

Groton-Dunstable Middle School – 2009 Parent Survey RESULTS

One hundred and ninety-six (196) parent surveys were completed by the deadline. Many parents took the time to also include a short narrative indicating some of their concerns or suggestions regarding the Groton-Dunstable Regional Middle School. Most comments were quite positive. Questions that were not pertinent to a parent were left blank (N/A).

A breakdown summary of how parents responded to each question is in italics under each question. Percentages are based on the number of parents who answered a question.

I would like to thank all the parents who took the time to complete this survey. This feedback is very important to us in identifying our areas of strength and/or opportunities for improvement. Your opinions and suggestions in how we can better serve the educational needs of our students and families are very important to us.

PART 1

My son/daughter is in grade 5 6 7 8. (Please circle)

Using the scale below, circle the number which best reflects your opinion for each statement.

- 1. STRONGLY DISAGREE**
- 2. DISAGREE**
- 3. AGREE**
- 4. STRONGLY AGREE**

SCHOOL CLIMATE

1. The Groton-Dunstable Middle School environment promotes respect and understanding of individual differences. 2 6 110 71
Out of 189 responses, 4% of the parents disagreed and 96% agreed.
2. I am satisfied with the overall cleanliness of the school building. 2 5 104 78
Out of 189 responses, 4% of the parents disagreed and 96% agreed.
3. The faculty/staff promote understanding among students from different backgrounds. 2 4 118 48
Out of 172 responses, 3% of the parents disagreed and 97% agreed.
4. The Office Staff is welcoming and helpful. 3 20 102 61
Out of 186 responses, 12% of the parents disagreed and 88% agreed.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE AND BEHAVIOR

5. The school's discipline policy/practices are communicated well to parents and students. 4 3 91 87
Out of 185 responses, 4% of the parents disagreed and 96% agreed.
6. The school's discipline policy/practices are consistently enforced/properly handled by the school Administration. 3 5 89 51
Out of 148 responses, 5% of the parents disagreed and 95% agreed.
7. The school's discipline policy/practices are consistently enforced/properly handled by school faculty. 2 15 92 37
Out of 146 responses, 12% of the parents disagreed and 88% agreed.
8. My child feels safe at school. 2 5 91 87
Out of 185 responses, 4% of the parents disagreed and 96% agreed.
9. My child feels safe riding the bus to and from school. 2 6 118 49
Out of 175 responses, 5% of the parents disagreed and 95% agreed.
10. The middle school promotes a zero-tolerance for bullying. 4 9 109 62
Out of 184 responses, 7% of the parents disagreed and 93% agreed.

FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION

11. The Principal is welcoming and approachable. 1 3 36 143
Out of 183 responses, 2% of the parents disagreed and 98% agreed.
12. The Assistant Principals are welcoming and approachable. 2 6 67 89
Out of 164 responses, 5% of the parents disagreed and 95% agreed.
13. The Principal is accessible and responsive to parent concerns. 2 4 47 116
Out of 169 responses, 4% of the parents disagreed and 96% agreed.
14. The Assistant Principals are accessible and responsive to parent concerns. 1 7 77 63
Out of 148 responses, 5% of the parents disagreed and 95% agreed.
15. The Principal provides effective school leadership. 1 2 43 132
Out of 178 responses, 2% of the parents disagreed and 98% agreed.
16. My child's Guidance Counselor has helped him/her with personal and/or school problems. 2 15 37 19
Out of 73 responses, 23% of the parents disagreed and 77% agreed.
17. The faculty in this school treats my child with respect. 1 7 93 81
Out of 182 responses, 4% of the parents disagreed and 96% agreed.

