


WINTER 2017


Survey Results of Parent/Guardian Perceptions of Plainwell Community Schools



97.0% OF RESPONDENTS
BELIEVE PCS DELIVERS
HIGH QUALITY INSTRUCTIONAL
PROGRAMS.



97.5% OF RESPONDENTS
BELIEVE PCS DELIVERS
STRONG SUPPORT FOR
STUDENT LEARNING.



98.0% OF RESPONDENTS
WOULD RECOMMEND
THEIR CHILD'S SCHOOL
TO ANOTHER FAMILY.



Plainwell Community Schools surveys the parents and/or guardians of our students utilizing the same seven questions in each building, at least once a school year, in order to best gauge perception, relationships and growth. The following is a compilation of data gathered during the second trimester of the 2016-17 school year.



PlainwellCommunitySchools
Today's Learners Tomorrow's Leaders



Cooper Elementary

WINTER 2017 • 77 RESPONSES

1: Cooper Elementary School delivers a high-quality instructional program to its students. (75 responses recorded)

73.3%	Strongly Agree
21.3%	Agree
1.4%	Neutral
0%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

5: Cooper Elementary School manages resources well for the support of its mission. (74 responses recorded)

66.2%	Strongly Agree
29.7%	Agree
4.1%	Neutral
0%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

2: Cooper Elementary School demonstrates strong support for student learning. (76 responses recorded)

77.6%	Strongly Agree
19.7%	Agree
2.7%	Neutral
0%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

6: Parents/Guardians/Community feels well-informed of opportunities and events at Cooper Elementary. (67 responses recorded)

74.6%	Strongly Agree
22.4%	Agree
0%	Neutral
3.0%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

3: Cooper Elementary School develops a positive school climate. (75 responses recorded)

81.6%	Strongly Agree
13.2%	Agree
5.2%	Neutral
0%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

7: Parents/Guardians/Community feels welcome upon entering Cooper Elementary School. (66 responses recorded)

80.3%	Strongly Agree
19.7%	Agree
0%	Neutral
0%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

4: Cooper Elementary School promotes strong parent/school relationships. (76 responses recorded)

73.7%	Strongly Agree
22.4%	Agree
2.6%	Neutral
1.3%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

8: Would you recommend Cooper Elementary to other families? (65 responses recorded)

100%	Yes
0%	No



Comments

COOPER

Mixed thoughts about recommending to another family.

Would like to be more informed of ways to get involved at Cooper as well as to improve communication from school to parents.

Great school.

We support SAFE too. Treat all students with respect. Discipline boys and girls alike for behavior. Do not create victims. We love it here!

We've loved Cooper for the past three years!

Parent-teacher relationships are better in the lower elementary. Not so much in the upper elementary.

Social media has really improved. Phone calls and bright flyers are great too!

A better support system would be helpful for kids who need extra help learning and doing homework. i.e. IDT team, counselor, etc.

Thank you for all the support!

Awesome staff!

We love Cooper!

I would love to see more field trips. We love Cooper though!

We are so pleased with this school!

Thank you for such an excellent staff - care and preparation. Your concern for the students really shows! Love this school!

Keep up the great work! Thank you for all you do.

Absolutely would recommend.

Please re-evaluate the parking lot. The pickup/drop off in the morning and afternoons is extremely inefficient! Walking the kids out to cars for the parents would keep things flowing. There isn't adequate parking spaces!

Great stuff!

Resources? Cannot answer with no info.



Gilkey Elementary

WINTER 2017 • 68 RESPONSES

1: Gilkey Elementary School delivers a high-quality instructional program to its students. (68 responses recorded)

72.1%	Strongly Agree
23.5%	Agree
2.9%	Neutral
1.5%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

5: Gilkey Elementary School manages resources well for the support of its mission. (60 responses recorded)

60.0%	Strongly Agree
33.3%	Agree
6.7%	Neutral
0%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

2: Gilkey Elementary School demonstrates strong support for student learning. (68 responses recorded)

77.9%	Strongly Agree
20.6%	Agree
1.5%	Neutral
0%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

6: Parents/Guardians/Community feels well-informed of opportunities and events at Gilkey Elementary. (61 responses recorded)

65.6%	Strongly Agree
27.9%	Agree
6.5%	Neutral
0%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

3: Gilkey Elementary School develops a positive school climate. (67 responses recorded)

74.6%	Strongly Agree
20.9%	Agree
4.5%	Neutral
0%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

7: Parents/Guardians/Community feels welcome upon entering Gilkey Elementary School. (61 responses recorded)

67.2%	Strongly Agree
27.9%	Agree
3.3%	Neutral
1.6%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

4: Gilkey Elementary School promotes strong parent/school relationships.

