

West Des Moines Community Schools -- Community Survey -- Choices for the Future  
 Executive Summary -- Appendix D  
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Gap and Ranking -- All Respondents

	Satisfaction	Importance	Gap	Rank
Communication between school and home	2.7493	3.6414	-0.8921	1
An environment that promotes learning	2.9399	3.6950	-0.7551	2
Student/teacher classroom ratios	2.8053	3.5573	-0.7520	3
A caring environment for students	2.7081	3.4423	-0.7342	4
Preparation of students for the workplace	2.7810	3.5104	-0.7294	5
Number of students at the building	2.4607	3.1840	-0.7233	6
Skilled, professional staff	3.0382	3.7451	-0.7069	7
Meeting the social and emotional needs of students	2.6257	3.3197	-0.6940	8
A flexible approach to accommodate different learning styles	2.6332	3.2938	-0.6606	9
Opportunities for student involvement in athletics	2.5412	3.0891	-0.5479	10
Preparation of students for post-secondary success	3.2459	3.7831	-0.5372	11
Opportunities for student involvement in the arts	2.8276	3.2827	-0.4551	12
Opportunities for student involvement in other school-sponsored activities	2.7362	3.1859	-0.4497	13
Variety of core course offerings	3.4117	3.7068	-0.2951	14
Quality of the building	2.8919	3.0491	-0.1572	15
Variety of electives	3.3354	3.2930	0.0424	16

Gap and Ranking -- Parents of pre-school, elementary, and junior high students. (all)

	Satisfaction	Importance	Gap	Rank
Number of students at the building	2.3165	3.3200	-1.0035	1
Communication between school and home	2.7646	3.7016	-0.9370	2
Student/teacher classroom ratios	2.7068	3.6401	-0.9333	3
An environment that promotes learning	2.9548	3.7292	-0.7744	4
Opportunities for student involvement in athletics	2.4000	3.1629	-0.7629	5
A caring environment for students	2.7564	3.4981	-0.7417	6
Skilled, professional staff	3.0317	3.7522	-0.7205	7
Meeting the social and emotional needs of students	2.6543	3.3678	-0.7135	8
A flexible approach to accommodate different learning styles	2.6547	3.3435	-0.6888	9
Preparation of students for post-secondary success	3.2008	3.8010	-0.6002	10
Opportunities for student involvement in other school-sponsored activities	2.6393	3.2348	-0.5955	11
Opportunities for student involvement in the arts	2.7050	3.2995	-0.5945	12
Preparation of students for the workplace	2.8913	3.4812	-0.5899	13
Variety of core course offerings	3.3554	3.6729	-0.3175	14
Quality of the building	2.8044	3.0762	-0.2718	15
Variety of electives	3.2680	3.2481	0.0199	16

Gap and Ranking -- Parents of pre-school, elementary, and junior high students.  
 (WDMCSD)

	Satisfaction	Importance	Gap	Rank
Number of students at the building	2.3561	3.3117	-0.9556	1
Student/teacher classroom ratios	2.7525	3.6626	-0.9101	2
Communication between school and home	2.8066	3.6966	-0.8900	3
An environment that promotes learning	2.977	3.7585	-0.7815	4
A caring environment for students	2.7719	3.5407	-0.7688	5
Meeting the social and emotional needs of students	2.6732	3.3975	-0.7243	6
Skilled, professional staff	3.0455	3.7671	-0.7216	7
Opportunities for student involvement in athletics	2.4224	3.1429	-0.7205	8
A flexible approach to accommodate different learning styles	2.6898	3.3616	-0.6718	9
Preparation of students for post-secondary success	3.2225	3.8287	-0.6062	10
Preparation of students for the workplace	2.8916	3.4922	-0.6006	11
Opportunities for student involvement in other school-sponsored activities	2.6528	3.2358	-0.5830	12
Opportunities for student involvement in the arts	2.7294	3.3085	-0.5791	13
Quality of the building	2.8095	3.1099	-0.3004	14
Variety of core course offerings	3.3783	3.6641	-0.2858	15
Variety of electives	3.2768	3.2578	0.0190	16

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Gap and Ranking -- Parents of High School Students (all)