HOME-SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

18. I am adequately informed about my child's grades/learning progress. 3 33 104 46
Out of 186 responses, 19% of the parents disagreed and 81% agreed.
19. I am satisfied with the level of communication from my child's teachers. 2 57 99 28
Out of 186 responses, 32% of the parents disagreed and 68% agreed.
20. I believe Connect Ed is an effective tool for communication. 3 9 93 76
Out of 181 responses, 7% of the parents disagreed and 93% agreed.
21. Between report cards, I receive sufficient information about my child's progress. 10 56 99 21
Out of 186 responses, 35% of the parents disagreed and 65% agreed.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

22. There are ample opportunities for parents to become involved at the Middle School.
2 23 115 40
Out of 180 responses, 14% of the parents disagreed and 86% agreed.
23. The Parent Organization (MSPTO) is an effective organization. 2 10 102 26
Out of 140 responses, 9% of the parents disagreed and 91% agreed.
24. The GD SpedPac provides adequate outreach to, as well as valuable services for, parents, the community and staff in regards to Special Education issues, initiatives and events. 1 4 66 42
Out of 113 responses, 4% of the parents disagreed and 96% agreed.

CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION

25. The amount of time my child spends on homework is reasonable. 8 33 138 5
Out of 184 responses, 22% of the parents disagreed and 78% agreed.
26. The level of difficulty of my child's homework is appropriate for him or her. 6 22 145 10
Out of 183 responses, 15% of the parents disagreed and 85% agreed.
27. Homework assignments provide practice with important skills and information. 2 18 145 17
Out of 182 responses, 11% of the parents disagreed and 89% agreed.
28. Educational technology is used effectively to enhance my child's learning. 5 32 131 13
Out of 181 responses, 20% of the parents disagreed and 80% agreed.
29. My child is given opportunities to demonstrate his/her learning. 4 13 134 29
Out of 180 responses, 9% of the parents disagreed and 91% agreed.
30. My child is challenged academically. 7 34 130 11
Out of 182 responses, 23% of the parents disagreed and 77% agreed.

31. I have been satisfied with the Special Education Support Services my child has received. 2 7 16 8
Out of 33 responses, 27% of the parents disagreed and 73% agreed.

STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

32. Student-led conferences effectively inform me of my child's academic performance and who he/she is as a learner.
Out of 139 responses, 42% of the parents disagreed and 58% agreed.
33. Student-led conferences offer me an opportunity to ask questions related to my child's classroom performance.
Out of 139 responses, 40% of the parents disagreed and 60% agreed.

ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING STUDENT PROGRESS

34. My child's teachers recognize his/her strengths and weaknesses. 5 13 90 49
Out of 182 responses, 12% of the parents disagreed and 88% agreed.
35. **Progress reports** provide useful and accurate information on my child's academic progress and behavior. 4 28 87 43
Out of 183 responses, 24% of the parents disagreed and 76% agreed.
36. **Report cards** provide useful and accurate information on my child's academic progress and behavior. 2 17 100 40
Out of 183 responses, 17% of the parents disagreed and 83% agreed.

TITLE 1 SURVEY QUESTIONS

37. My child was offered appropriate ELA/Reading intervention (Literacy Lab or after school ELA MCAS Prep). *Out of 32 responses, 31% of the parents disagreed and 69% agreed.*
38. My child was offered appropriate Math intervention (Math Lab or after school Math MCAS Prep.) *Out of 46 responses, 41% of the parents disagreed and 59% agreed.*
39. The reporting system used by the Literacy Lab and/or after school ELA MCAS prep program provides useful and accurate information regarding my child's progress.
Out of 21 responses, 24% of the parents disagreed and 76% agreed.
40. The reporting system used by the Math Lab and/or after school Math MCAS prep program provides useful and accurate information regarding my child's progress.
Out of 29 responses, 45% of the parents disagreed and 55% agreed.

CAFETERIA

41. I am satisfied with the nutritional value of the school's lunch program. 8 36 82 19
Out of 159 responses, 43% of the parents disagreed and 57% agreed.

42. I am satisfied with the type of selections on the school's lunch menu. 7 36 82 24
Out of 161 responses, 45% of the parents disagreed and 55% agreed.

BUILDING SECURITY

43. I believe that the current main entrances are secure in providing safe access in an out of the buildings. 14 46 65 35
Out of 182 responses, 5% of the parents disagreed and 95% agreed.
44. The new security buzz in system has enhanced school safety.
Out of 177 responses, 8% of the parents disagreed and 92% agreed.
45. I believe that the current "check-in" process for visitors is adequate. 10 44 75 24
Out of 180 responses, 9% of the parents disagreed and 91% agreed.