

GWINNETT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Office of Federal & Special Programs & Centerville Elementary SCHOOL
ANNUAL PARENT SURVEY 2008-2009 (Results)

Dear Parents:

The purpose of this survey is to evaluate the quality of **parent involvement** in GCPS Title I Schools. Your feedback will be used to improve parent involvement activities. Please complete **only one survey per family**, and return it to your child's homeroom teacher by February 27, 2009. You may also participate in the online survey at the following web site: www.centervillees.com

1. I know about and understand Title I.
Yes- 84% No- 14% No Response-2%
2. I am aware that my child's school receives Title I funds.
Yes-89% No-10% No Response 1%
3. I am aware that parents can be involved in making decisions about the Title I Program.
Yes-87% No-11% No Response-2%
4. I am aware of the academic services/programs provided by Title I at my child's school.
Yes-77% No-22% No Response-1%
5. I am aware that my child's school has a Parent Center.
Yes- 95% No-4%
6. I am aware that the Parent Center Coordinator is available to assist me.
Yes- 80% No-19% No Rresponse-1%
7. The Parent Center at my child's school is open at times that are convenient for me.
Yes-76% No-16% No Response-8%
8. My child's school communicates regularly with me.
Yes- 95% No-3% No Response- 2%
9. I receive letters/flyers about parent workshops and meetings.
Yes-95% No-3% No Response-1%
10. I am aware that the Parent Center provides resources for all students, including ESOL, and students with special needs.
Yes-85% No-11% No Response-3%
11. The workshops held at my child's school have helped me to assist my child.
Yes-74% No-16% No Response-10%

*If you responded "**no**" to any of the statements above (1-11), please use the space in # 24 to explain.*

12. My child's school has given me a copy of the following Title I documents **and** explained them to me:

(Check all that apply.)

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| 64% | a. GCPS Title I Parent Involvement Policy/Plan | 43% | e. Parent's Right to Request Teacher Qualifications |
| 61% | b. School's Title I Parent Involvement Policy | 46% | f. Family Education Rights and Privacy Act |
| 53% | c. School-Parent Compact | 45% | g. Title I Complaint Procedure |
| 53% | d. Title I Action Plan (for your child's school) | | |

13. I prefer to receive information from my child's school by: *(choose one.)*

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|-----|---------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| 3% | a. school website | 7% | e. school newsletter |
| 12% | b. email | 41% | f. sent home with student |
| 4% | c. student agenda book | 1% | g. other: none, Spanish |
| 2% | d. automated phone system | 3% | No Response |
| | | 26% | Invalid Response-marked more than one |

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14. Please indicate the parent involvement opportunities that your child's school has offered to you. *(check all that apply.)*

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| 38% a. Title I Committee | 77% f. Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| 25% b. Local School Council | 18% g. Parent Leadership Academy |
| 56% c. School Volunteer | 0% h. No opportunities offered |
| 70% d. PTA | 5% i. Do not recall the opportunities that were offered |
| 63% e. Workshops through the Parent Center | 1% j. Other <i>(please specify (No comment made))</i> |
- 11%-NR

15. Please indicate the number of school related events you have attended this school year. *(i.e. parent-teacher conferences, Curriculum Night, parent workshops, PTA etc.)*

- 3% a. 0 21% b. 1 or 2 35% c. 3 or 4 16% d. 5 or 6 9% e. 7 or 8 8% f. more than 8 7% NR

16. If you have not attended any school related events, please indicate the main reason: **(choose one.)**

- 8% a. Meeting times are not convenient
 2% b. I do not have transportation
 2% c. No childcare provided
 2% d. I do not understand English and no interpreter is provided.
 0% e. The school does not offer the information that I need to help my child learn at home.
 4% f. I am not aware of any school related events.
 73% - NA 3% - Invalid Response 5% -NR

17. Please indicate the number of times that you have visited the Parent Center at your child's school this year.

- 1% a. 7 or more times 10% c. 3 or 4 times. 51% e. never
 1% b. 5 or 6 times 33% d. 1 or 2 times 3% NR

18. If you **have visited** the Parent Center, please choose the main reason: **(choose one.)**

- 12% __ a. learn strategies to help my child at home 4% __ d. enroll child in tutoring
 0% __ b. needed an interpreter 0% __ e. volunteer in the school/classroom
 13% __ c. check out learning materials 12% f. Other: *(please specify) (being introduced, have not visited, needed a parent/teacher liaison, we are fine and work hard at home with parents, just to visit, speak to coordinator, lunch and learn session, orientation)*
 55% NR 3%-Invalid- marked more than one response

