%

7. School staff treat my child with courtesy and respect.

	Murchison 2007-08	All MS 2007-08
Strongly Disagree	7%	3%
Disagree	14%	7%
Agree	52%	54%
Strongly Agree	27%	35%

8. I feel welcome in my child's classroom.

	Murchison 2007-08	All MS 2007-08
Strongly Disagree	12%	4%
Disagree	31%	10%
Agree	36%	56%
Strongly Agree	22%	30%

9. My child's school uses the suggestions that I make about my child's education.

	Murchison 2007-08	All MS 2007-08
Strongly Disagree	12%	5%
Disagree	27%	13%
Agree	51%	59%
Strongly Agree	10%	24%

10. I have encouraged school staff to maintain high academic standards.

	Murchison 2007-08	All MS 2007-08
Strongly Disagree	2%	4%
Disagree	9%	12%
Agree	47%	54%
Strongly Agree	43%	31%

11. I believe that my child is getting a good education.

	Murchison 2007-08	All MS 2007-08
Strongly Disagree	8%	3%
Disagree	14%	6%
Agree	47%	51%
Strongly Agree	31%	40%

12. My child's school clearly communicates its expectations for my child's learning.

	Murchison 2007-08	All MS 2007-08
Strongly Disagree	3%	3%
Disagree	26%	10%
Agree	43%	53%
Strongly Agree	29%	34%

13. My child's school provides opportunities for me to learn how to help my child succeed in school.

	Murchison 2007-08	All MS 2007-08
Strongly Disagree	7%	5%
Disagree	26%	14%
Agree	51%	53%
Strongly Agree	16%	29%

14. I know where to get information about my school's ratings.

	Murchison 2007-08	All MS 2007-08
Strongly Disagree	3%	3%
Disagree	15%	11%
Agree	48%	50%
Strongly Agree	34%	35%

15. I have discussed future college/career plans with my child.

	Murchison 2007-08	All MS 2007-08
Strongly Disagree	4%	2%
Disagree	6%	5%
Agree	36%	44%
Strongly Agree	54%	49%

16. I know how to help my child pursue college and career goals.

	Murchison 2007-08	All MS 2007-08
Strongly Disagree	3%	3%
Disagree	13%	8%
Agree	36%	48%
Strongly Agree	49%	41%

17. My child's school is a safe learning environment.

	Murchison 2005-06	Murchison 2006-07	Murchison 2007-08	All MS 2007-08
Strongly Disagree	1%	2%	4%	3%
Disagree	9%	6%	15%	10%
Agree	59%	59%	46%	56%
Strongly Agree	31%	33%	34%	31%

18. A portion of a principal's salary should be related to the performance of his/her students on more than one assessment.

	Murchison 2007-08	All MS 2007-08
Strongly Disagree	16%	14%
Disagree	29%	19%
Agree	24%	41%
Strongly Agree	31%	27%

19. A portion of a teacher's salary should be related to the performance of his/her students on more than one assessment.

	Murchison 2007-08	All MS 2007-08
Strongly Disagree	16%	15%
Disagree	33%	20%
Agree	21%	39%
Strongly Agree	30%	26%

20. I think AISD's transfer policies are satisfactory.

	Murchison 2007-08	All MS 2007-08
Strongly Disagree	20%	10%
Disagree	20%	15%
Agree	51%	55%
Strongly Agree	10%	20%

21. The Principal...

	Murchison 2005-06	Murchison 2006-07	Murchison 2007-08	All MS 2007-08
Treats me with courtesy and respect.				
Strongly Disagree	3%	2%	4%	4%
Disagree	0%	2%	4%	4%
Agree	28%	34%	55%	50%
Strongly Agree	69%	61%	38%	42%
Has helped me to become more involved in my child's education.				
Strongly Disagree	2%	3%	4%	6%
Disagree	9%	12%	32%	16%
Agree	55%	40%	38%	49%
Strongly Agree	34%	45%	26%	29%
Values my input in academic decisions about my child.				
Strongly Disagree	2%	3%	7%	6%
Disagree	4%	8%	22%	10%
Agree	50%	43%	36%	52%
Strongly Agree	44%	46%	36%	32%
Provides me with opportunities for 2-way communication (phone calls, meetings, email, etc.)				
Strongly Disagree	2%	3%	5%	6%
Disagree	4%	4%	13%	9%
Agree	47%	45%	53%	51%
Strongly Agree	47%	47%	29%	34%

