Parent Involvement Survey - Google Forms

Please identify your child's / children's grade band(s): 165 responses

- **30.3%** K-2
- **18.8%** 3-5
- **21.8%** 6-8
- **27.3%** 9-12
- **3.0%** K-2 and 6-8
- **1.2%** Middle School
- **0.6%** 1st and 3rd

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1) I understand the curriculum / academic requirements for my child’s grade level. 165 responses

- **43.6%** Strongly Agree
- **44.8%** Agree
- **5.5%** Neutral
- **5.5%** Disagree
- **0.6%** Strongly Disagree
2) My child's school informs me regularly about his/her academic achievement. 165 responses

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3) I am aware of the Parent Information Resource Center in the front office of child’s school. 165 responses

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4) I am informed in a timely manner about workshops/activities at my child’s school (by Parent Newsletter, BlackBoard Connect Emails, Friday Folders, Social Media, etc.,) that educate/inform parents about curriculum/educational goals and are offered at flexible times. 165 responses

| Strongly Agree | 56 |
| Agree          | 47 |
| Neutral        | 27 |
| Disagree       | 26 |
| Strongly Disagree | 9 |

the extra help for fsa was not told to me. my child missed out on something he VERY MUCH NEEDED
5) When is the most convenient time of day for you to attend parent involvement activities/workshops 165 responses

6) What parent involvement activities have you found most beneficial during the 2016 – 2017 school year? (Select all that apply.) 165 responses
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The options that were not checked, is because I haven't been able to participate or take part of.

they had very poor communication. last year there was tutoring to help the children, starting in January.

PTO-organized events

general volunteering

None of the above have been beneficial.

Nothing

NA

None.

Other (Please Explain)
7 responses

Car club parent meeting

Time in the morning and I work

The parent-teacher communication is terrible

this year ,they forgot about giving help to the children. because a parent never saw a premission slip, a child missed out on the 1 & only extra help they offered in math prior to the fsa. the school didnot email the parent. this is totally unforgivable. they said " they expect the children to be organized" not every child reaches the same goals @ the same time. there are medical reasons & the school dropped the ball & my child may suffer. when i said i wanted his 504 upgraded for the parent to be informed , when their signiture is required on paperwork, the school said NO.

JUST WAIT TILL MY NEXT MEETING

PTO events

I close to school and found volunteering during the school day to be fun and my son enjoyed seeing me at school.

Parent initiated meetings

7. What type of parent involvement activities are you interested in attending for the 2017 – 2018 school year? 165 responses
Meet the Teacher: 111 (67.3%)
Curriculum Night: 97 (58.8%)
Parenting Workshop: 56 (33.9%)
Grade Level Events: 104 (63%)
School-Wide Events: 72 (43.6%)
Recognition Events (e.g. Dad brings your child to school, Cultural Heritage Breakfast, etc.): 70 (42.4%)

Not easy for me to attend night activities/events: 1 (0.6%)
HS Graduation :): 1 (0.6%)
None of these events seem to make a difference. They are very rushed and you really don't have any time to spend with the teachers to get any real answers from them: 1 (0.6%)
Thanksgiving Party: 1 (0.6%)
Parent-teacher conferences: 1 (0.6%)
High School Information Sessions: 1 (0.6%)
PTO meetings: 1 (0.6%)
will not be attending: 1 (0.6%)
Student is graduating: 1 (0.6%)
meeting with guidance counselors: 1 (0.6%)
Other (Please Explain): 3 responses

HS graduation

Updates from/questions to the Principal

Meet the teacher for MS should be scheduled in time blocks. It was close to impossible to really meet the teacher due the high number of students at the same time.

8) I am informed about the Title I program at my child’s school and the required Title I parent notifications, such as the annual Title I Meeting in September and the Parent Involvement Plan (PIP). 165 responses

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Agree: 52
Neutral: 38
Disagree: 12
Strongly Disagree: 7

9) I know how to access the Parent Involvement Plan (PIP) and School Improvement Plan (SIP) on the school’s website. 165 responses
10) I am aware that I have the opportunity to participate in the decision making process regarding parent programs, funding, and the development of the School Improvement Plan (SIP) and Parent Involvement Plan (PIP) at my child's school. 165 responses

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11) What needs to be improved to increase student achievement? 72 responses

N/A (2)

Better communication of high school/university requirements. Better advance planning for summer SAT review course.

