

The Cultural Arts Academy at Spring Creek Charter School

Principal: Laurie Midgette

School Type: Early Childhood School

chool DBN: 84K792

Dear Members of the School Community,

This report tells you what parents, teachers, and students said about learning conditions at your school in our annual survey. This information is designed to support a dialogue among all members of the school community on how to make the school a better place for learning.

Taking the time to reflect on how well we serve children is an important step in improving our schools. I encourage schools to plan opportunities to discuss these survey results with the school community, and integrate this feedback into preparation for the school's Comprehensive Education Plan and Quality Review.

Dennis M. Walcott Chancellor

What do the colors mean?

These colors indicate how the survey satisfaction scores at this school compare to the satisfaction scores of other schools this year. Green indicates scores above the average, gray indicates average, and red indicates scores below the average.

This year, constituents generally reported high levels of satisfaction across the City. Therefore, it is possible to have positive survey responses and be below average compared to other schools. Readers should consider the survey responses in this report both on their own and in the context of responses from other schools.

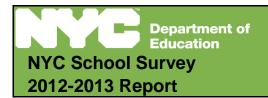


How do your school's scores compare to other schools?

	Score out of 10	Change from last year	Citywide Average for other schools
Academic Expectations	8.7	•	8.3
Communication	8.5	•	8.2
Engagement	8.3	•	8.1
Safety & Respect	8.3	>	8.4

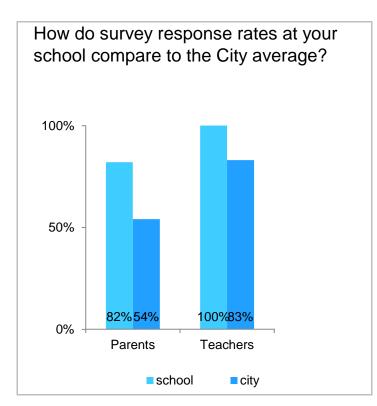
How did participants at your school respond?

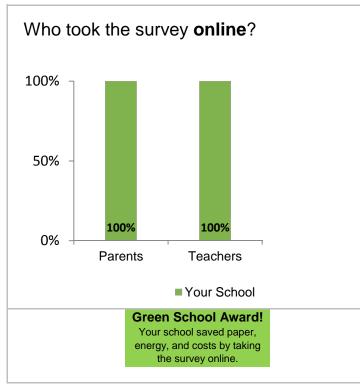
	Parents	Teachers
Academic Expectations	9.4	8.0
Communication	9.4	7.7
Engagement	9.1	7.5
Safety & Respect	9.3	7.3

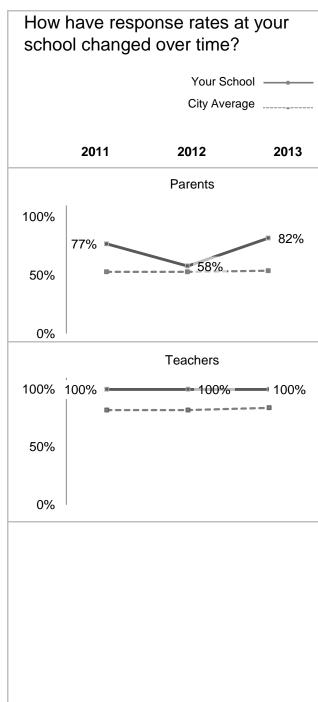


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How has your school community answered certain important survey questions over time?



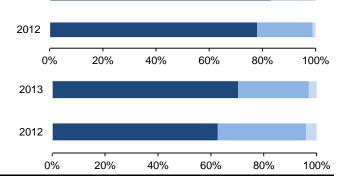
How responses of parents at your school have changed:

■ Very Satisfied/Strongly Agree
■ Satisfied/Agree
■ Unsatisfied/Disagree
■ Very Unsatisfied/Strongly Disagree

How satisfied are you with the education your child has received this year?

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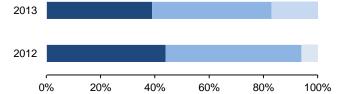
How satisfied are you with the response you get when you contact your child's school?



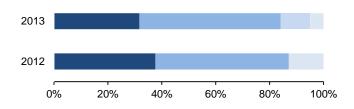


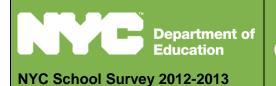
How responses of teachers at your school have changed:

I am safe at my school.



I would recommend my school to parents seeking a place for their child.





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This report provides a summary of the responses that parents and teachers at your school provided on the 2013 NYC School Survey.

Parent survey responses are listed first, followed by teacher responses. Questions are sorted into five categories: Academic Expectations, Communication, Engagement, Safety and Respect, and questions that are not scored.¹

Responses to each question are reported as percentages. The most common response to each question is displayed in bold print.

