

**FY17 Camden County Schools-Title I Parent Survey
Camden County High School**

Thank you in advance for participating. Number returned **266** Enrollment **2406** Percentage **11%**

1 The following is an effective way to get important information to me:
 E-Mail Yes **258 97%** No **5 2%** Automated phone calls Yes **190 71%** No **55 21%** Websites Yes **164 62%**
 Social media Yes **98 37%** No **134 50%** Newsletter/flyers Yes **115 43%** No **113 42%** No **68 26%**

2 Indicate your interest in receiving information or attending a workshop on one or more of the topics below.
 Circle **ALL** that apply. (I = Information; W = Workshop)

Helping w/homework	I 148 71% W 13 6%	Understanding the state academic standards	I 145 70% W 25 12%
Improving my child's reading skills	I 127 61% W 17 8%	Testing and preparation	I 142 69% W 35 17%
Improving my child's math skills	I 129 62% W 32 15%	Effective parenting skills for academic success	I 121 58% W 24 12%
Bullying	I 127 61% W 16 8%		

My daughter is graduating/Email Information/Doing OK right now/Interest inventories for career decision making/current events somewhere besides CCHS homepage/Preparing for college with knowledgeable people offering the information/Tobacco Cessation Class for Seniors/Juniors???? Check. Drivers Education????? Check/How can I get my child to stop missing school/Why my teenager is treated like a 2nd grader when it comes to eating at school and why they do not have a choice what you all consider healthy or not?	MOWR, SAT, college courses, college ready, how to prepare child for college I think what we are doing is pretty effective. He has all A's and B's. Info Sat and act testing;; MOWR info; taking summer classes. Through college and getting high. School credit MOWR and AP courses
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Other: _____

3 Mark the time that works best for attending a workshop. AM **24 16%** Lunch/Noon **12 8%** PM **115 76%**

4		Yes		To Some Degree		No	
Parents feel welcome in our school.		186	70%	66	25%	12	5%
No	I often do not feel welcomed when I am coming to check my child out, drop of medication, or other things that are important for a parent to do. Most of the time it seems as though I am "bothering" the school employees. Administrators have not done a good job in communicating with me this year when my child has been impacted by their decisions. If I had not made an effort to communicate with the school, I would have not been able to resolve the issue.						
The school or teacher keeps me well informed about what my child is learning at school.		153	58%	94	35%	18	7%
No	My child's teacher's first semester did very well communicating the information being taught in school. Currently, there is little to no communication coming home on the information being taught. Extremely difficult to hold children accountable as a parent when you are unaware of what they are learning and what is due.						
My child's teacher encourages him/her in all areas.		158	60%	88	33%	13	5%
No	The teacher has not been able to encourage my child this semester. My daughter feels left to teach herself in one particular college course. It has been a different experience for her as a ninth grader. I couldn't say no because most of my son's teachers do encourage him but i have a big problem with the way 1 teacher "encourages" my son and my husband has spoken with that teacher and expressed our frustrations.						
I am pleased with the instructional program at my child's school.		181	68%	70	26%	10	4%
No	Having only one French teacher does not make it easy on the Students. She know her situation and proclaims her priority in the school to the students. Tobacco Cessation Class for Seniors/Juniors???? Drivers Education?????						
My child feels safe at school.		201	76%	53	20%	8	3%
No	There is a major problem with bullying. While the school does what it has to I believe there are better ways to handle it. When the bully gets the same restriction as the child being bullied there is a problem. This is sending the message don't tell. Which is wrong....						
Parent input is considered when important school decisions are made.		114	43%	116	44%	33	12%
No	I am a very involved parent yet our school administration and Board consistently make it clear that I am not welcome at my child's school not do they want to have any conversation with or input from me regarding the school, policies, procedures, scheduling, etc. This survey is the only time parents are ever asked for input and only because the District's funding relies on survey participation. Any effort to portray interest in parental opinion by this school board is a joke. School Board never listens to parents when planning for school calendars I don't think that parent input is considered at all in this community as a whole. I have experienced that the leadership at the board office makes all the decisions regardless of parent desires. I have seen no instances where actual parent input was used to make decisions. Plenty of opportunities to give input, I just don't believe it's considered much in the decision making process. Parents input is not heard when important decisions are being made Schedule inputs are not considered until after schedules are built. By that time, other potential classes are filled. If it's known that a certain subject needs to be during "X" block prior to the schedule being built, that should be considered when making the students' schedule.						
School rules are communicated to parents.		184	69%	67	25%	14	5%
No							