Be more consistent in aftercare. Make sure work is done then. Assist with additional tutoring when necessary.

Nothing.

More classroom help if student is falling behind or struggling with a subject. Do not teach core subjects like reading and math at the end of the day.

The more information parents are given and have access to, the greater success their children will have. If we understand what our child needs to succeed in school, we can help them as best we can. I know that's a broad statement, but I just think the more parents are informed about school activities and academics, the more opportunities we have to encourage our child to participate and be involved in their school and the classroom.

Use aftercare to complete homework. Have teachers assist with homework assignments.

More info to the parents about what the assignments are that our students are working on I receive an end of the week update but it tells me what is due after the fact. I know students are to become independent and self advocates but as parents we still want to be informed as to what our student is learning etc.

Teachers that actually teach. The school morale is awful and everything that is beneficial for the students have been steadily taken away. I'm extremely disappointed in the downfall of the school after having my kids there for the last 12 years.

Currently we are happy in all areas

Free tutoring

Give to the student more time to study for testings, make projects and homework between their assignments.

I would like to see a foreign language program either before, during or after school. When you try to teach people a foreign language after the age 10 it is exponentially more difficult. This is a big weakness in the US.

Semester lesson plans. Too many last minute assignments

I think the school should maintain on its course of always trying to innovate.

Extra help for children struggling. We are already paying for tutors. Ad henderson teachers, and he still struggels.

Provide Volunteer hours to high school students.

More rigor in curriculum and more individual attention to students and their individual goals.

Keep it the same

More parent involvement.
More teacher/parent meetings

Boosting kids moral always helps them to feel positive about a successful future. I do not receive many alert nows and the Friday afternoon recap message keeps everyone on track...

streamline communication within the school

Better copy machines. The tests and homework would be much better if printed in a colored laser printer. I also find at times, the tests applied are little outdated.

there is no need for improvement

Continue with what is being done!

Quality of teaching - explanations in class should be thorough and not left for the children to find online. Listening to their question with concern, not with only one ear without raising your gaze from the laptop screen. Reading entire books and AR testing should come back. Reading Plus is not useful. Train them to write essays since the first day, not only the week before FSA (this is outrageous). Aleks is good and useful.

The teacher should have more meetings with the parents.

Ability for kids to move up in math in the younger grades. Also, would be great if enrichment programs were offered after school (Science, robotics, language, art, etc)

More electives of interest need to be added as options at middle school. It's easier for students to focus on academics when they've had other opportunities during the day to explore other interests. The school is not giving students to explore career opportunities outside of STEM. Not all students have a love for STEM and there should be more focus on music, arts, etc.

We are a new family to Henderson but I feel the school is doing a great job. The level of communication and care is more than I could have asked for.

Henderson has a wonderful reputation but as new to the School, I find it is the worse school our daughter has attended (this is her 4th). The teacher does not communicate with parents, hard to get administrators to respond to questions and a general lack of policies and procedures. I feel that the School is very poo in explaining the curriculum and PBC report cards have far more information that what Henderson provides. Overall, very disappointed in the leadership of the school, clear policies and communication.

less standardized test- the new principal has added 2 additional layers of testing- iready and fair testing and its just too much- also need more support in learning better study and organization habits

Teachers not reassessing the students when information is not remediated in the classroom, specifically the English class and essay writing. The 9th teachers need to coordinate HW assignments better. My child spent countless sleepless nights this year trying to meet some really outrageous HW expectations.

READING AND STUDY SKILLS

A renovated facility

More communication from teacher about individual students. Use of technology by teacher to provide updates on classroom activities/individual performance. Midterm and term grades should not be the only time that a parent becomes aware that a student is not performing up to his/her potential. If a teacher sees an under-performing student, he/she should communicate with parents and assist in the implementation of home/school strategy.

11/17
More elective choices for middle school and high school as my child will be attending FAU High next year. Also, more after school activities and events.

