

Questions for Parents/Families

Issues Related to the School's Organization

1. What do you as a parent expect a graduate of this school to know and be able to do by the time the student leaves school?
2. Does the school function in an organized way?
3. What activities does the school offer to enhance the learning environment?
4. How are families involved in the day-to-day functions of our school?
5. Does the school have effective and enthusiastic parent volunteers or booster clubs?
6. How does the school communicate with you? How do you learn about graduation/course requirements, school events and news, and clubs and support available? From whom do you learn? Faculty? Counselors? Administration? Others such as coaches, club sponsors?

Issues Related to Curriculum

1. Do teachers clearly communicate their objectives and expectations to parents?
2. Does your student receive a course outline or syllabus at the start of each school year?

Issues Related to Instruction

1. Does your student have access to rigorous curriculum all day? Is your student challenged?
2. Is your student developing satisfactory skills? Reading? Writing? Mathematics?
3. Does the content seem to be at the appropriate level of difficulty?
4. Are there projects or presentations, guest speakers, or field trips that enhance the student's learning experience? Is homework meaningful?

Issues Related to Assessment

1. Are you well informed about your student's progress in school? Is the information timely?
2. Can your student get additional help if he or she is having difficulty in a class?

Issues Related to Culture and Support

3. Is the school safe, clean, and orderly? Are the rules understood and enforced fairly?
4. Does the school encourage diversity and multiculturalism?
5. Tell us about how this school recognizes student accomplishments? Academic; athletic; artistic; community service; work preparation; other?
1. How does the school ensure equity for all students?
2. Does the school offer intervention services for students with personal difficulties?
3. How does the school ensure access for parents and invested stakeholders?
4. Would classes for families help you better support your student? If, yes, what type of classes should be offered?

What are this school's greatest strengths?

Tell us about this school's finest/best/most important attributes/programs?

What are the most important areas that the school should work on?