

Parent Survey for Adams Elementary School Area

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See the Executive Summary document for a written overview and analysis of these results.

1. What are the 4 most important factors in choosing an elementary school? (Please check four choices)

- 45% Close to home, work or childcare
- 9% High test scores
- 22% Good reputation
- 45% High academic standards
- 52% A well-rounded curriculum (e.g. music, P.E., library services)
- 33% Class size
- 55% Excellent principal/teachers/staff
- 3% All-day kindergarten
- 14% Meets the learning needs for a wide range of students
- 11% Strong parental involvement in the school
- 39% Caring and supportive school
- 15% Diversity of children (culture, racial and economic diversity)
- 7% Before- and after-school care programs
- 2% Technology emphasis
- 24% Foreign language instruction
- 8% Fine & performing arts
- 6% Other please specify:

2. How important is it that the school your child attends... ?

Please check one box for every item below.

	Very Important	Important	Not very important	Not at all important
a. Is within walking distance	24%	38%	22%	6%
b. Has other children from your neighborhood enrolled there	20%	42%	31%	7%
c. Offers a challenging curriculum for a range of abilities	70%	28%	1%	1%
d. Offers foreign language programs	32%	46%	18%	4%
e. Has a low student-to-teacher ratio	53%	46%	0.6%	0.6%
f. Offers all-day kindergarten	9%	25%	36%	29%
g. Has before-school care	7%	19%	34%	40%
h. Has after-school care	17%	27%	25%	31%
i. Has blended classes with mixed grade levels	7%	24%	34%	34%
j. Has classes by grade level only	6%	21%	43%	30%
k. Offers project-based learning	15%	60%	19%	5%
l. Uses technology regularly in the classroom	20%	47%	28%	6%
m. Offers multicultural education	42%	43%	10%	5%
n. Engages in school or community garden project(s)	17%	49%	28%	6%
o. Maintains a strong sense of community and caring	57%	39%	3%	0%
p. Emphasizes character education (respect, trust, honesty, etc.)	68%	29%	2%	1%
q. Is considered a "Green School" (reduce, reuse, recycle program)	47%	42%	9%	2%

3. Overall, how would you rate the academic program at Adams Elementary School?

5% Excellent 18% Good 15% Fair 6% Poor 56% Don't know

4. What suggestions or improvements would enhance Adams Elementary?

See narrative responses

Foreign Language...

The district is considering whether to add new foreign language programs. How interested are you in enrolling your student in the following programs, if located at Adams?

5. Mandarin Chinese Immersion Program

This program is designed to teach native English-speaking students to speak, read and write in both Mandarin and English. Students receive at least 50% of the daily instruction in Mandarin and learn about the Chinese culture. *How interested are you in enrolling your child in Mandarin Chinese language immersion school?*

15% Very interested
22% Somewhat interested
19% Not very interested
44% Not interested at all

6. Other Foreign Language Immersion Program

Students receive at least 50% of the daily instruction in the foreign language. *How interested are you in enrolling your child in a foreign language immersion program, other than Mandarin Chinese?*

15% Very interested
22% Somewhat interested
19% Not very interested
44% Not interested at all

7. Foreign Language Instruction

This primary emphasis of this program is to provide students with basic speaking and listening skills in the foreign language. The foreign language is taught as a separate subject for 30-45 minutes three to five days a week. *How interested are you in enrolling your child in a program such as this?*

35% Very interested
35% Somewhat interested
15% Not very interested
16% Not at all interested

8. Which, if any, foreign language would you prefer your children to learn?

4% None 59% Spanish 7% Chinese 2% French 1% Japanese 1% German 27% Other

9. If you have a student(s) in elementary school, what school(s) does your child attend...?

23% Adams Elementary
25% An alternative school
29% Another neighborhood school
2% A private school
0% Home school

Adams Elementary & other schools...

If you have a child at Adams Elementary please answer Question #10a & b, otherwise skip to #11a

10 a. What is the main reason for choosing to enroll at Adams Elementary?

See narrative responses

10 b. As Adams considers program changes, what is important to keep or not change?

See narrative responses

If you DO NOT have a child at Adams please answer Question #11a & b, then continue to question #12

11 a. Did you consider enrolling your child in Adams Elementary? Why/why not?

See narrative responses

11 b. Is there anything Adams could do or offer that would encourage you to enroll there?

See narrative responses

12. Currently, students who live in the Adams attendance area are assigned to attend different middle schools, depending on where they live. *How important is it only one middle school together?*

- 24% Very important
- 44% Somewhat important
- 18% Not very important
- 14% Not at all important

13. According to 4J school boundaries, which middle school would your child attend?

- 5% Spencer Butte
- 36% Roosevelt
- 35% Arts & Technology Academy at Jefferson
- 3% Kennedy
- 3% Don't know

14. What are the 3 information sources you rely on the most to get information about elementary schools and the programs they offer? (Check up to 3 answers)

- 88% Family/friends/neighbors
- 31% Internet/websites
- 20% Eugene School District 4J publications
- 33% Eugene School District 4J website
- 29% Newspapers
- 26% School flyers/brochures/newsletters
- 22% Other please specify

15. What grade will your child (or children) enter in September 2008?

Respondents with one or more students at each of the following grade levels:

- 2% Not yet in elementary school
- 15% Kindergarten
- 15% First
- 17% Second
- 19% Third
- 19% Fourth
- 12% Fifth
- 16% Sixth and higher

16. What is your relationship to your child?

- 99% Parent or step-parent
- 1% Foster parent
- 0% Legal Guardian (if none of the above)

17. Do you have preschool aged children in your household?

- 43% Yes
- 57% No

18. What is the highest grade in school you have completed? (Check one)

- 0% 8th grade or less
- 0% Some high school, but not graduated
- 2% High school graduate or GED
- 8% Some college
- 6% Two-year AA degree from community college
- 30% College graduate, Bachelor's degree
- 54% Advanced college degree, Master's or PhD

19. Thinking about all income from all sources in your household, which category contains your household income for 2007? If you do not know, please make your best guess.

- 3% Less than \$15,000
- 4% \$15,000 to \$30,000
- 15% \$30,000 to \$50,000
- 31% \$50,000 to \$75,000
- 20% \$75,000 to \$100,000
- 44% More than \$100,000

Please provide any additional comments in the box below or on a separate sheet of paper.

See narrative responses

Thank you for your participation!