I know how to contact my child's teachers.		231	87%	27	10%	5	2%			
No	Teachers (tends) to AVOID Parent(s) Never hear from some teachers. Tell kids not to have parents email them. At times (not all) staff may not be too friendly. The teacher needs to be in contact with the parent, especially if child is needing extra help in certain subjects. So that the parent can be aware of the child's need and can be on the same page as the teacher to get the child needed help. Some teachers send emails and some do not.									
	I have access to my child's principal.		170	64%	68	26%	20	8%		
No	I requested an appointment with Dr. Tucker advised he was to busy, sent him emails with no reply. Disappointed with many of the senior staff and how business is conducted. They make decisions based on their personal views instead of what's best for the school or students. Have not had the need to see the principal I do not feel that I have access to my children's principal.									
	The school provides information about promotion/retention requirements.		181	68%	58	22%	20	8%		
No	I'm sure promotion/retention info. is provided some where on the website, but I think they need to make it easier to find and access for those parents that are not technologic savvy I don't feel that the pass/fail criteria is very well understood by most parents. I am not sure how the standardized test plays into the grade of the student at all. Also can a student fail the course while passing the standardized test and vice a versa?									
	The school encourages me as a parent to be involved in my child's education.		184	69%	59	22%	18	7%		
No	High school never sends information home. Teachers never communicate with parents unless the parent reach out to them. Not always informed on important issues until too late child failing or failed Of 4 teachers, we hear from only 1 on a regular basis. My child has four teachers this semester. Only one of them lets me know anything about what is going on in class. I used to get emails each week from each teacher, but they do not do that anymore. The one teacher who does keep in touch does a great job, but I could not say yes to this question when 75% of his teachers do not communicate with me. I don't think there is enough parent input or communication at the high school among staff and parents. kids at the high school typically don't relay important information like report cards, grades, progress reports to their parents. one suggestion is to have progress reports/report cards sent electronically to parents as well. Would like to see schedule for taking SAT. Had teacher to tell me that SAT should be taken in later in Sophomore or Junior year but later found out it would have been beneficial to have taken it much earlier.									
	Information (flyers, newsletters, website, etc.) received from my child's school is easy to		195	74%	53	20%	13	5%		
	No	Don't see many flyers and never see information about promotions or retention Going to a website is fine if on a desktop. If checking from a phone it can be challenging to maneuver the site. And it requires parents to go check every day, for new info, when there may not be any for days resulting in a waste of time/energy and creating disinterest. Always have to contact someone with regard to flyers, etc. because information is always left out or inaccurate.								
		I am satisfied with the school's response to my request for specific activities, meetings, or		175	66%	63	24%	15	6%	
No	The communication with parents from admin is that parents are looked down upon, admin have hung up on parents, even after multiple admin infractions those admin remain involved with students. My son is legally blind and has been on an IEP from kindergarten through ninth grade. In 10th grade he was changed to a 504. No one took the time to get accommodations approved for testing until it was forced by me. This was brought to their attention more than one time before anything was done. High School parents benefit from emails and automated calls. Students simply don't/won't share these materials with parents. Information on my son and what he eats should not be determined by the school especially when I pay for him to eat.									
	6 Please check the box that BEST applies to each statement.		Strongly Disagree		Somewhat Disagree		Somewhat Agree		Strongly Agree	
My student is recognized for good behavior.		41	16%	45	17%	108	41%	61	23%	
Staff at my student's school communicates well with parents.		29	11%	27	10%	111	42%	88	33%	
I am involved in the decision-making process at my child's school.		41	16%	44	17%	112	43%	57	22%	
7 Check and complete the personal information below if you would like more information regarding:										
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 K-5 promotion requirements		<input type="checkbox"/> 5 6-8 promotion requirements		<input type="checkbox"/> 84 9-12 promotion requirements		Other: Pre K/Grade Requirements/Credit Requirements/Ms. Wittenberg please/Why we expect them to be young adults but treat them like 2nd graders when it comes to eating.				
9 Are you or your spouse military or federally connected?		Yes		No						
89		161								
More military out reach is needed in all schools K-12										
Make the process of enrollment better and easier. My son tried to enroll a few days prior to the new school year and it was painful. He didn't even have a schedule until two days into school. Made worse by the fact that he had only missed a semester of school here from the previous year.										
doing a fine job										
I think the school does a great job already										
Retired military										
n/a-federally connected, permanent residence										
More activities										
Improve the school lunch menu!										
i think yall are doing just fine										
Better informed staff that know the requirements and regulations for students coming in from other states and who will be attending college in another state. Also, the school needs to do a better job accepting classes taken in other states instead of forcing the students to be "behind" when coming here. They sacrifice enough.										

More of a solid and consistent foundation i.e. sports/education rather than the "good old boy" network. Federal employees have high expectations. "Shade tree" performance is interpreted as substandard. CCHS performance in SE Georgia is congruent with "excellence". Getting there is easy. Maintaining will always be more difficult.

You are doing a great job in that area.

already doing a great job! As a military family my kids have been to multiple schools. This is the first time EVER that they are not drowning in homework. They have so much time for after school activities & studying. I love how the curriculum is set up. It works well for everyone.

Parents input is considered in I replied no because I haven't seen or heard of a meeting for parents to vote or ask for suggestions from parents. I answered no on my child's teacher encourages him I haven't seen this with my child's teachers. I would like an email from teacher saying they believe my child is not putting forward best effort or he seems to be struggling, or he seems to be when I have asked my child to tell teacher or ask the teacher questions the response has on more than once been an unsatisfactory answer. I realize it could be my child's fault but without hearing from teacher, parent doesn't know.

8 Parent Compact: Please comment on what you liked about the compact and/or what could be improved.

I would like to see the crosswalks from the parking lots for the students painted so that the vehicles know where they are and the students know where they are.

Communication with teachers.

I don't feel comfortable giving my name or email as my child would most likely have a heavy price to pay from some of his teachers! He is meek and a good student. I don't want retaliation for my thoughts and comments.

it is a ridiculously worthless document and a waste of paper

Like the information is provides/do not think anything needs to be changed

I have a high schooler, hence my answers.

I never saw a parent compact for this year.

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Teachers making sure all grades are in by the end of week.

I don't like the compacts that the children bring home at the beginning of every year and they ask me to sign them because their teacher said they have to return them.

I would like to receive more information from teachers.

I like how the compact holds parents, as well as teachers, administrators and students responsible for the education of our students.

What is the parent compact?

Be more than happy to comment when changes are implemented.

I think Camden County Schools do a great job with all that they do to accomplish students to become great adults.

Communication between teachers and parents is outstanding at this school. Camden is the best school my child has ever attended, easily.

Very informational but too long.

Teachers should talk more to seniors about college. Scholarship opportunities, deadlines, FASFA, etc.
