



Speak Up 2007

Parent Survey

District: ANTIOCH COMM HIGH SCH DIST 117

Results based on 69 survey(s).

1 Are you a

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Mom	46	67%	79%
Dad	19	28%	17%
Grandmother	2	3%	1%
Grandfather	0	0%	0%
Other relative or guardian	2	3%	2%

2 Please mark any grades that your child(ren) attend

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Preschool	5	7%	6%
Kindergarten - Grade 1 - Grade 2	8	12%	28%
Grade 3 - Grade 4 - Grade 5	5	7%	36%
Grade 6 - Grade 7 - Grade 8	15	22%	44%
Grade 9 - Grade 10 - Grade 11 - Grade 12	69	100%	39%
Other	9	13%	3%

3 How would you describe your own technology skills?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
An advanced tech user – My skills are more advanced than most adults I know.	34	49%	34%
An average tech user – My skills are the same as most adults I know.	30	43%	57%
A beginner tech user – I am still learning how to use most technology tools.	5	7%	9%

4 Which of these activities do you do regularly using technology?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Create a multimedia presentation like PowerPoint	41	59%	40%
Create or listen to podcasts or videos	38	55%	39%
Download music	39	57%	53%
Email or IM my child's teacher or other adults	65	94%	91%
Email or IM or Text with my child(ren)	60	87%	51%
Go to TV show websites to give feedback or vote	27	39%	27%
Maintain a personal website like MySpace or Facebook	23	33%	18%
Participate in online communities	28	41%	25%
Participate in virtual reality environments like Second Life	4	6%	2%

Personalize news feeds	13	19%	12%
Play online games	28	41%	34%
Read or post blog or wiki entries	20	29%	23%
Remix content (such as music, video, text)	12	17%	10%
None of the above	3	4%	3%

5 What kind of Internet access do you have at home?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
A computer with no Internet access	0	0%	1%
A computer with "dial-up" or slow Internet access	5	7%	5%
A computer with "DSL or "Cable" Internet access	62	90%	90%
Smartphone with Internet access (like a Treo or Blackberry)	0	0%	2%
I do not have a computer at home.	2	3%	1%

6 Which of these online tools do you use regularly to get information and/or to communicate with your child's teacher(s) or school?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Class website	24	35%	33%
School website	56	81%	68%
Email	57	83%	78%
Instant Messages or Text Messages	4	6%	4%
Listserv announcements or electronic newsletters	4	6%	22%
School bulletin boards or discussion boards	11	16%	14%
School portal that provides access to grades, homework and events	32	46%	34%
Teacher's blog	7	10%	4%
I don't use any of these tools.	3	4%	4%
I don't have access to these tools on a regular basis.	2	3%	1%

7 What has been the impact of using online tools to connect with your child's teacher(s) or school?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Better able to help my child with homework.	25	36%	41%
Better informed about my child's grades and overall achievement level.	50	72%	62%
Better informed about school events	48	70%	65%
Better informed about upcoming homework assignments and tests.	27	39%	47%
Feel more connected to my child's school.	34	49%	53%
Have a better relationship with my child's teacher.	19	28%	37%
Have a greater appreciation for the challenges faced by my child's teacher.	10	14%	19%
Know more people at the school.	9	13%	10%
Learned about after school and community events through the school.	33	48%	32%
My child believes that I am better informed about his/her school, classroom and activities.	30	43%	35%
My child is doing better in school	14	20%	20%
Understand the needs at the school.	14	20%	24%
Worry less about what is happening at school.	19	28%	24%

