



PINELLAS PREPARATORY ACADEMY

2006 PARENT SURVEY
SURVEY RESULTS

Results by Percentage –

	Disagree	Neutral	Agree
My child enjoys attending this school.	7%	13%	80%
The teachers go above and beyond my expectations.	4%	15%	81%
Overall, I am satisfied with the school's administration.	1%	14%	84%
Overall, I am satisfied with the academic program being offered at my child's school.	1%	9%	90%
I feel my child is safe while attending school.	1%	4%	94%
My school welcomes and respects my opinions and concerns regarding school issues.	6%	10%	84%
My child's school offers me many opportunities for parental involvement.	1%	9%	90%
I would recommend this school to my friends who have school age children.	1%	12%	87%
My child is being challenged this year to reach his/her potential.	7%	10%	82%
Overall I am satisfied with Pinellas Preparatory Academy.	1%	10%	88%

Results by Response –

	1	2	3	4	5
My child enjoys attending this school.	2	3	9	23	32
The teachers go above and beyond my expectations.	1	2	10	33	22
Overall, I am satisfied with the school's administration.	0	1	10	35	23
Overall, I am satisfied with the academic program being offered at my child's school.	1	0	6	37	23
I feel my child is safe while attending school.	0	1	3	26	39
My school welcomes and respects my opinions and concerns regarding school issues.	0	4	7	28	28
My child's school offers me many opportunities for parental involvement.	0	1	6	33	27
I would recommend this school to my friends who have school age children.	0	1	8	22	37
My child is being challenged this year to reach his/her potential.	2	3	7	28	28
Overall I am satisfied with Pinellas Preparatory Academy.	0	1	7	27	33

1 = Strongly Disagree, 2 = Disagree, 3 = Neutral, 4 = Agree, 5 = Strongly Agree

Results by Grade –

	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
My child enjoys attending this school.	4.64	4.00	3.90	4.14	4.00
The teachers go above and beyond my expectations.	4.00	3.88	3.81	4.21	4.38
Overall, I am satisfied with the school's administration.	4.36	4.00	3.86	4.18	4.38
Overall, I am satisfied with the academic program being offered at my child's school.	4.18	3.89	4.14	4.22	4.71
I feel my child is safe while attending school.	4.73	4.67	4.05	4.57	4.63
My school welcomes and respects my opinions and concerns regarding school issues.	4.18	4.11	4.05	4.31	4.00
My child's school offers me many opportunities for parental involvement.	4.45	4.00	4.05	4.36	4.33
I would recommend this school to my friends who have school age children.	4.82	4.44	3.95	4.44	4.38
My child is being challenged this year to reach his/her potential.	4.36	3.89	3.71	4.29	4.38
Overall I am satisfied with Pinellas Preparatory Academy.	4.73	4.11	4.00	4.57	4.63
Averages	4.45	4.10	3.95	4.33	4.38
Number of surveys returned	11	7	19	25	6

Summary of strengths:

(Numbers represent the number of responses who indicated this was a strength)

27 - Staff	2 - Supervision / Discipline Handling
23 - Class Sizes	2 - Open Door Policy
13 - Small School	1 - Communication
7 - Academic Program	1 - Online Tools
6 - Focus on kids / Individualized Attention	1 - After School Clubs
5 - Caring / Respect	1 - Older / Younger Mentoring
5 - Community / Tolerance	1 - Provides an alternative
4 - Music / Art Program	1 - Tutoring
3 - Parental Involvement	1 - Field Trips
3 - Security / Safety	1 - Not teach to test

Summary of difficulties:

(Numbers represent the number of responses who indicated this was a difficulty)