Scores for each question are reported as a number between 0 and 10 in parentheses next to each corresponding question; the highest possible score for each question is 10.

Who took the survey at your school?

		Your School	City Average
P	Parents	82% (157)	54%
•	Teachers	100% (19)	83%

Please visit <u>www.nycschoolsurvey.org</u> to learn more about the School Survey.



Academic Expectations: Do parents feel that the school develops rigorous and meaningful academic goals that encourage students to do their best?

My child's school	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
has high expectations for my child. (9.7)	90	10	0	1
gives my child meaningful assignments that help him or her learn. (9.4)	82	16	1	1
encourages my child not to give up on challenging work. (9.4)	81	18	1	1
provides my child with extra help when he or she needs it. (9.2)	71	28	1	1
is preparing my child well to be promoted to the next grade level or graduate. (9.5)	83	15	1	1
helps keep my child on track for college, career and success in life after high school. (9.2)	78	19	1	2

¹ A small number of questions that are scored for Community schools but are not scored for District 75 schools can be found within the scored sections of this report. For more information, please see the 2013 NYC School Survey Scoring Guide at www.nycschoolsurvey.org.

	Verv	Perc	ent %	Verv	
How satisfied are you with the following?	Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	
The education my child has received this year. (9.6)	83	17	0	0	
The overall quality of my child's teachers this year. (9.2)	73	25	3	0	
Answer this question only if your child has an	Very	Perc	ent %	Mami	
Individualized Education Plan (IEP).	Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	
I am satisfied with the educational planning and IEP development process at my child's school. (9.4)	75	25	0	0	
Answer these questions only if your child has an Individualized Education	Percent %				
Plan (IEP). My child's school	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
works to achieve the goals on my child's IEP. (9.5)	82	18	0	0	
offers a wide enough variety of activities and services (including related services and assistive and adaptive technologies where appropriate) to help improve life outcomes for my child. (9.2)	67	33	0	0	



Communication: Do parents feel that the school provides them with information about the school's educational goals and offers appropriate feedback on each student's learning outcomes?

		Pero	cent %		
My child's school	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
keeps me informed about my child's academic progress. (9.4)	80	19	1	1	
keeps me informed about what my child is learning. (9.5)	82	17	1	1	
keeps me informed about services for me or my child, such as tutoring, after-school programs, or workshops at school. (9.4)	81	17	2	1	
communicates with me in a language that I can understand. (9.6)	87	11	0	1	
gives my child regular and helpful feedback on his or her work. (9.2)	76	21	3	1	
	Very	Perc	cent %	Very	
How satisfied are you with the following?	Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	
The response I get when I contact my child's school. (9.1)	71	27	3	0	

Percent %

Your School's Question-By-Question Survey Results



Engagement: Do parents feel engaged in an active and vibrant partnership to promote student learning?

			Perce	ent %	
My child's school		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
makes me feel welcome. (9.4)		80	18	0	2
makes it easy for parents to attend meetings by holding them at different tin providing an interpreter, or in other ways. (8.7)	nes of day,	63	29	6	1
is responsive to parent feedback. (8.7)		64	29	6	1
has teachers who are interested and attentive when they discuss my child.	80	18	1	1	
offers a wide enough variety of courses, extracurricular activities and service my child interested in school. (9.5)	83	15	1	1	
communicates to me and my child what we need to do to prepare my child career and success in life after high school. (9)	71	25	3	1	
			Percent %		
At my child's school	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
students with disabilities are included in all school activities (lunch, class trips, etc.). (9.3)	52	18	0	1	29
		Percent %			
How often during this school year have you:		5 or More Times	3-4 Times	1-2 Times	Never
been invited to an event at your child's school (workshop, program, performance, etc.)? (8.6)		66	22	11	0



Safety and Respect: Do parents feel that the school creates a physically and emotionally secure environment in which everyone can focus on student learning?

My child's school	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
is kept clean. (9.3)	76	23	0	1	

Percent %

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At my child's school my child is safe. (9.4)	Strongly Agree 79	Agree 20	Disagree 1	Strongly Disagree 0	Don't Know
there is an adult whom my child trusts and can go to for help with a problem. (9.3)	75	22	3	0	0
teachers and staff treat all students with respect. (9.2)	70	25	3	0	3