None of the above	2	3%	6%
Other	3	4%	4%

8 What are the top 5 features that you would like to have in the perfect "one-stop" school portal or website?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Ability to email or IM with my child's teacher(s) or the school principal	39	57%	65%
Ability to email or IM with other parents at the school	3	4%	12%
Comparative test scores between my child's school and other schools	11	16%	20%
Downloadable parent information via podcasts	2	3%	8%
Emergency school information	29	42%	37%
Homework assignments	36	52%	70%
Information about afterschool or community events	19	28%	28%
Information about government policies affecting my child's school or education	11	16%	14%
Information about standardized tests and test scores	12	17%	23%
Internet safety tips	6	9%	9%
Listing of school needs or volunteer opportunities	10	14%	25%
My child's attendance, academic progress and grades	49	71%	65%
PowerPoints and materials from teachers' lessons	17	25%	24%
Recommendations on appropriate video or online games for children	3	4%	8%
Resources for parents about health and safety issues with children	5	7%	7%
Resources for parents about helping children with schoolwork	13	19%	21%
School calendar, general school news, reminders	40	58%	56%
Suggestions for additional academic activities that we can do at home to support the classwork	14	20%	21%
Teacher blog of daily or weekly lessons	18	26%	27%
Other	1	1%	2%

9 What are the top 3 things that you think would improve technology use at your child's school?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Classroom teachers should receive training on how to integrate technology into learning.	16	23%	38%
Classroom teachers should receive training on how to use current technology tools.	16	23%	28%
Internet access should be wireless and available for students to use anywhere on campus.	10	14%	14%
Make sure that teachers use current, high quality technology products.	16	23%	33%
Include students' ideas on technology use at school.	17	25%	19%
Students should be able to use their own technology devices, such as laptops, that they bring to school.	8	12%	10%
Students should receive training on how to use technology for schoolwork.	24	35%	41%

Students should spend time every day using a wide variety of technology tools.	10	14%	22%
Technology tools should be integrated into daily instruction.	23	33%	37%
There should be enough technology at school for all students to use.	25	36%	42%
Other	2	3%	5%

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Thinking about your child(ren), how does the use of technology in learning impact their academic achievement?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Accelerates learning opportunities.	34	49%	58%
Addresses different learning styles and matches my child's pace of learning.	25	36%	42%
Better able to relate academic material to real world situations.	20	29%	35%
Better able to retain the subject matter.	11	16%	22%
Better grades and performance on tests.	13	19%	25%
Develops creativity and self-expression.	26	38%	39%
Develops teamwork and collaboration skills.	14	20%	20%
Develops critical thinking and problem solving skills.	24	35%	37%
Easier to review and practice problems in difficult subjects.	18	26%	30%
Enhances self confidence.	16	23%	30%
Fosters independent work.	34	49%	45%
Greater awareness of global issues.	20	29%	25%
Improves attendance with less discipline problems.	6	9%	8%
Increases engagement in school and learning.	19	28%	31%
Personalizes the learning experience.	19	28%	29%
Strengthens communications skills.	22	32%	26%
None of the above	6	9%	4%

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Do you think that your child's school is doing a good job of preparing today's students for the jobs of the 21st century?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Yes	22	32%	43%
No	13	19%	13%
Not Sure	12	17%	25%
No Opinion	3	4%	3%
I have not thought about this before.	3	4%	5%
I do not think this is the responsibility of K-12 education.	1	1%	1%

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In addition to knowing core content subjects, which of these skills do you think is most important for your child(ren) to be successful in the 21st century?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Ability to work in a global society	29	42%	43%
Communicate in more than one language	24	35%	41%
Teamwork and collaboration skills	30	43%	51%
Communication skills	42	61%	65%
Ability to learn new things	27	39%	47%
Creativity and innovation skills	27	39%	45%
Know how to effectively use technology	39	57%	61%
Critical thinking and problem solving skills	38	55%	66%

Information and media literacy skills	23	33%	33%
None of the above	1	1%	0%
Other	1	1%	1%

13 What do you think is the best way for your child to acquire the technology skills needed to be successful in the 21st century?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Have access to technology at home	31	45%	57%
Teachers should use a variety of technology resources in homework assignments and reports	22	32%	43%
Make sure that my child's teacher uses the appropriate technology for instruction and homework.	20	29%	39%
Make sure that my child's teacher knows how to use technology.	25	36%	40%
Participate in after school programs or summer camps on technology	2	3%	14%
Take advanced technology classes at school	15	22%	29%
Take an online class	4	6%	12%
Use all kinds of technology as part of the typical school day	31	45%	55%
None of the above	2	3%	1%