19. If you **have not visited** the Parent Center at your child's school, please choose the main reason: **(choose one.)**

- 10% __ a. Unaware that the Parent Center was available to me
 6% __ b. Unaware of the resources available through the Parent Center
 6% __ c. Parent Center hours not convenient
 15% __ d. My child does not need any additional assistance
 13% _ e. Other: *(please specify): (bed rest w/pregnancy, just haven't, no reason, work schedule not permitting, transportation, I am at the school regularly and seek what all that my children need through the teachers, principal and or assistant principal, have crazy retail hours).*
 47% - NR 2% Invalid-marked more than one response

20. The area that my child needs the most help is: **(choose one)**

- 11% a. reading 23% c. writing
 16% b. math 9% d. study skills
 40% Invalid Response – marked more than one area.

21. The materials I need most to help my child at home are: **(choose one)**

- 17% a. educational games 5% c. books on tape/CD 3% e. videos/DVDs
 8% b. math materials 25% d. workbooks 5% f. other: *(tutor, all, reading phonics, time at home to assist my child, I have things at home to help him, I have plenty at home).*

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22. I am **most** interested in attending workshops that give information about: (**choose only 3 topics**)

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| 28% a. math | 9% f. curriculum | 20% k. assessments/testing |
| 26% b. reading | 8% g. computer/internet | 7% l. communication |
| 30% c. writing | 7% h. preparing for college | 26% m. homework/home learning. |
| 9% d. grading/promotion | 2% i. student health/wellness | 6% n.other: |
| 9% e. special education | 8% j. social issues, such as: <i>gangs, bullying, substance abuse, financial literacy</i> | |
| 17% NR | 4%- Invalid Response-marked all items | |

Other Comments: (*not interested at this point, gifted, none*)

23. The best time for me to attend meetings/workshops is:

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|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 6% a. before the school day begins | 44% c. after school |
| 16% b. during the school day | 35% d. Saturday |
| 13% NR | |

24. How can the Parent Center better assist you and your family in helping your child be academically successful?

INCLUDES ALL COMMENTS, POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE:

- *I want to know what topics my child is studying in every area. Math reading, language arts, social studies and science. A curriculum map for the year would be helpful*
- *By understanding more of the information.*
- *Concentrate on the specific issue such as focus, work math, comprehension, writing*
- *More educational websites for 5th graders*
- *I wasn't aware of the program, please send me information*
- *I do fine helping my child. It is the parents that probably will not even send this survey back that should be using the center, but don't.*
- *They have been doing a great job.*
- *I am quite happy with the activities the parent center provides.*
- *First me knowing what the parent center is, I have no idea about the parent center.*
- *Extended hours and accessible resources via Centerville Website.*
- *By getting him the help he needs after finding the problems he's having.*
- *Provide the parent of the child/children with materials to assist bringing the child/children from the level that he/she is at to the level he/she needs to be and if possible exceed a grade ahead.*
- *Times that offered seem great.*
- *Make the parents more aware of the programs they offer*
- *Just have basic info available to know*
- *Maybe a class to re-teach the parents certain subjects they have forgotten*
- *To give him all the help that he needs so he can be academically successful*
- *The parent center I thought was only available to the workers in the school to come up with ideas to teach the children, and also to give parents information outside the school.*
- *The children want to learn Spanish. Better materials will be great. They don't feel that they are learning to speak in their Spanish classes.*
- *We have not needed it so far.*
- *Interacting more with kids that need individual help.*
- *The parent center is doing an exceptional job in helping my son be academically successful.*
- *If I had any idea of what it was, I'd be happy to answer this question*
- *Most of the workshops that interest me are during the school day. It is impossible to make these sessions.*
- *Just continue doing what you are doing and that is enough.*
- *Send worksheets for reading and math with my child.*
- *Morning meeting/workshops*
- *Provide children who are weak in one subject and very strong in another a good balance and*

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opportunity for improvement.

- *I am a fulltime worker who works in Fulton county and I can't make any meeting M-F. I will be willing to do anything on Saturday mornings. I am very concerned about my child learning and ability to achieve.*
- *Letting the kids that are more smart into class with the kids that are not to have our kids less active (talking), listening to the teacher instead of their mind elsewhere.*
- *Having the teacher more involved in the student education through PTA.*

Thank you for your valuable input.