15 - Building shortfalls	2 - Lack resources
7 - Lack of Extra Curriculars	1 - Availability
5 - No Bussing	1 - Not "mainstream"
5 - PE Program not enough	1 - Teacher follow through (online, folders, etc.)
4 - No Hot Lunch	1 - Lack of parental input
4 - Car circle	1 - Dress code enforcement
3 - Curriculum	1 - Future uncertainty
2 - Size	1 - Relationship with PCSB
2 - Staff	1 - Use of Class Time
2 - Rules not enforced	1 - School culture lacking
2 - Class discipline / unruly students	1 - No guidance counselor
2 - Staff turnover	1 - Technology problems
2 - Parent apathy - uninvolved	1 - Start Time
2 - Too many substitutes	1 - Communication
2 - Not grades 9-12	1 - More events (plays, concerts)
2 - Too much homework	

What are PPA's biggest strengths?

Small Classes	small class sizes	working as a team
School size welcoming	small class room size	small, informal, caring
Personel. Well Supervised	Small numbers in 1 class.	It's teaching staff, and size
Size gives individual attention	focusing on children's education	Ms. McGrath, Principal, and Ms. Brandi
Academic programs mixed with creative approach.	small classes, safe environment friendly teachers	Individualized attention to students small class size
Small Student body, and open door policy with teachers	Allos my child to develop, grow, and or to be themselves	The class size and security. I feel my child is safe there.
Small Class size Commitment of teachers Parental involvement	Small classroom sizes Kids are not "lost in the shuffle" Location	The size of the classes. Some of the teachers. Art and music classes
Curriculum. Brandi & Tara. Mr. Fuller (very enthusiastic). Music & Mr. Wickstrom	Teachers who are willing to do whatever it takes for my child to be successful!	The Staff's availability to meet with parents and work to bring out my child's potential
being small school. Bring the younger kids and older kids together through mentoring	The alternative to learning available in mainstream classrooms in Pinellas County School	Size of classroom Size of school Teacher and administrator commitment to student development.
Small class sizes! The principal always listens and tries to resolve all problems and concerns!	caring teachers, staff and administrations. Individualized attention for each child. Small size	Small classes/attention on line (see coments) music (more!) teachers seem to know their students
The teachers and the adminstration I think the teachers are real teachers they care about my kids	small size focus on individual student abilities focus on tolerance and friendly accepting atmosphere	Ratio of teachers-children with small school environment Listening to principal & friendly and caring office staff. Teachers communicate well.
The school size is a strength and the class size. It feels like a small famiy and parents involvement	The teachers and adminstration hae respect for each child allowing them to express their true potential	Small Classes 2 teachers with tehir own strengths extra period after school for study hall small school size
small size (classes and school) dedicated principal a lot of dedicated teachers easy adjustment for middle schoolers	The fact that you allow all aspects of creativity and intelligent to be challenged and the curriculum does that very well	Good academic goals Good teachers and staff small class sizes on top of any discipline issues, able to handle more effectively

<p>Good structured program more personable with students and family teachers care about students progress and safety all around good school</p>	<p>small class sizes concerned and challenging teaching staff very accepting to new students and families great field trips "A" rated school!!!!</p>	<p>The teachers and their creative curriculum. The teachers are all willing to help the students succeed. Thank you for the after school tutoring</p>
<p>Communication follow up staff (Some of them) board (The) principal the office staff</p>	<p>I think it's a great school and gives you a sense of small town school feeling. The teachers really care about the children and take time with them</p>	<p>Music and arts program class size availability of teachers and administrations the after school programs and clubs spanish requirements teachers in these programs are excellent</p>
<p>Small size (Classes and school) friendly, creative teachers more broad curriculum than public schools administration that doesn't have an attitude cool extracurricular activities</p>	<p>small class size allow teachers to get to know the kids focus on teaching the kids in the way that the kids learn best (ie. Visual, auditory, etc.) teaching now to learn, not how to pass FCAT</p>	<p>I believe the smaller size is advantageous although I wish there was another fourth grade class so there would be more diversity The staff is exceptional from what I've observed and experienced</p>
<p>The Principal was my son's response to this question! I agree, as this principal has been organized, followed through and initiated several projects that had fallen through the cracks in the past. I also think the caring teachers and small class sizes strengths. After school clubs are a nice plus too.</p>	<p>Receptive administration and board. Ability to make changes in teachers as needed. Ability to recognize problems and solve them. Ability to see beyond the scope of one year. Ability of some of the most exceptional teachers to teach their strengths and show their wisdom to their students. Educational freedom to allow teacher and student and administration to become a team in the learning.</p>	