14 Many schools are thinking about how to use mobile learning devices such as laptops, smart cell phones, PDAs and MP3 players within education. What do you think would be the primary benefits of using such devices in instruction?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Students will develop stronger communications skills.	8	12%	21%
These devices help to extend learning beyond the school day.	25	36%	39%
Use of these devices will help improve the teacher's technology skills	5	7%	15%
Improves teacher-parent-student communications	15	22%	26%
Increases student engagement in school and learning	19	28%	38%
Increases teacher productivity	9	13%	14%
Provides a way for instruction to be personalized for each student	19	28%	31%
Prepares students for the world of work	24	35%	38%
Provides ways for students to informally review classroom material	15	22%	24%
Students develop collaboration and teamwork skills	7	10%	15%
Students develop critical thinking and problem solving skills	15	22%	22%
I don't think these devices will positively impact learning.	10	14%	14%
Other	2	3%	3%

15 Business and policy leaders believe that scientific knowledge is critical to improving our nation's economic competitiveness. To what extent do you agree that improving K-12 science education should be a top national education issue?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Strongly disagree	3	4%	9%
Disagree	2	3%	4%
Agree	29	42%	36%
Strongly agree	18	26%	35%
No opinion	2	3%	6%

Which of these do you think would have the greatest impact on improving your child's

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science education?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Conducting real research on topics that my child is interested in.	30	43%	52%
Explaining why science is relevant to my child's life	21	30%	40%
Having experts come and speak to my child's class about science careers.	15	22%	34%
Learning from a teacher who is excited about science.	35	51%	61%
Learning from a teacher who is well trained in science	29	42%	44%
Opportunity for my child to create multi-media presentations of his/her scientific findings	13	19%	22%
Reading the science textbook.	5	7%	11%
Using online databases to do research.	23	33%	28%
Using standard lab tools to conduct scientific investigations.	23	33%	40%
Using technology based tools to conduct scientific investigations.	31	45%	43%
Working with other students on projects.	18	26%	29%
Other	2	3%	2%

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Do you think that having a good understanding of science is important for your child's future?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Yes, if he/she is interested in a job that uses science.	10	14%	13%
Yes, if he/she likes studying science subjects.	3	4%	4%
Yes, if he/she is planning to go to college.	13	19%	9%
Yes, so he/she can develop good problem solving and critical thinking skills.	15	22%	36%
Yes, an understanding of science is needed to be successful.	7	10%	24%
No, it is not important for my child's future.	1	1%	1%

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How likely are you to encourage your child to pursue a job in a science, math or technology field?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Very likely	13	19%	32%
Likely	18	26%	23%
Somewhat Likely	14	20%	16%
Unlikely	2	3%	5%
No opinion	4	6%	11%

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Which of these factors would greatly influence you in recommending a science, math or technology career to your child?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
College scholarships	18	26%	31%
Competition for those jobs	11	16%	19%
Government policies or legislation in those fields	0	0%	5%
Level of education required for that job field	5	7%	13%
My child's academic strengths	30	43%	60%
My child's interest areas	40	58%	71%

My own experiences or knowledge of that job field	6	9%	14%
National call for more students to enter these fields	3	4%	10%
Opportunities for internships or apprenticeships in those fields	13	19%	20%
Potential income	13	19%	31%
Prestige of the job - how well respected is the job	1	1%	10%
Quality of life	13	19%	35%
Reports about the top jobs for the future	8	12%	14%
Reports that those jobs that are being outsourced to other countries	3	4%	6%
Job location	0	0%	6%

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What skill(s) should be taught at your child's school to prepare them for a good job in the future?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Ability to communicate in more than one language	26	38%	42%
Ability to work with diverse groups of people	36	52%	59%
Awareness of global issues	27	39%	39%
Being creative and "thinking outside the box"	36	52%	66%
Competency in core academic subjects	32	46%	52%
Effective communication skills	44	64%	68%
Knowing how to be a good, responsible worker	31	45%	55%
Knowing how to solve problems	41	59%	64%
Knowing how to think critically	42	61%	64%
Knowing how to use technology	42	61%	64%
Learning new things independently	31	45%	49%
Specific jobs skills or vocational training	18	26%	24%
Understanding about money and how business works	27	39%	47%
Working in teams and collaborating	32	46%	47%
Other	2	3%	2%
None of the above	0	0%	0%