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			Perce	ent %	
How much do you agree with the following statements?		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I would recommend this school to other parents.		84	13	3	0
My child's school is headed in the right direction.		87	11	1	1
			Percent %		
At my child's school	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
teachers and staff treat students unfairly due to racial, cultural, or other biases.	6	1	12	69	11
students get into physical fights.	3	3	20	52	21
there is gang activity.	3	0	13	71	13
students harass or bully other students.	2	12	20	48	18
students harass or bully each other based on differences (such as race, color, ethnicity, national origin, citizenship/immigration status, religion, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, disability or weight).	1	4	18	53	24
students drink alcohol, use illegal drugs, or abuse prescription drugs while at school.	2	1	11	74	13
			Perce	ent %	
How often during this school year have you:		5 or More Times	3-4 Times	1-2 Times	Never
attended a parent-teacher conference?		29	32	38	1
attended a Parent Association/Parent Teacher Association (PA/PTA) meeting?		22	28	36	15
communicated with school staff about your child's academic progress?		68	25	6	0

What are the <u>BEST</u> ways for your child's school or teachers to get information to you about your child's education? *(Choose all that apply.)*

Percent %

8	ARIS Parent Link (arisparentlink.org)	94	E-Mail	31	Mail
57	Paper sent home with my child	29	Parent Association, Parent Teacher Association, or similar meetings	39	School staff
48	Parent teacher conferences and meetings	68	Phone	24	School website
41	Text messages				

Which of the following improvements would you $\underline{\mathsf{MOST}}$ like your school to make? (Choose ONE.)

Percent %

6	More effective school leadership	4	More effective teaching	17	More hands-on learning	9	Stronger enrichment programs	13	Stronger arts programs
2	More rigorous curriculum	15	Better communication with parents	15	Smaller class size	15	More preparation for state tests	3	Less preparation for state tests



Academic Expectations: Do teachers feel that the school develops rigorous and meaningful academic goals that encourage students to do their best?

	Percent %			
The principal at my school	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
places the learning needs of children ahead of personal and political interests. (8.3)	44	50	6	0
		Perc	ent %	
School leaders	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
visit classrooms to observe the quality of teaching at my school. (8.2)	37	58	5	0
place a high priority on the quality of teaching. (8.3)	42	53	5	0

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My school		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
sets high standards for student work in their classes. (8.6)		53	42	5	0
helps students reach targets for mastery of important skills and content.	(8.7)	47	53	0	0
has clear measures of progress for student achievement throughout the	year. (8.6)	53	42	5	0
uses assessments that are relevant to my daily instruction. (8.4)		37	63	0	0
ensures English language learners receive the same curriculum as their non-English language learner peers with appropriate supports (e.g., scaffolds, native language, culturally responsive instruction). (7.2)		32	47	21	0
			Perc	ent %	
In my school		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
the professional staff believe that all students can learn, including English learners and students with disabilities. (8.6)	sh language	53	42	5	0
			Perc	ent %	
Teachers in my school		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
work together on teams to improve their instructional practice. (8.4)		47	47	5	0
use multiple forms of student achievement data to improve instructional decisions. (8.8)		50	50	0	0
			Percent %		
How much do you agree with the following statement?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Does Not Apply
I have sufficient materials, equipment, and assistive technology in good condition to teach my class(es). (8.1)	50	39	6	6	0

Percent %

Only <u>elementary school teachers</u> need to answer these questions. My school does a good job	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
teaching students the <i>social and emotional skills</i> needed in middle school. (6.7)	16	63	16	5
teaching students the organizational and study skills needed in middle school. (7.8)	26	68	0	5
teaching students the academic skills needed in middle school. (7.8)	26	68	0	5
providing information about the middle school application/enrollment process to students. (5.8)	6	67	11	17

Percent %

Only <u>middle school teachers</u> need to answer these questions. My school does a good job	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
teaching students the social and emotional skills needed in high school. $(N\!/\!A)$	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
teaching students the organizational and study skills needed in high school. (N/A)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
teaching students the academic skills needed in high school. (N/A)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
providing information about the high school application/enrollment process to students. (N/A)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Percent %

Only <u>high school teachers</u> need to answer these questions. My school does a good job	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
providing students with the best courses and supports to achieve their postsecondary goals. $(N\!/\!A)$	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
supporting students who are at risk for dropping out. (N/A)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
supporting students who aspire to go on to a 2- or 4- year college, career or technical training, or enter the workforce by helping them develop a plan to achieve those goals. (N/A)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



Communication: Do teachers feel that the school provides them with information about the school's educational goals and offers appropriate feedback on each student's learning outcomes?