Better communication at the HS level, more information to students and parents

Parents

Keep challenging students based on where they are

Middle school outreach

Higher grade parent involvement

Placing students into classes based on their academic ability.

Regular scheduled guidance meetings (at least once a year) for high schoolers.

We need less test preparation and more training in things like handwriting.

We are now completely in agreement with the curriculum of the school and that makes us happy to know that we are in the school we wanted for our son

I would love if the school could offer more parenting and children engaging sessions/workshops on how to get your child to have fun with the parent and gain learning's and skills through that activity.

Truly, as a parent of a child in your high school program, I can only say my own monitoring of her progress.

more feedback

None

FAU High school is an excellent program my children are doing excellently and navigating their achievements well.

More practice

NA

I feel sports and activities are crucial to growth and development, and more of these should be added.

A class meeting for all students in the grade level, like homeroom, where they can converse about how they are performing in the college courses.

more involvement of guidance counselor with high school students

Regular communications from the teachers, not made available when a parent looks for it online (through FOCUS or Google Classrooms) but face-to-face catch ups like there used to be in elementary school. This will help parents and teachers have some context around each child and their different needs.

More positive socializing /academic activities

I'm a teacher, and I appreciate how hard you all work to help my child, but I believe there is too much homework. The stress we put on our children is too much.

Placement of only high achieving students for the FAU High program

Splitting up siblings causes stress on a family and that includes YOUR students, which can quite possibly affect their
performances, which can possibly affect the overall performance of the school as a whole.

exercise

More support for students on cusp - he in between kids.

Teach the students HOW TO STUDY, so the parents don't have to. It's NOT our job.... Especially for a parent who never knew how to study or never studied themselves. This is a HUGE problem with every parent I know.

Communication!

More challenges

Allow more space/room for sibling preference.

I am satisfied with the school.

bathroom needs updating. My child says the bathrooms smells they are dirty and plumbing is not good

12) Please provide any additional feedback, comments, or suggestions. 64 responses

N/A (3)

We have been very pleased with the administrators and teachers at FAU high. Our son is in 9th grade and attended public elementary and private middle schools. Even though both of those schools were well respected in the community, FAU has done a superior job with communication and academic support for students. Everything is very proactive. Keep up the great work and thank you!!!

Swimming and soccer season should go through the year. Good activity for the kids. Even if most of the season remained inter mural. We would be happy to pay for it.

No comment.

Should not teach core subjects like reading and math at the end of the day. Students should have recess in the late morning not at 2:00, the end of the school day.

As a new parent this year, I feel that the communication could be improved between parents and the school admin/PTO. I think new parents are somewhat forgotten when it comes to school events and activities and it is assumed we understand what is going on, whether it is how to volunteer, where to find an answer to a problem, or what an activity/event is about. Communication with my teacher has been outstanding.

You guys do a great job, everyone we deal with in your entire school system has been wonderful, keep up the good work.

At times, we need better quality information on things that might have an effect on the grade/conduct of the student. As a parent, we can't be proactive after the fact.

Work on middle school communication. The handouts say to look for the friday flyer online and it is not there. Called the school, they didn't know. I feel like without the friday folders for middle school, i am out of the loop on a lot of things.

The parents meeting were mostly in the morning, not everyone is a Tay at home mom. I worked

No workshops for high school parents except 9th grade. A separate high school newsletter would be appreciated so parents know what is happening - clubs, student achievements , a sat/ act workshop for information. Timely
information with respect to testing, student workshops dates - most info is sent very last minute. It would be nice to have a ceremony at the end of the year to recognize high school student achievements.

Teachers are negative, not helpful. They would rather blame the kids for their lack of knowledge than actually teaching the kids and keep the kids interested in class. The fact that there is no longer fine arts is very disappointing to me. There's no longer any chance of the kids to be creative and self thinkers. They are treated poorly and the teachers are not vested in their job. I have never been so disappointed in ADHUS as I have been in the last 2-3 years. This school used to be such an incredible place to send your children. I can't really say that anymore.

Great work over all

Four 4 credits per semester were extremely sleep-depriving and stressful.