70.6%	Strongly Agree
25.0%	Agree
1.46%	Neutral
1.46%	Disagree
1.4%	Strongly Disagree

8: Would you recommend Gilkey Elementary to other families? (61 responses recorded)

100%	Yes
0%	No



Comments

GILKEY

Very happy at our choice of school.

We love Gilkey. Thanks for all you do for my kiddos.

Thank you!

Thank you for all you do!

Our first year has been a great experience. Thank you !

Great school, great staff. Always fell that thye are working to better my child's education. Thank you!

Cannot answer about resrouces and mission without know what the mission is.

We love Gilkey! Our three kids have received a top notch education here!

Regarding the first question. I cannot agree to the common core standard of teaching. It's not teaching them problem solving and/or how to learn.

Way to much homework in the third grade. If teachers can't teach what the kids need to know during the day, then either the standards are too high or their methods need to be checked. Kids should not have to give up or miss extracurricular activities aimed at making them more well-rounded individuals to do more math.

Love Mrs. Macklin!

Mrs. Macklin is awesome!



Starr Elementary

WINTER 2017 • 140 RESPONSES

1: Starr Elementary School delivers a high-quality instructional program to its students. (140 responses recorded)

70.7%	Strongly Agree
28.6%	Agree
0.7%	Neutral
0%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

5: Starr Elementary School manages resources well for the support of its mission. (131 responses recorded)

54.2%	Strongly Agree
38.9%	Agree
5.3%	Neutral
1.6%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

2: Starr Elementary School demonstrates strong support for student learning. (140 responses recorded)

72.1%	Strongly Agree
27.1%	Agree
0.8%	Neutral
0%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

6: Parents/Guardians/Community feels well-informed of opportunities and events at Starr Elementary. (130 responses recorded)

61.5%	Strongly Agree
27.7%	Agree
8.5%	Neutral
2.3%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

3: Starr Elementary School develops a positive school climate. (140 responses recorded)

66.2%	Strongly Agree
30.2%	Agree
3.0%	Neutral
0.6%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

7: Parents/Guardians/Community feels welcome upon entering Starr Elementary School. (131 responses recorded)

67.2%	Strongly Agree
28.2%	Agree
4.0%	Neutral
0%	Disagree
0.6%	Strongly Disagree

4: Starr Elementary School promotes strong parent/school relationships. (137 responses recorded)

58.4%	Strongly Agree
34.3%	Agree
6.6%	Neutral
0.2%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

8: Would you recommend Starr Elementary to other families? (126 responses recorded)

99.2%	Yes
0.8%	No



Comments

STARR

Mrs. Hozak is a wonderful teacher. I would recommend her to other families!
Just wish we offered foreign language.

Love Starr.

Great and supportive staff.

Mrs. Agne has been amazing. She has helped us get William learning and has been very helpful with getting his ADHD under control.
Thank you so much!

Ms. VanGoeye is very caring and personable. She's committed to her students success long term.

Mrs. Battalan has helped my girl. School is good for her.

Thank you all so much for all you do.

Love Mrs. Agne and the pre-k program!

I am glad I chose this school for my children. It's a wonderful school with many great teachers.

Such a great year with Mrs. Battilana! My son is so motivated! Thanks!

Too much candy given as a reward for doing things that are expected. Maybe stickers or a good job.

We love Starr and I feel our voice and concerns are always heard and addressed. Thank you!

The hallways could be a little more controlled at the beginning and end of the day, and parent parking in between the lines in the parking lot would help.

Starr has high quality instruction for Michigan, but not for us.

The atmosphere when parents enter the building could be improved. Transparency on major curriculum changes (just for understanding) would allow parents to support the school 100% as opposed to 2nd guess.

Best teachers!

Love the new Be Nice program

The only thing I don't like is the way kids treat other kids. Being pushed and told what to do by other kids.

My largest concern is kids not being held accountable for their disruptive behavior in class.

Mrs. VanGoeye is amazing!

Starr has been great for our family! Glad we moved here over from Gilkey.

We love Starr!

I feel Plainwell Community Schools cares more about its reputation than its students truly. Sad to say, but true. My son was just pushed through like another robot child to keep up to your standards. It will never change. It's all about the facade and reputation.