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What concerns you the most about your child's Internet use, in school or out of school?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Advertising and spam	20	29%	40%
Copyright issues / illegal file sharing	10	14%	13%
Difficulty evaluating the credibility of an online source	20	29%	32%
Ineffective Internet filters and firewalls	10	14%	30%
Meeting strangers online	30	43%	59%
Online bullying	17	25%	32%
Online predators	28	41%	60%
Plagiarism and cheating	6	9%	23%
Privacy of records and information	22	32%	31%
Sharing too much personal information online	31	45%	57%
Too much time spent on the computer	23	33%	41%
Violent or inappropriate video or online games	13	19%	39%
Virtual environments	2	3%	13%
Websites that are inappropriate for my child's age	18	26%	54%

22 How comfortable are you discussing Internet safety with your child(ren) today?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Very comfortable	48	70%	76%
Somewhat comfortable	0	0%	7%
Not comfortable	0	0%	1%
I need help with this	2	3%	1%

23 Which of these technology and Internet topics would you like to learn more about?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Avoiding online predators	14	20%	41%
Copyright and illegal file sharing issues	9	13%	13%
Dealing with online bullies	10	14%	23%
Educational benefits of virtual environments and/or online gaming sites	10	14%	16%
Evaluating online information for credibility and accuracy	22	32%	30%
How much time is too much time on the computer	17	25%	24%
Finding high quality websites to help with schoolwork	29	42%	50%
Protecting my child's personal information and education records	27	39%	46%
Technology skills needed for jobs of the future	24	35%	26%
School's policies regarding plagiarism	6	9%	9%
Things to know about my child having a MySpace page	16	23%	25%
Other	2	3%	1%

24 If you were on a technology committee for a new school, which of these would you recommend as a good investment to improve student achievement?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Laptop computers for every student to use	13	19%	32%
Access to online databases for research	36	52%	54%
Career technical education classes	25	36%	34%
Digital equipment for creating multi-media projects	23	33%	35%
Educational Games/Virtual Simulations	13	19%	19%
Interactive white boards in every classroom	14	20%	34%
Online access to classroom materials, lectures, resources	37	54%	53%
Mobile learning devices (PDAs, MP3 players, graphing calculators)	9	13%	16%
Online Classes	13	19%	21%
Online tools to streamline communications between teachers, parents, students	28	41%	45%
School portal with attendance, grades and calendar information	35	51%	48%
Student access to email and IM accounts from school	22	32%	19%
Handheld student response systems	8	12%	9%
Unlimited student access to the Internet.	6	9%	7%
Web 2.0 tools such as blogs, social networking sites, wikis	3	4%	5%
Other	4	6%	2%

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In the upcoming national election year we are looking forward to hearing some new ideas from our national leaders about how to improve K-12 education. What do you think is the most important education topic our national and state leaders should be talking about this year and why? Feel free to tell us any and all ideas for solutions!

Note: Text responses too numerous to display. Highlights and summaries will be included in the national report. Please contact speakup@tomorrow.org to request your open ended responses.

26 Gender

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Female	38	55%	69%
Male	8	12%	16%

27 Age

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Under 29	0	0%	2%
30-39	4	6%	25%
40-49	30	43%	45%
50-59	12	17%	11%
60-69	0	0%	1%
70 +	0	0%	0%

28 Race or Cultural Identity

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1	1%	1%
Asian	0	0%	4%
Black/African-American	0	0%	4%
Caucasian/White (non-Hispanic)	46	67%	67%
Hispanic/Latino	0	0%	4%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0	0%	1%
Other	0	0%	2%

29 Educational attainment

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Less than high school diploma	0	0%	1%
High school diploma	3	4%	7%
Some College	20	29%	25%
Bachelor's degree	12	17%	30%
Graduate Education	12	17%	22%

30 Household Income

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Less than \$15,000	0	0%	1%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	0	0%	2%
\$25,000-\$49,999	4	6%	8%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	4	6%	13%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	5	7%	15%
\$100,00 - \$150,000	21	30%	21%
More than \$150,000	6	9%	17%