What are PPA's biggest difficulties?

busing	building	no buses
Beginning time.	None at this time	Size Availability
lack of facilities	No extra curricular sports	The car line up! I hate it!
keeping dress codes in check	lack of room and lunch program	Do not allow enough parental inputs
Finding a bigger location for al the kids	Size of school-no extracurricular activities	Wish it could continue through high school.
not having grades 9-12 a big insecurity for parent	The limited sports programs and the small facility	The facility and the curch's inadequate administration.
Not being in the mainstreamed I'm not aware of any difficulties	science and math seem lacking no social time too much h omework	Lack of good communication between teachers, students, and parents.
financing to get updated on technology and other resources as well as pay to teachers	My girls say too much homework! The after school sports program as lack of space to grow	Being able to have Pinellas County School board give you the leway and accepantance you deserve
Not enough physical activities facilities beginning to need improvement not enough space for PE, etc.	No transportation changes in staffing seems high no lunch room parking, pick up/drop off no org. sports	Need more space D's in staff. 4th Grade, Spanish (both not preventable) and gifted. Hard for our daughter
confidence PPA will stick around, keep charter, and building or find another location if they have to move	the physical building(no labs, no library, no decent P.E. field) No hot lunches (except for pizza) no buses	Need more on site events for parents to attend (i.e. plays,concerts, etc.). Teachers who are always "offended."
Class discipline students unruly temper tantrums and the like seem to be brushed off too often as "just being a kid"	Space (New Property) some teachers are lacking in following through procedures such as homework calendar, Thursday folders, etc.	disorganization of administration and faculty lack of extracurricular activities a nicer building would be more benefital for students
As with any small school, inability to offer certain extracurricular programs. (N ot a big deal: worth the trade off to have these benefits).	Subsitute is being used too often; consistancy lacking in those classrooms some teachers not dedicated to the best education or using class time wisely	The layout and quaity of the school is exxtremely poor and rahter disquising. I find the PE highly inadequate. I hope the school finds a better building.
No lunch program. Constant replacing of certain teachers. The amount of security (small). No transportation. No playground or actual gym class. The carline.	First half of the year science program was very weak, now that the 7th gade has a new science teacher with experience so expectations and standards are higher	Transportation-No buses not enough time (15 minutes) 8:45am to 9am for "Car Circle", teachers late, rules ot enforced school must realize parens have to work

<p>creathing a choiesive idenity and culture for itself. Inscresing positive parent invovlement. Havng resources to build strong math/science/art/music programs</p>	<p>Lack of PE department due to lack of space available would love to see some hot lunches come to school would love to see guidancce counselor for students slipping in grades</p>	<p>Tehnology: problems with laptops? Not sure the goal at the beginning of teaching basic computer skills has been followed through on. Could do more grammar and spell checks on offical documents</p>
<p>Providing the same extra activities at other public schools example: Chorus, some sports, instruments faciltity/building need to improve bathrooms, old and small, general overall more room space</p>	<p>Bullying, but fortunately, the prinicipal is addressing this problem through curriculum and teacher training. Another difficulty is parental apathy towards involvement in PTEG, and some parents lack of teaching their children basic manners, kindess and character education.</p>	