		Percent %			
The principal at my school		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
communicates a clear vision for our school. (8.6)		56	39	6	0
encourages open communication on important school issues. (7.2)		33	44	22	0
makes clear to the staff his or her expectations for meeting instructional	goals. (8.1)	44	44	11	0
is an effective manager who makes the school run smoothly. (7.5)		22	67	11	0
			Perce	ent %	
How much do you agree with the following statement?		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I trust the principal at his or her word. (7.5)		33	50	17	0
			Perce	ent %	
School leaders		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
give me regular and helpful feedback about my teaching. (7.1)		32	47	16	5
			Percent %		
How much do you agree with the following statements?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Does Not Apply
My school communicates effectively with parents regarding students' behavior. (7.5)	22	67	11	0	0

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My school communicates effectively with parents about their child's

progress. (7.8)



I wouldn't want to work in any other school. (5.4)

I would recommend my school to parents seeking a place for their child. (7.4)

Engagement: Do teachers feel engaged in an active and vibrant partnership to promote learning?

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The principal at my school		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
understands how children learn. (8.5)		50	44	6	0
knows what's going on in my classroom. (6)		17	50	22	11
participates in instructional planning with teachers. (5.1)		22	22	50	6
			Perc	ent %	
School leaders		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
provide time for collaboration among teachers. (7.9)		37	53	11	0
			Perc	ent %	
My school		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
offers a wide enough variety of programs, classes and activities to k engaged. (8.4)	eep students	53	42	0	5
educates students with disabilities in the least restrictive environmer (7.5)	nt appropriate.	37	47	11	5
			Percent %		
To what extent do you feel supported by the	To a Great	To Some	To a Lesser		Does Not
following people?	Extent	Extent	Extent	To No Extent	Apply
Your principal. (7.9)	53	32	11	5	0
Assistant principals at your school. (7.1)	39	39	11	11	0
Other teachers at your school. (9.5)	79	21	0	0	0
		Percent %			
How much do you agree with the following statements?		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I usually look forward to each working day at my school. (6.4)		16	58	21	5

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			Percent %		
Overall, my professional development experiences this school year have	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Does Not Apply
been sustained and coherently focused, rather than short-term and unrelated. (7.2)	33	44	22	0	0
included opportunities to work productively with colleagues in my school. (7.9)	39	50	11	0	0
provided me with content support in my subject area. (7.8)	39	50	6	6	0
			Percent %		
How much do you agree with the following statements?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Does Not Apply
This year, I received helpful training on the use of student achievement data to improve teaching and learning. (7.4)	28	56	17	0	0
Teachers and school leaders in my school use information from parents to improve instructional practices and meet student learning needs. (7.6)	28	61	11	0	0
My school encourages parents to participate in their child's education. (8.6)	56	39	6	0	0
		Percent %			
At my school		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Students with disabilities are included in all school activities (lunch, cla (9)	ss trips, etc.).	61	39	0	0



Safety and Respect: Do teachers feel that the school creates a physically and emotionally secure environment in which everyone can focus on student learning?

	Percent %				
How much do you agree with the following statement?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
I feel respected by the principal at my school. (7.9)	39	50	11	0	
		Perc	ent %		
Teachers in my school	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
trust each other. (7.4)	16	74	11	0	

	Percent %			
At my school	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Order and discipline are maintained. (5)	11	39	39	11
I can get the help I need to address student behavior issues. (6.4)	11	61	28	0
I am safe. (7.6)	39	44	17	0
Crime and violence are a problem. (7.8)	6	6	50	39
Students are often harassed or bullied in school. (6)	11	17	67	6
Adults treat students with respect. (7.9)	39	50	11	0
Most students treat adults with respect. (7.1)	22	61	11	6
Most parents treat adults with respect. (6.8)	11	72	11	6
Students' use of alcohol and illegal drugs or abuse of prescription drugs is a problem at my school. (8.9)	6	0	22	72
There are conflicts based on differences (race, color, creed, ethnicity, national origin, citizenship/immigration status, religion, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, disability or weight). (6.7)	6	28	28	39
Gang activity is a problem in school. (8.9)	6	0	22	72
There is a person or a program that helps students resolve conflicts. (7.5)	22	67	11	0
	Percent %			
How much do you agree with the following statement?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree



My school is kept clean. (7.5)

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School leaders	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
publicly recognize teachers for their accomplishments.	32	53	11	5
provide teachers with leadership opportunities.	42	53	5	0

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1-3 years

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year

						Percent %		
Overall, my profession school year have	nal developm	ent experiences this	5	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Does Not Apply
helped me to meaningfull	y use technolo	gy in the classroom.		39	44	11	6	0
What grades do you p	rimarily teac			Middle (6-8)		0	High	Percent % (9-12)
This year, what percer attend your Parent-Tes			st one	parent 51-75%	50	76-100%	0	Percent % Does Not
How long have you be	en a teacher	?						Apply
Less than on	e 63	1-3 years	16	4-10 years	5	11-15 vears	5	Percent % More than 15

4-10 years

5 11-15 years

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years