



McEachern High School

Dear McEachern Families:

The Faculty and Staff at McEachern High School is dedicated to helping support you and your child's education. In order to improve communication and build positive relationships, we have developed a short parent survey that will allow us to better suit your needs.

You may access the survey online at www.quia.com/sv/358761.html or you may pick up a paper copy in any administrative office here on campus. Please feel free to contact Ms. Janice Ritchey if you have any questions or concerns about the Survey.

Thank you for your dedication and your interest in working as our partner in your child's education.

Sincerely,

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Parent Interest/Need Survey

Please answer the questions below in order to let us know a little about you in order to help us determine how we can best serve you and your child's educational needs.

PART I. ABOUT YOU

1. How many children do you have who currently attend McEachern High School?
 - a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 3
 - d. 4 or more

2. What grade or grades is/are your child/children in at McEachern? (circle all that apply)
 - a. 9th
 - b. 10th
 - c. 11th
 - d. 12th

3. How long have you lived in this district?
 - a. Less than 1 year
 - b. 1 - 5 years
 - c. 6 – 10 years
 - d. 11 or more

4. What activities does your child participate in at McEachern?
 - a. Sports
 - b. band
 - c. Clubs
 - d. Drama
 - e. Chorus
 - f. ROTC
 - g. Nothing at this time

5. Which of the following would most help or interest you? (rank the choices below: 1 being the most and 7 being the least favorite)
- a. Improved communication
 - b. Information Seminars or meetings (grades and report cards, study skills, educational process, tutoring, credits, course information, report cards)
 - c. Parenting meetings
 - d. Workshops (cooking, auto tech, computers)
 - e. Community meetings (drugs, alcohol, bullying, etc.)
 - f. Fun Family events and activities
 - g. Volunteering
 - h. Other: _____

PART II SCHOOL-PARENT COMMUNICATION

1. What is/are the best way(s) to communicate with you? (choose all that apply)
- a. School memos (notes, newsletter, etc.)
 - b. Email
 - c. School Website/blogs
 - d. Facebook/Twitter/Text message alerts
 - e. Direct contact (phone call, school/home visit, meeting)
 - f. U.S. Mail
2. Are written communications from school, such as report cards and newsletters, available in a language you understand?
- a. All of the time
 - b. Most of the time
 - c. Some of the time
 - d. None of the time
3. If your native language is not English, which language are you most comfortable with?
- a. Spanish
 - b. French
 - c. Korean
 - d. Other: _____
4. Do you feel comfortable contacting the teachers/staff with your questions and concerns?
- a. All of the time
 - b. Most of the time
 - c. Some of the time
 - d. None of the time

5. How often do you think McEachern should communicate with you regarding news and upcoming events?
- a. weekly
 - b. monthly
 - c. quarterly
 - d. each semester

PART III. STUDENT EDUCATIONAL CONCERNS

1. What are some concerns you have about your child's education? (choose all that apply)
- a. Grading and report cards
 - b. Promotion and retention (passing and changing grade levels)
 - c. Course Credits
 - d. Graduation requirements
 - e. Alternative Education options (GED, Job Corp, other)
 - f. College/Technical School Information
 - g. Study skills
 - h. Other: _____
2. Please indicate your use of the following methods for monitoring your child's progress in school: (indicate Yes or No for those that apply)
- a. I have my Pinnacle log-in information.
 - b. I utilize my parent Pinnacle account to check on my child's grades.
 - c. I utilize my Pinnacle account to contact my child's teachers.
 - d. I attended Open House this year.
 - e. I receive and review my child's progress reports every 6 weeks.
 - f. I am aware of the school's tutoring program and its procedures.

PART IV. FAMILY ACTIVITY OR EVENT INTERESTS

Please answer the questions below related to your interest in attending a fun or educational event here at McEachern.

1. Which of the following activities would you be interested in attending with your family? (Select all that apply)
- a. Family game night (board games, bingo, etc)
 - b. Dinner & Movie night
 - c. International Dinner or cultural night
 - d. Informational night (grading and report cards, scheduling, graduation, college fair, career fair)

- e. Workshops (parenting, raising a drug/alcohol free child, how to prevent bullying, cooking class, computer skills, auto technology workshops)
 - f. Other: _____
2. If we held an information night, which of the following would most interest you? (Rank the choices below: 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important)
- a. Grading and report cards
 - b. Scheduling
 - c. Courses offered
 - d. Graduation
 - e. College Fair
 - f. Career Fair
 - g. Other: _____
3. If you were interested in attending a seminar, choose which topic you would prefer below:
- a. Cooking
 - b. Computers
 - c. Auto Technology
 - d. Drug/Alcohol Awareness
 - e. Parenting
 - f. Other: _____
4. What are some things that prevent you from attending events on campus?
- a. Signs and directional aids
 - b. Visitor parking (signs and locations)
 - c. Child care
 - d. Communication
 - e. Other: _____
5. Which of the following would be a concern if you were to attend one of these activities? (Circle all that apply)
- a. child care
 - b. cost
 - c. transportation
 - d. language
 - e. Special needs
 - f. Other: _____
6. If you wanted to attend one of these events, when would it be best to hold it?
- a. Monday – Thursday (4pm – 6pm)
 - b. Monday – Thursday (6pm – 8pm)
 - c. Saturday (10 – 12 am)
 - d. Saturday (2pm – 4pm)

- e. I would not attend

PART VI. PARENT INVOLVEMENT/VOLUNTEERISM

1. Are you a member of PTSA?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. I would like to join, but don't know how

2. There are several ways you can volunteer to help at McEachern, Please indicate any areas in which you feel you can participate below:
 - a. Copy room
 - b. Participating as a Guest Speaker. Area of interest: _____
 - c. Assist Office Staff
 - d. Assist Guidance Staff (Career Center, etc)
 - e. Assist Band Staff
 - f. Assist with Sports
 - g. Assist Teachers
 - h. Assist Custodial/Ground Keeping
 - i. Assist Cafeteria Staff
 - j. Assist with Campus Safety
 - k. Providing Resources (for students, teachers)
 - l. Being a mentor
 - m. Tutoring. What area: _____

3. Would you be willing to serve on a school committee:
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

4. What can the school do to encourage more parents to visit the school? (Select all that apply)
 - a. Provide more information about school needs.
 - b. Provide a "family center" where parents may have access to computers, books, and collaborate with other parents and teachers.
 - c. Provide times to meet with school staff outside of the regular school day.
 - d. Develop activities/events that address the cultural differences/Interests of our students and families.

PART VII. THANK YOU!

Thank you for completing this survey. This information will be very helpful in our decisions regarding upcoming events and activities we would like to offer you.

If you would like a copy of these results, please feel free to contact:

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