	Satisfaction	Importance	Gap	Rank
Communication between school and home	2.6182	3.6377	-1.0195	1
A caring environment for students	2.623	3.447	-0.8240	2
A flexible approach to accommodate different learning styles	2.5366	3.3479	-0.8113	3
Skilled, professional staff	2.9172	3.7213	-0.8041	4
An environment that promotes learning	2.8844	3.6878	-0.8034	5
Meeting the social and emotional needs of students	2.5765	3.3482	-0.7717	6
Preparation of students for the workplace	2.7775	3.5332	-0.7557	7
Number of students at the building	2.4022	3.1389	-0.7367	8
Student/teacher classroom ratios	2.8719	3.5391	-0.6672	9
Opportunities for student involvement in athletics	2.4212	3.0512	-0.6300	10
Preparation of students for post-secondary success	3.2095	3.7957	-0.5862	11
Opportunities for student involvement in the arts	2.7773	3.2894	-0.5121	12
Opportunities for student involvement in other school-sponsored activities	2.7005	3.1786	-0.4781	13
Variety of core course offerings	3.4324	3.6476	-0.2152	14
Quality of the building	2.8575	3.0064	-0.1489	15
Variety of electives	3.3575	3.3219	0.0356	16

Gap and Ranking -- Parents of High School Students (WDMCSD)

	Satisfaction	Importance	Gap	Rank
A caring environment for students	2.6357	3.4569	-0.8212	1
A flexible approach to accommodate different learning styles	2.5478	3.3648	-0.8170	2
An environment that promotes learning	2.9122	3.7112	-0.7990	3
Communication between school and home	2.6383	3.6331	-0.9948	4
Meeting the social and emotional needs of students	2.5873	3.3582	-0.7709	5
Number of students at the building	2.4354	3.1108	-0.6754	6
Opportunities for student involvement in athletics	2.4381	3.053	-0.6149	7
Opportunities for student involvement in other school-sponsored activities	2.7109	3.1823	-0.4714	8
Opportunities for student involvement in the arts	2.8031	3.3034	-0.5003	9
Preparation of students for post-secondary success	3.2146	3.8293	-0.6147	10
Preparation of students for the workplace	2.7881	3.5386	-0.7505	11
Quality of the building	2.8544	3.0362	-0.1818	12
Skilled, professional staff	2.9205	3.747	-0.8265	13
Student/teacher classroom ratios	2.8993	3.5513	-0.6520	14
Variety of core course offerings	3.4532	3.6475	-0.1943	15
Variety of electives	3.3775	3.3325	0.0450	16

Gap and Ranking -- Parents of Valley High School graduates

	Satisfaction	Importance	Gap	Rank
A caring environment for students	2.6667	3.4256	-0.7589	1
A flexible approach to accommodate different learning styles	2.6278	3.2855	-0.6577	2
An environment that promotes learning	2.9712	3.6803	-0.7091	3
Communication between school and home	2.7296	3.5979	-0.8683	4
Meeting the social and emotional needs of students	2.6407	3.3073	-0.6666	5
Number of students at the building	2.6911	3.0610	-0.3699	6
Opportunities for student involvement in athletics	2.7013	3.0427	-0.3414	7
Opportunities for student involvement in other school-sponsored activities	2.873	3.1848	-0.3118	8
Opportunities for student involvement in the arts	2.9961	3.3097	-0.3136	9
Preparation of students for post-secondary success	3.3284	3.7838	-0.4554	10
Preparation of students for the workplace	2.7558	3.5631	-0.8073	11
Quality of the building	2.9812	3.0680	-0.0868	12
Skilled, professional staff	2.9887	3.7589	-0.7702	13
Student/teacher classroom ratios	2.9415	3.5000	-0.5585	14
Variety of core course offerings	3.5094	3.7534	-0.2440	15
Variety of electives	3.4266	3.3983	0.0283	16

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Mean Score for Rankings for Respondents With Children Enrolled In  
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	Parents of pre-school, elementary, and junior high school students in WDMCSD	Parents of high school students in the WDMCSD	Parents of Valley High School graduates	Overall Mean Ranking Score
A caring environment for students	5	1	1	1
An environment that promotes learning	4	3	3	2
Communication between school and home	3	4	4	3
Number of students at the building	1	6	6	4
A flexible approach to accommodate different learning styles	9	2	2	5
Meeting the social and emotional needs of students	6	5	5	6
Opportunities for student involvement in athletics	8	7	7	7
Opportunities for student involvement in other school-sponsored activities	12	8	8	8
Preparation of students for post-secondary success	10	10	10	9
Student/teacher classroom ratios	2	14	14	10
Opportunities for student involvement in the arts	13	9	9	11
Preparation of students for the workplace	11	11	11	12
Skilled, professional staff	7	13	13	13
Quality of the building	14	12	12	14
Variety of core course offerings	15	15	15	15
Variety of electives	16	16	16	16