I really like that AD Henderson promotes and enforces a uniform dress code policy for the students but I don't see the same for teachers and staff. Maybe I am old fashion but when did jeans and t-shirts become professional attire for teachers? When I was in school the male teachers dressed in at least suit pants and a business shirt with a tie and the women dressed in comparable attire for their gender. Our standard for dress should not be hire for the students than it is for the teachers.

I think the website to make payments etc., can be simplified & made easier to navigate.

We have been forbidden from creating face book private groups. We need social interaction which is limited now because one person did not like it I feel we all being punished for that. I wish there was social parental portal discussion groups that we could have for socializing where class parents can post info about birthdays get together playdays something that is join voluntary and has no attachment to school communications system. I think FB private groups are great and board should reconsider letting us socialize via those tools using private security settings.

We have been unable to access information in FOCUS for several months. This has been reported via email, phone and in person and the problems persists.

Truly have a very bad taste in my mouth

School need to get more involved with dual enrollment students. From 10th to 12th grade students are in college campus. I strongly suggest they should get more help from high school and parents should get more information about their academic.

Your doing an excellent job

Great job!

Should have more teacher/parent meetings throughout the school year, not only beginning of the school year.

Thanks!

1- Nurse office- we have an amazing nurse, it would be nice to have a computer with a system that the student would have to login every visit with the nurse, and we would get emails with notification. This way it would help the nurse with a history of the visits, as well as keeping the parent aware of their child’s health. 2- carline- I believe it would make the line go faster at pick up if both lines started at the very beginning, instead of starting with one line and then splitting it in two. Or if it could save one of the lines to have free access to parking lot on the back it would be wonderful. 3- camp- kindergarten camp should have spot saved and given priority to new kindergarten students. This way they would have a chance to familiarize themselves with the school before the year started. 4- thank you for all the work all of you do, it shows!

In previous years, the former principal sent out phone messages regularly to remind parents of upcoming events
and give useful info. She also sent group emails regularly. Both were great ways to communicate and keep everyone on the same page. It would be great to go back to that. We need a "voice" to bring the school together...and the reminders would be helpful. The Remind app works great in my child's class.

I would love to see some enrichment activities offered after school for the students.

Until taking this survey, I had never heard of a SIP or PIP plan.

The shared vision between the school and parents is key for success. ADHUS does an excellent job in implementing this concept. Excellent staff, great school!

Some concerns about student behavior. This is captured only via rumors: discipline children and do not close an eye on bad behavior. But at the same time expelling an elementary student seems unconceivable. Perhaps inform parents about such situations since we only hear it through our children. We don't understand this kind of "secretive" mode in the school.

Research shows language is more easily picked up in K-2. Would be great if a language was added.

Add afterschool clubs for kids if you cannot add middle school options during the day. A student that is not a high performing math/science student at Henderson has limited options to explore their interests.

Our children love school, therefore, everything else falls into place. Keep up the great job!

Thank you for everything you are doing. My son is excelling and I'm sure it is a direct correlation to his teachers and the staff. We are very excited to be at Henderson and will continue to be more involved.

More engaging family activities. Maybe father/daughter dance, or other social activities, that could raise money, and bring the "community" together. Also, more class (at least for the younger kids) organized social events outside of school by the room parents, or group.

Overall I like the school. I really appreciate this opportunity for my child.

I am still appreciative of getting calls or e-mails when there is a behavior issue and not reading about things in FOCUS. I understand, appreciate and use FOCUS on a weekly basis but prefer not to read about behavior issues in there and NOT be contacted personally when the incident takes place. We can not be proactive as parents if we can not intervene and discipline days after something happens, the impact is not the same.

Teacher needs to be more responsive to parents' efforts to interact and communicate. Principal should be available to parents when meetings requested -- not only to the PTO or other parents who have unusual/unrestricted availability. Cafeteria food and after-school snacks should be healthy. Younger children should not have the option of selecting unhealthy snacks/food. Parents should be consulted at the beginning of the year as to dietary expectations. The school should be aware of the needs of parents and students who have not been admitted in K. There appears to be an assumption that "someone" will inform these new parents/students of how the school works.