22. Assistant Principals...

	Murchison 2005-06	Murchison 2006-07	Murchison 2007-08	All MS 2007-08
Treat me with courtesy and respect.				
Strongly Disagree	5%	3%	0%	4%
Disagree	2%	5%	7%	6%
Agree	41%	39%	44%	53%
Strongly Agree	52%	53%	48%	38%
Have helped me to become more involved in my child's education.				
Strongly Disagree	6%	5%	2%	5%
Disagree	19%	13%	17%	15%
Agree	46%	44%	48%	51%
Strongly Agree	29%	38%	33%	29%
Value my input in academic decisions about my child.				
Strongly Disagree	7%	4%	4%	5%
Disagree	11%	7%	9%	10%
Agree	57%	46%	52%	55%
Strongly Agree	26%	44%	35%	30%
Provide me with opportunities for 2-way communication (phone calls, meetings, email, etc.)				
Strongly Disagree	4%	3%	2%	5%
Disagree	8%	6%	10%	10%
Agree	53%	49%	51%	53%
Strongly Agree	35%	42%	37%	33%

23. Teachers...

	Murchison 2005-06	Murchison 2006-07	Murchison 2007-08	All MS 2007-08
Treat me with courtesy and respect.				
Strongly Disagree	3%	3%	0%	2%
Disagree	1%	4%	3%	3%
Agree	51%	39%	51%	52%
Strongly Agree	45%	55%	46%	44%
Have helped me to become more involved in my child's education.				
Strongly Disagree	1%	4%	5%	2%
Disagree	10%	8%	23%	10%
Agree	45%	35%	48%	54%
Strongly Agree	44%	53%	23%	34%
Value my input in academic decisions about my child.				
Strongly Disagree	3%	3%	5%	3%
Disagree	8%	8%	21%	8%
Agree	48%	39%	43%	55%
Strongly Agree	42%	50%	30%	34%
Provide me with opportunities for 2-way communication (phone calls, meetings, email, etc.)				
Strongly Disagree	3%	4%	5%	3%
Disagree	3%	4%	11%	7%
Agree	45%	43%	51%	51%
Strongly Agree	49%	50%	34%	40%

24. Office Staff...

	Murchison 2005-06	Murchison 2006-07	Murchison 2007-08	All MS 2007-08
Treat me with courtesy and respect.				
Strongly Disagree	3%	1%	2%	3%
Disagree	6%	9%	10%	4%
Agree	44%	44%	57%	51%
Strongly Agree	44%	46%	32%	42%
Have helped me to become more involved in my child's education.				
Strongly Disagree	5%	5%	5%	4%
Disagree	21%	25%	32%	10%
Agree	56%	42%	29%	52%
Strongly Agree	19%	28%	32%	34%
Value my input in academic decisions about my child.				
Strongly Disagree	3%	5%	3%	4%
Disagree	21%	10%	33%	8%
Agree	50%	42%	33%	52%
Strongly Agree	27%	43%	30%	36%
Provide me with opportunities for 2-way communication (phone calls, meetings, email, etc.)				
Strongly Disagree	2%	5%	2%	4%
Disagree	9%	7%	12%	9%
Agree	56%	51%	54%	51%
Strongly Agree	33%	37%	33%	36%

25. Counselor(s)...

	Murchison 2005-06	Murchison 2006-07	Murchison 2007-08	All MS 2007-08
Treat me with courtesy and respect.				
Strongly Disagree	3%	2%	2%	3%
Disagree	2%	3%	0%	6%
Agree	41%	37%	47%	54%
Strongly Agree	55%	58%	51%	38%
Have helped me to become more involved in my child's education.				
Strongly Disagree	4%	4%	4%	6%
Disagree	11%	13%	11%	15%
Agree	56%	45%	48%	50%
Strongly Agree	38%	38%	37%	30%
Value my input in academic decisions about my child.				
Strongly Disagree	2%	5%	5%	6%
Disagree	7%	9%	5%	12%
Agree	61%	39%	40%	51%
Strongly Agree	30%	47%	50%	31%
Provide me with opportunities for 2-way communication (phone calls, meetings, email, etc.)				
Strongly Disagree	2%	4%	4%	5%
Disagree	5%	4%	4%	9%
Agree	54%	50%	50%	52%
Strongly Agree	39%	42%	42%	35%