Plainwell Middle School

WINTER 2017 • 41 RESPONSES

1: Plainwell Middle School delivers a high-quality instructional program to its students. (41 responses recorded)

53.7%	Strongly Agree
41.5%	Agree
0%	Neutral
2.4%	Disagree
2.4%	Strongly Disagree

5: Plainwell Middle School manages resources well for the support of its mission. (41 responses recorded)

29.3%	Strongly Agree
48.8%	Agree
22.0%	Neutral
0%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

2: Plainwell Middle School demonstrates strong support for student learning. (41 responses recorded)

48.8%	Strongly Agree
48.8%	Agree
0%	Neutral
2.4%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

6: Parents/Guardians/Community feels well-informed of opportunities and events at Plainwell Middle School. (41 responses recorded)

46.3%	Strongly Agree
43.9%	Agree
7.3%	Neutral
2.4%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

3: Plainwell Middle School develops a positive school climate. (41 responses recorded)

46.3%	Strongly Agree
46.3%	Agree
7.3%	Neutral
0%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

7: Parents/Guardians/Community feels welcome upon entering Plainwell Middle School. (41 responses recorded)

46.3%	Strongly Agree
51.2%	Agree
2.4%	Neutral
0%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

4: Plainwell Middle School promotes strong parent/school relationships. (41 responses recorded)

41.5%	Strongly Agree
43.9%	Agree
7.3%	Neutral
7.3%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

8: Would you recommend Plainwell Middle School to other families? (41 responses recorded)

95.1%	Yes
4.9%	No



Comments

PLAINWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

NONE



Plainwell High School

WINTER 2017 • 66 RESPONSES

1: Plainwell High School delivers a high-quality instructional program to its students. (65 responses recorded)

43.1%	Strongly Agree
49.2%	Agree
7.7%	Neutral
0%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

5: Plainwell High School manages resources well for the support of its mission. (63 responses recorded)

34.9%	Strongly Agree
42.9%	Agree
20.6%	Neutral
1.6%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

2: Plainwell High School demonstrates strong support for student learning. (65 responses recorded)

44.6%	Strongly Agree
47.7%	Agree
4.6%	Neutral
3.1%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

6: Parents/Guardians/Community feels well-informed of opportunities and events at Plainwell High School. (62 responses recorded)

40.3%	Strongly Agree
40.3%	Agree
16.1%	Neutral
1.6%	Disagree
1.6%	Strongly Disagree

3: Plainwell High School develops a positive school climate. (65 responses recorded)

43.1%	Strongly Agree
36.9%	Agree
16.9%	Neutral
3.1%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

7: Parents/Guardians/Community feels welcome upon entering Plainwell High School. (131 responses recorded)

58.3%	Strongly Agree
36.7%	Agree
3.3%	Neutral
0%	Disagree
1.7%	Strongly Disagree

4: Plainwell High School promotes strong parent/school relationships. (65 responses recorded)

36.9%	Strongly Agree
44.6%	Agree
9.2%	Neutral
7.7%	Disagree
1.5%	Strongly Disagree

8: Would you recommend Plainwell High School to other families? (59 responses recorded)

93.2%	Yes
3.4%	No
3.4%	N/A



Comments

PLAINWELL HIGH SCHOOL

A+

Regarding managing resources - I wouldnt know. I have no idea what resrouces you have.

There is too much emphasis on moving directly to college. Times are changing, and college degrees aren't worth what they used to be worth. PHS counselors need to be more open to the idea of trade schools and other options - especially for the gifted students. An all A high school student should NOT be made to feel bad or shamed for considering alternatives to college. Our kids are millenials whether we like it or not. We need to teach and guide them towards THEIR post-high school life, not OURS.

Thank you for the output of information regarding opportunities and events.

Absolutely would recommend!

Resources?

Would highly recommend!

Would recommend without hesitation!

We love Mrs. Gower!

Teacher to parent communications could be improved.

Too much of an emphasis on standardized tests.



Renaissance High School

WINTER 2017 • 8 RESPONSES

1: Renaissance High School delivers a high-quality instructional program to its students. (8 responses recorded)

100%	Strongly Agree
0%	Agree
0%	Neutral
0%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

5: Renaissance High School manages resources well for the support of its mission. (7 responses recorded)

87.5%	Strongly Agree
14.3%	Agree
0%	Neutral
0%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

2: Renaissance High School demonstrates strong support for student learning. (8 responses recorded)

100%	Strongly Agree
0%	Agree
0%	Neutral
0%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

6: Parents/Guardians/Community feels well-informed of opportunities and events at Renaissance High School. (7 responses recorded)

100%	Strongly Agree
0%	Agree
0%	Neutral
0%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

3: Renaissance High School develops a positive school climate. (8 responses recorded)

87.5%	Strongly Agree
12.5%	Agree
0%	Neutral
0%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

7: Parents/Guardians/Community feels welcome upon entering Renaissance High School. (8 responses recorded)

100%	Strongly Agree
0%	Agree
0%	Neutral
0%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

4: Renaissance High School promotes strong parent/school relationships. (8 responses recorded)

100%	Strongly Agree
0%	Agree
0%	Neutral
0%	Disagree
0%	Strongly Disagree

8: Would you recommend Renaissance High School to other families? (8 responses recorded)

100%	Yes
0%	No



Comments

RENAISSANCE HIGH SCHOOL

NONE