

2012-2013 Austin ISD Parent Survey Cowan ES

Strong relationships among staff, students and staff are critical to student success. In particular, parent involvement in education is associated with a high level of student achievement. 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 2012-2013 Parent Survey for Austin Independent School District (AISD) for Cowan ES. The district report can be found at: <http://www.austinisd.org/dre>

Cowan ES Demographic Information

Table 1. Number of respondents for Cowan ES 2012-2013

	Surveys Returned	Total Students	% of Students Represented
Cowan ES	135	799	16.90%
All Elementary Schools	14417	48897	29.48%

Table 2. Distribution of respondents relative to Cowan ES's population, 2012-2013

Grade Level	% of respondents	% of School Population
PK	2.99%	4.67%
KG	19.40%	18.18%
01	8.96%	15.28%
02	14.93%	15.66%
03	14.93%	14.65%
04	20.90%	16.29%
05	17.91%	15.28%

Table 3. Distribution of respondents and students by ethnicity and race for Cowan ES, 2012-2013

Ethnicity	% of respondents	% of School Population
American Indian	1.48%	0.50%
Asian	5.93%	3.50%
Black/African American	5.19%	3.88%
Hispanic	32.59%	43.30%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.74%	0.13%
Two or more races	3.70%	4.76%
White	50.37%	43.93%

**Table 4. Parent Survey Items Related to COURTESY
For Cowan ES
2012-2013**

Survey Items	% Strongly Agree/Agree Cowan ES	% Strongly Agree/Agree All Elementary Schools
The principal treats me with courtesy and respect.	97.35%	97.23%
The principal treats my child with courtesy and respect.	98.31%	97.99%
The assistant principal treats me with courtesy and respect.	94.95%	97.30%
The assistant principal treats my child with courtesy and respect.	97.17%	97.75%
The office staff treat me with courtesy and respect.	96.21%	95.62%
The office staff treat my child with courtesy and respect.	98.41%	97.26%
The teachers treat me with courtesy and respect.	97.76%	98.68%
The teachers treat my child with courtesy and respect.	97.71%	98.29%
The counselors treat me with courtesy and respect.	97.27%	97.68%
The counselors treat my child with courtesy and respect.	98.18%	98.25%
My child is treated with respect by other students.	94.53%	93.20%

**Table 5. Parent Survey Items Related to COMMUNICATION
For Cowan ES
2012-2013**

Survey Items	% Strongly Agree/Agree Cowan ES	% Strongly Agree/Agree All Elementary Schools
The principal provides me with opportunities for two-way communication.	94.02%	94.99%
The assistant principal provides me with opportunities for two-way communication.	93.00%	95.54%
The teachers provide me with opportunities for two-way communication.	95.49%	97.81%
The counselors provide me with opportunities for two-way communication.	94.17%	95.77%
School staffs are easily accessible when I need to talk to them.	96.06%	95.37%
I receive information about my child or my child's school that is in my preferred language.	96.99%	98.07%

**Table 6. Parent Survey Items Related to ACADEMICS
For Cowan ES
2012-2013**

Survey Items	% Strongly Agree/Agree Cowan ES	% Strongly Agree/Agree All Elementary Schools
School staff provide me with enough information about school expectations about student learning.	96.97%	97.01%
School staff provide me with enough information about my child's academic performance.	96.99%	97.43%
School staff provide me with enough information about my child's preparedness for state academic tests.	96.33%	95.51%
I believe that my child likes to go to school.	95.42%	96.67%
The educational experience at my child's school is just as good as or better than that at any other AISD school.	97.52%	94.44%
My child's teacher(s) provide a high quality learning environment.	96.18%	97.42%
School staffs encourage my child to study and learn.	97.71%	98.08%
My child's school is a safe learning environment.	95.35%	97.06%
My child's school is monitored well to ensure safety.	92.19%	91.76%

**Table 7. Parent Survey Items Related to INVOLVEMENT
For Cowan ES
2012-2013**

Survey Items	% Strongly Agree/Agree Cowan ES	% Strongly Agree/Agree All Elementary Schools
The teachers have helped me to become more involved in my child's education.	95.35%	96.74%
The teachers value my input in decisions about my child.	97.64%	97.32%
The counselors have helped me support my child's education.	97.14%	96.10%
The counselors value my input in decisions about my child.	95.96%	96.59%
School staff provide me with enough information about opportunities for me to be involved in school.	96.12%	96.56%
I know who to contact at my child's school if I have a question or concern about my child's education.	96.92%	97.53%
School staffs use suggestions I make about my child's education.	95.88%	94.82%
My child's school offers convenient opportunities for me to be involved in my child's education.	92.91%	95.72%