26. School staff provide me with enough information about the following school and district policies:

	Murchison 2005-06	Murchison 2006-07	Murchison 2007-08	All MS 2007-08
Student behavior expectations				
Strongly Disagree	0%	3%	0%	2%
Disagree	0%	2%	8%	4%
Agree	67%	48%	61%	53%
Strongly Agree	33%	47%	31%	41%
Parent involvement policy				
Strongly Disagree	0%	1%	0%	3%
Disagree	11%	7%	20%	10%
Agree	62%	57%	53%	53%
Strongly Agree	28%	34%	27%	34%
Process for handling complaints and concerns				
Strongly Disagree	2%	3%	5%	5%
Disagree	10%	15%	22%	12%
Agree	59%	47%	56%	52%
Strongly Agree	30%	35%	17%	31%

27. School staff provide me with enough information about:

	Murchison 2005-06	Murchison 2006-07	Murchison 2007-08	All MS 2007-08
My child's academic progress				
Strongly Disagree	3%	4%	5%	3%
Disagree	0%	7%	16%	7%
Agree	55%	45%	51%	52%
Strongly Agree	43%	44%	29%	39%
My child's academic plans and goals				
Strongly Disagree	5%	7%	11%	4%
Disagree	29%	25%	34%	17%
Agree	48%	43%	34%	50%
Strongly Agree	18%	25%	21%	29%
My child's preparedness for TAKS				
Strongly Disagree	5%	4%	5%	4%
Disagree	30%	25%	30%	15%
Agree	44%	45%	49%	52%
Strongly Agree	21%	26%	16%	29%
My child's risk of failing a grade				
Strongly Disagree	2%	6%	4%	3%
Disagree	9%	6%	15%	10%
Agree	58%	51%	58%	53%
Strongly Agree	31%	38%	24%	34%
My child's behavior				
Strongly Disagree	3%	3%	2%	3%
Disagree	18%	8%	24%	8%
Agree	54%	54%	54%	56%
Strongly Agree	25%	36%	20%	33%

27 (continued). School staff provide me with enough information about:

	Murchison 2005-06	Murchison 2006-07	Murchison 2007-08	All MS 2007-08
High school graduation requirements				
Strongly Disagree	9%	6%	5%	9%
Disagree	43%	36%	32%	19%
Agree	29%	36%	49%	47%
Strongly Agree		22%	14%	24%
Personal Graduation Plans (PGPs)				
Strongly Disagree	10%	6%	13%	12%
Disagree	62%	46%	52%	26%
Agree	10%	31%	26%	42%
Strongly Agree	17%	17%	10%	20%
Financial Aid and Scholarships				
Strongly Disagree	7%	10%	17%	14%
Disagree	63%	41%	54%	29%
Agree	11%	36%	21%	38%
Strongly Agree	19%	13%	8%	19%
College admission requirements				
Strongly Disagree	10%	6%	22%	14%
Disagree	52%	44%	57%	29%
Agree	21%	38%	13%	38%
Strongly Agree	17%	13%	9%	19%
Career opportunities				
Strongly Disagree	11%	8%	17%	13%
Disagree	61%	45%	50%	26%
Agree	14%	32%	17%	41%
Strongly Agree	14%	15%	17%	21%

28. Which of these school staff provide you with information about the following opportunities?

	Murchison 2007-08	All MS 2007-08
Availability of tutoring		
Counselors	13%	8%
Office Staff	11%	7%
Teachers	62%	50%
Parent Support Specialists	5%	16%
Parent/family involvement opportunities (e.g., PTA, Campus Advisory Council, school events)		
Counselors	14%	6%
Office Staff	13%	15%
Teachers	22%	18%
Parent Support Specialists	32%	28%
Parent/family resources (e.g., parenting or literacy classes, School-to-Community staff, Parent Support staff)		
Counselors	14%	9%
Office Staff	13%	9%
Teachers	22%	27%
Parent Support Specialists	32%	26%

29. In which of the following activities do you participate?

	Murchison 2007-08	All MS 2007-08
General school meetings (e.g., open house, Back to School Night, Choice Sheet Night, etc.)	83%	65%
Regularly scheduled parent-teacher conferences	91%	54%
School leadership opportunities (e.g., Campus Advisory Council, event committees, etc.)	15%	14%
Parent-Teacher Associates (PTA)/Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA)	55%	28%
Sports or other performance events	53%	36%
Academic events (e.g., science fairs, debate competitions, etc.)	52%	39%
Other special events or conferences (e.g., workshops, Family Night, Learning Walks, etc.)	57%	36%
District-wide events (e.g., La Feria Educativa, Back-to-School Bash, Family Technology Week, etc.)	9%	21%