What other comments do you wish to share:

none	keep class sizes small	Keep up the good work!
we enjoy PPA very much!	need more music and arts	need lockers! Immediately
This survey is a good start	Thanks for al that you do, uniquely!	overall, very satified with PPA's performance
kids need more social time, sports area to run	We're relatively new but so pleased to be at PPA!	99% of teachers are excellent. A few could improve.
A parent news letter inviting us to PTEG meetings & updates	We have loved this school since it openeed and recommend it to all.	I am very happy with PPA; My child loves going to school and learning
Keep up the good work and thank you for letting my kids come t your school	I am very pleased with the school and appreciate all the teachers hard work	I recommend this school to many friends and will most likely send my 3rd grade son here next year
Should make starting drop off time 5-15 minutes earlier, eforce rules for both parents and school	While most teachers have been excellent, there has been a stream of less than desirable ones came now	coming from a catholic school I am thrill with the school I wish more people would know about our treasure
Being at this school from the start, I'm disappointed that there has not been the growth that was projected.	I think it would be great if PPA could expand into high school grades. But hopefully not much farther way :-)	We're delighted for our daughter to be in such a fantastic enviroment. She is so happy to be part of the school.
great atompshere! The school gives a good impression to newcomers. Compared with last year, the school has improved greatly!	I believe there is a larger empahsis on self-esteem and praise, than there is a true academic evaluation and grading of pupils work	Lisa and I both love this school and how it challenges her and brought out so many of her good qualities, creativity, and intelligence.
most teachers do their best, but some are offended by constructive criticism by parents need to be open minded about teaching philosophies	My son has been in private school since 1st grade and I have never been as happy as I have been this year at Pinellas prep. Thank you!!!	needs to work/be updated in timely manner renaming levels seem to have given false sense of mprovements to students without effort by them
Being a single parent, working full time, the opportunities for me to help out are miminal and if there is every anything I could do I would	The clubs at PPA are suh a great, unique part of the school especially for 4 and 5th graders. Principals breakfast homework passes are great!!	While the teacher are friendly and cheerful, they are very distant. A "hello" in the car line would be nice. I also feel have "limited" commitment to his 504 plan.
I greatly appreciate the alternative learning environment my son has been able to access through your school. I will be sending my daughter when she is in 4th grade	A much better designed survery this year! Lots of improvements adminstratively this year- websites, board meeting notices, agendas, monitoring internet group message	Good commuication between principal and parents via voice reocorded messages. Overall principal seems very dedicated and interestedd in making PPA the best it can be
I think things have improved immensely this year from physical environment to safety concerns to ability to access child's grades and progress school on line . Good work!	Chander wishes there was more field trips this year! Having an on staff community outreach person would be a good idea-part time. Also on site guidance counselor at least 1 part time or combine to one full time	I feel Mr. Lucero should not be there. He doesn't know how to teach nor does he understand how students learn in a different way. Supposedly we didn't have money for a new teacher but now we do and also a full time tutor. Why is that?

The social studies, math, and language arts have been excellent the first half of the year. The PE program needs improvement. Due to extra courses at your school, our child attends because of the courses (Math, art, and Spanish) and experienced teachers in the core classes

Brian has been at PPA since 5th grade and it was a decision although sometimes questioned by looking at his growth and learning this year I can honestly say it was not regretted. It will be with sadness that we are moving on to a bigger school and wish there was a small school alternative. Thank you to the Board and Mr. Fuller for keeping the school alive and functioning under very difficult circumstances.

I have mixed feelings about homework passes. On one hand, I think it is a valuable reward, and a good incentive for a lot of hard work and good grades. On the other hand, I hate to see her use one if she just goofed off, wasted her time, or just didn't feel like doing something. It's not that I want them to be stopped, but she has earned so many of them that she could (if she wanted to be lazy), and not do her homework for several days in a row, and possibly not get the practice she needs in a subject. Of course, this could serve as a way to learn responsibility, if it caused the grades on tests to go down and then keep her off the principals list next time!! (I have been trying to monitor when she uses them, so that helps)