Since you are a Title 1 school why is there a donation for the Aftercare program? Why is there a high turn over rate with your Administrative staff?

Henderson is wonderful

I love our school. I do see a difference in seeing information from and elementary stand point and a middle school stand point. Hope to help improve it next year!

We have been pleased with the school not the parent involvement

There is a serious lack of communication between the school and the middle school parents. There is very little
information on the school website about events or what is going on in general at the school. Sometimes the school calendar is completely blank.

The only thing we want is for our daughter who is on the waiting list of the lottery to pass and be part of this great school.

Kids being dropped off in the north parking lot in the morning and walking on the tight road cars are exiting out of is an accident waiting to happen. You need to put a walkway for them or not allow them to walk through there.

The financial records need to be tighten up. This year we got bills for negative balances for lunch when we were up to date. It would also be nice if everything would be accessible under one platform, aftercare payments, dues, lunch and grades. Finally, being able to do auto payments would be a plus! Other than those minor things, Henderson is an outstanding school and so proud that our kids belong to this school!

Thank you for amazing program and school.

I would like to take a moment and thank the school and the hard working teachers, it was a ruff year with a new principle but from what I can see as a parent, everything is going great. This school takes the time to help and address my sons needs. He has behavior and academic challenges, and I feel great knowing that the school has my sons best interest at heart. I feel if he was in a regular school he would be further behind. I can't thank the school enough for all the dedication and hard work. THANK YOU

See above.

guidance counselors should have regularly meet with high school students to see progressions (grades) and how they are handling intense and demanding schedule

Student should have credit for the summer camps at FAU or similar in-lieu of the summer package homework or at list a percentage of the summer package homework

The kids at the school come from all over, so it would be nice to have more positive after school socializing activities for kids to develop good friendships with each other

1. I don't think it's on the chopping block, but please don't ever get rid of recess for the kids. 2. We're very happy with the school.

The school claims to be so family oriented and encourages family activities and involvement. However, not accepting siblings entering kindergarten is only causing stress and splitting up families. Kids want to be in school with their siblings! Especially the young ones entering a big school for the first time. It gives both the children and the parents peace of mind knowing that all of their kids are in one place together and putting all of their time and energy into one school! I love this school but I DO NOT like this policy. There is no reason whatsoever that siblings entering Kindergarten should not get in, no matter what demographic or socio-economic status, period. Those things should be taken into consideration AFTER all of the preferences have been accounted for. It simply is not fair to do it otherwise and the school is only losing out on total parental involvement because we are dividing our time and devotion between different schools.

The kids have to sit and be quiet in the classroom. They shouldn't have to do the same at lunch. I don't want my kids watching movies during lunch nor should they be having "silent lunch".

Before school morning is terrible to keep kids outside until 7:30. It is unsafe. There should be a location inside the school for students to enter and wait before classes begin. Also, after school traffic and parking is ridiculous especially for after care and after school activities.

Please stop the silent lunches. It's ridiculous. This is not the military. My kids should be allowed to speak while sitting
with their friends at lunch. Please be aware of the major Jewish holidays. You guys scheduled the FSA during Passover. It's the same as holding it on Easter. There are several Jewish administrators, teachers and students at our school. Others local schools changed the date.

Communication. Transparency (currently none).

Thank you for teacher's and for the great the new administration hard work

1. It would be nice and easier if there was a single sign on to ADHUS for the parents to do everything or know everything for their student, from grades, to what's going on in class/at school, to payments etc. Hard to keep up with emails from teacher, print outs in flyers then what's on the site. 2. It would also be nice if parents can get text for school notifications example if no afterschool, school emergencies, etc. 3. Would like to see the site also kept up to date for upcoming school year (Calendars

Looking forward to my child having a wonderful student experience at A.D. Henderson.

Accepting younger siblings into the school would help to develop a stronger connection and involvement with the school and parent of multiple children. Currently, I have to split my time and money between two elementary schools because my kindergartener was not accepted and I have a 3rd grader at ADHUS.

We truly appreciate all of your feedback, and your involvement in your child's education!