**Table 8. Parent Survey Items Related to INFORMATION/ FEEDBACK
For Cowan ES
2012-2013**

Survey Items	% Strongly Agree/Agree Cowan ES	% Strongly Agree/Agree All Elementary Schools
School staff provide me with enough information about transitions to and from elementary, middle, and high school.	85.14%	93.43%
School staff provide me with enough information about future career opportunities for my child.	77.08%	92.47%
School staff provide me with enough information about college admissions requirements and financing options for my child.	71.05%	91.32%
School staff provide me with enough information about process for handling complaints and concerns.	95.33%	91.99%
School staff provide me with enough information about additional academic services available to my child.	91.38%	93.42%
School staff provide me with enough information about school expectations about student behavior.	96.99%	97.45%
School staff provide me with enough information about the positive feedback about my child.	95.42%	96.90%
School staff provide me with enough information about my child's behavior.	96.97%	97.72%
School staff provide me with enough information about my child's attendance.	96.95%	98.20%
School staff provide me with enough information about my child's high school graduation requirements.	88.89%	93.93%
School staff provide me with enough information about after-school programs or activities for my child.	93.10%	95.14%
I feel comfortable contacting staff at my child's school if I have a question or concern.	96.95%	96.28%
When I contact school staff, I get a timely response.	96.85%	95.47%
I am satisfied with the quality of the transportation services provided by my child's school.	84.71%	92.94%
I am satisfied with the quality of the food services at my child's school.	76.99%	85.08%
The school's website is a useful source of information for me.	91.45%	92.00%

**Table 9. Parent Survey Items Related to the DISTRICT OFFICE
For Cowan ES
2012-2013**

Survey Items	% Strongly Agree/Agree Cowan ES	% Strongly Agree/Agree All Elementary Schools
The frequency with which I receive information through the district's automated phone calls is adequate.	86.07%	91.48%
The district's website is a good source of information for me.	87.83%	94.15%
The Superintendent does a good job asking for input from parents.	84.85%	91.29%
The Superintendent does a good job communicating with parents.	86.00%	90.29%
The Superintendent does a good job managing the district's budget and staffing needs.	75.31%	88.90%
The Superintendent has made a positive impact on students' academic progress.	84.21%	90.86%
Staffs at the district's main offices are responsive to my needs.	88.33%	93.63%
Staffs at the district's main offices treat me with courtesy and respect.	93.65%	95.25%
The district provides enough information on enrollment options at other AISD schools.	78.22%	88.54%
AISD's online Parent Connection/ Gradespeed system helps me monitor my child's academic progress.	91.92%	95.26%
The district's automated phone calls are a good source of information for me.	82.76%	90.72%

**Table 10. Top 10 Items
For Cowan ES
2012-2013**

Survey Items	% Strongly Agree/ Agree
The office staff treat my child with courtesy and respect.	98.41%
The principal treats my child with courtesy and respect.	98.31%
The counselors treat my child with courtesy and respect.	98.18%
The teachers treat me with courtesy and respect.	97.76%
The teachers treat my child with courtesy and respect.	97.71%
School staffs encourage my child to study and learn.	97.71%
The teachers value my input in decisions about my child.	97.64%
The educational experience at my child's school is just as good as or better than that at any other AISD school.	97.52%
The principal treats me with courtesy and respect.	97.35%
The counselors treat me with courtesy and respect.	97.27%

**Table 11. Bottom 10 Items
For Cowan ES
2012-2013**

Survey Items	% Strongly Agree/ Agree
School staff provide me with enough information about college admissions requirements and financing options for my child.	71.05%
I am satisfied with the quality of the food services at my child's school.	76.99%
School staff provide me with enough information about future career opportunities for my child.	77.08%
I am satisfied with the quality of the transportation services provided by my child's school.	84.71%
School staff provide me with enough information about transitions to and from elementary, middle, and high school.	85.14%
School staff provide me with enough information about my child's high school graduation requirements.	88.89%
School staff provide me with enough information about additional academic services available to my child.	91.38%
The school's website is a useful source of information for me.	91.45%
My child's school is monitored well to ensure safety.	92.19%
My child's school offers convenient opportunities for me to be involved in my child's education.	92.91%