



## KS Parent Survey

### Maui Campus

#### Overview

In fall of 2002, Kamehameha Schools Maui Campus staff asked the parents of all students to complete a parent survey. The intent of the survey was to assess parent satisfaction levels in the following areas:

- Curriculum
- Quality of instruction
- Educational technology
- Integration of Hawaiian cultural values
- Homework
- Home/school connections

Overall, 305 parents (52 percent) responded to the survey. Parents of elementary school students completed their surveys during an open house on campus and had a 75 percent response rate. Surveys for parents of students in grades 6-9 were done by mail (the surveys did not arrive at the Maui Campus before the open house), resulting in a 33 percent response rate.

#### General findings

Parents were generally satisfied with all aspects of the Maui Campus. Parents indicated they “agree” or “strongly agree” with the following statements:

- All aspects of my child’s academic needs were satisfactorily addressed (91 percent).
- My child has a positive opinion of himself or herself as a learner (94 percent).
- My child learned to work cooperatively with others (98 percent).
- Educational technology was used effectively to enhance my child’s learning (94 percent).
- Hawaiian cultural values such as mālama, pono, and laulima were evident throughout the school environment (93 percent).
- I believe the information provided through reports and conferences gave me a clear understanding of my child’s progress (94 percent).
- The teacher’s goals for my child were challenging (93 percent).

#### PARENT SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

Item	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not sure
All aspects of my child's academic needs were satisfactorily addressed.	44%	47%	3%	1%	4%
The Physical Education program met my child's needs.	39%	45%	4%	1%	11%
My child has a positive opinion of himself or herself as a learner.	47%	47%	4%	0%	2%
My child learned to work cooperatively with others.	57%	41%	1%	0%	1%
Instruction was individualized to meet my child's needs.	36%	44%	9%	2%	8%
Educational technology was used effectively to enhance my child's learning.	57%	37%	1%	0%	4%
Hawaiian cultural values such as malama, pono, and laulima were evident throughout the school environment.	56%	37%	2%	0%	4%
The information provided through reports and conferences gave me a clear understanding of my child's progress.	52%	42%	2%	0%	3%
The teacher's goals for my child were challenging.	50%	43%	3%	1%	3%

N=305. No more than one percent of respondents skipped any one item.

## Elementary school highlights

Parents of elementary school students indicated that they “agree” or “strongly agree” with the following statements:

- Creativity in the arts was encouraged (96 percent).
- My child has a positive opinion of himself or herself as a learner (96 percent).
- My child learned to work cooperatively (98 percent).
- Educational technology was used effectively to enhance my child’s learning (96 percent).
- Hawaiian cultural values such as mālama, pono, and laulima, were evident throughout the school environment (96 percent).
- The level of difficulty of my child’s homework was appropriate for him or her (96 percent).

Sixteen percent of parents of elementary school students were not sure if the Physical Education program met their children’s needs.

## Grades 6-9 highlights

Parents of students in grades 6-9 indicated they “agree” or “strongly agree” with the following statements:

- The Physical Education program met my child’s needs (93 percent).
- My child learned to work cooperatively with others (97 percent).
- Instruction was consistently of high quality (98 percent).
- The teacher’s goals for my child were challenging (94 percent).

- Educational technology was used effectively to enhance my child’s learning (93 percent).
- The information provided through reports and conferences gave me a clear understanding of my child’s progress (93 percent).

Nineteen percent of the parents disagreed with the statement “Instruction was individualized to meet my child’s needs.”

## New & continuing students compared

Continuing students comprise 40 percent of the student body on the Maui Campus. Parents of new and continuing students returned their surveys at about the same rate; however, an analysis of parent responses reveals several differences.

Although the overall rate of respondents marking “agree” was similar, parents of new students were more likely to mark “strongly agree” on survey items concerning quality of instruction, homework, and home/school connections. The one exception to this trend was for students in grades 6-9, where 50 percent of parents of continuing students said they strongly agree that their children have positive opinions of themselves as learners, compared to 36 percent of parents of new students.

The table below lists survey items where the difference in “strongly agree” responses between parents of continuing and new students was greater than 10 percent.

### ITEMS WITH MORE THAN 10% DIFFERENCE IN “STRONGLY AGREE” RESPONSES

Item	Percent of Parents Who Marked “Strongly Agree”					
	All Grades		Grades K-5		Grades 6-9	
	NS*	CS**	NS	CS	NS	CS
Instruction was consistently of high quality.	53	40	60	46	38	30
Instruction was individualized to meet my child’s needs.	43	30	53	36	22	23
The teacher’s goals for my child were reasonable.	45	31	55	36	27	24
The teacher’s goals for my child were challenging.	55	43	56	47	54	37
Hawaiian cultural values were evident throughout the school.	58	52	59	57	57	46
The amount of time my child spent on homework was reasonable.	42	25	49	32	29	15
The level of difficulty of my child’s homework was appropriate for him or her.	41	21	48	22	27	20
I know what my child’s learning goals are.	40	27	52	25	32	30
I believe the information provided through reports and conferences gave me a clear understanding of my child’s progress.	59	46	62	53	52	35
I am satisfied with the opportunities for me to be involved in my child’s learning at home and at school.	48	41	54	51	36	24
My child has a positive opinion of himself or herself as a learner.	48	47	47	47	36	50

\* NS=parents of new students \*\* CS=parents of continuing students

## **Program implications**

Findings from this survey suggest that parents are mostly satisfied with the programs of the Maui Campus. Please note that results are based on parent perceptions; student opinions may differ.

Although parents report that elements of the curriculum are meeting the needs of students, parents of elementary school students may benefit by having clarification on the purpose of the Physical Education program.

Results also suggest the need for a conversation between school staff and parents of middle school students about their mutual perceptions regarding the individualization of instruction to meet the child's needs.

Finally, it will be interesting to see whether a higher percent of parents of new students will report that their children have positive opinions of themselves as learners after the first year at Kamehameha Schools.

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