

**CULVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**PARENT SURVEY 2018-2019**

<u>SCALE DEFINITION</u>	
O = Outstanding	G = Good
A = Adequate	I = Improvement Needed
	NJ = No basis for judgment

**CLIMATE- Please rate the following:** (Put an X in the box below)

<u>Statement</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>NJ</u>
1. I feel welcome at my child's school.	65%	30%	2%	2%	1%
2. My child is safe at school.	52%	35%	6%	6%	1%
3. Teachers at the school are interested and cooperative when they discuss my child with me.	65%	28%	5%	1%	1%
4. Support staff show respect for the students.	55%	33%	6%	3%	3%
5. All school staff respond in ways that demonstrate our mission. (See mission statement above)	52%	33%	8%	5%	2%
6. The staff is accessible to students and parents.	55%	35%	7%	1.5%	1.5%
7. The staff is supportive of student success.	60%	33%	6%	0%	1%
8. The school nurtures students in a safe and healthy learning environment.	57%	33%	8%	2%	0%
9. The school treats parents in a way that makes them feel welcomed, respected, and valued.	59%	36%	4%	1%	0%

**Comments:**

1. We have always had good experiences at Culver Elem.
2. My son was shamed in front of his peers during music, other than this incident I am happy with the school. I feel his discipline should have come from the principal.
3. NO perimeter fencing for playground and anyone can enter any building at anytime.
4. Bullying. There have been some safety concerns that were not handled appropriately from the beginning. Any child speaking of guns, violence, or suicide should be taken seriously every time!
6. Very satisfied with the different programs the school has.
7. It has been presented to me by several students that support staff on recess respond to social conflict with "handle it yourselves" and even labeling "tattletelling" which may be appropriate at times but hard for a parent to hear with a child that struggles socially. My wish is that support staff would remind students of Kelso's wheel, the Golden rule, school rules or even offering friendly advice, etc.
8. I love the climate at Culver Elementary! Such a warm, welcoming and encouraging place.
9. Lack of fence around Courtyard is worrisome to me.

**COMMUNICATION- Please rate the following:**

<b><u>Statement</u></b>	<b><u>O</u></b>	<b><u>G</u></b>	<b><u>A</u></b>	<b><u>I</u></b>	<b><u>NJ</u></b>
1. The school asks parents for their ideas about issues important to us and to our children.	35%	32%	18%	7%	8%
2. The school communicates often with parents.	45%	34%	15%	4%	2%
3. I know about special events at the school.	54%	28%	14%	3.5%	.5%
4. The school handbook/orange calendar is useful.	47%	36%	11%	3%	3%
5. I have enough opportunity to communicate effectively with my child's teacher.	57%	34%	7%	1%	1%
6. School staff and teachers have easy ways for parents to contact them with questions or concerns.	56%	34%	6%	4%	0%
7. The staff communicates regarding individual student progress.	47%	38%	8%	5%	2%
8. The school encourages parent participation.	47%	35%	14%	3%	1%
9. The school provides school to home communication.	48%	35%	12%	4%	1%

**Comments:**

1. My child received an award at an assembly, yet I was not notified to be there. However, this has improved since last year. Love class dojo.
2. Hard to get in touch with non-primary teachers, ex. Walk to read, music, etc.
3. Not all events are on the orange calendar. I would like to have more than one conference.
4. Never know when child is receiving student of the month. Never receive month lunch schedule on time.
5. Some of the dates were wrong in the orange handbook but other than that it was very informative.
6. Love the communication with Mrs. Fritz.
7. I have had contact w/teacher and office when needed. Teacher is great about getting back timely.
8. We are not always given enough notice about events to participate. We would also like more feedback about our students' progress other than parent/Teacher conferences.
9. Often do not know of my kiddos struggles until report cards come out.
10. Love Dojo!
11. I wish 5<sup>th</sup> grade did class dojo. With 3 kids it would be nice to have one spot to go to contact teachers about your children.
12. Every time I ask about my daughter's progress, I get a quick response, much appreciated.
13. Was not notified when a child that was bullying my daughter was allowed to ride the bus again.

**ACADEMICS- Please rate the following:**

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1. The school expects quality work from students.	53%	38%	7.5%	1%	.5%
2. The school provides a challenging, comprehensive, and relevant curriculum.	50%	38%	8%	1%	3%
3. I know how well my child is progressing.	53%	33%	12%	1%	1%
4. The school provides a variety of learning experiences.	55%	33%	10%	1%	1%
5. The school motivates my child/children to learn.	54%	32%	12%	1%	1%
6. The school addresses individual needs.	52%	30%	14%	2%	2%
7. The school utilizes technology in learning.	58%	33%	6%	2%	1%
8. My child/children progressed sufficiently in reading.	51%	34%	11%	2%	2%
9. My child/children progressed sufficiently in math.	52%	32%	11%	3%	2%

**Comments:**

1. Spelling curriculum seems to vary in each class and is really hard to help with at home.
2. My child only halfway tries sometimes on homework if I'm not home but teacher doesn't correct or have him fix it while at school. Child states he does not feel challenged. I only hear from the report cards on my child's progress. My child felt his needs weren't always being met at school.
3. Very impressed with the reading support and learning at school.
4. I am very appreciative of my child's teachers and their willingness to work with myself and my child. Mr. Ivie and Mrs. Herringshaw, you're amazing!!
5. My child has thrived since moving to Culver School!
6. We would be interested in an afterschool reading program a couple days a week.
7. I sometimes get frustrated because I notice on writing assignments there is no requirement for correct spelling, punctuation, et. Or so the 5<sup>th</sup> Graders says. It concerns me regarding him being prepared for M.S.
8. The only way I would know about 1-9 above is if I was in the classroom every day!
9. Fantastic!
10. I have an issue with the curriculum in ALL schools right now. The test based teaching is a problem systemically.

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT- Please rate the following:**

<b><u>Statement</u></b>	<b><u>O</u></b>	<b><u>G</u></b>	<b><u>A</u></b>	<b><u>I</u></b>	<b><u>NJ</u></b>
1. Parents are involved in helping to make school decisions.	24%	27%	27%	8%	14%
2. The school has several different ways for me to be involved.	36%	31%	25%	4%	4%
3. All parents are welcome in our school.	54%	36%	9%	.5%	.5%
4. The school offers programs, conferences and other activities that fit with your family.	48%	32%	15%	4%	1%
5. Parents are included in groups or committees that help lead the school.	34%	34%	14%	5%	13%
6. I have enough time to help out at the school.	21%	19%	28%	22%	10%
7. I have enough time to help out my child with their homework.	40%	42%	13%	4%	1%
8. My child's teacher helps me to help my child learn at home.	43%	36%	10%	5%	6%
9. I feel connected and informed on what is happening at the school.	40%	37%	16%	6%	1%

**Comments:**

1. Wish I could volunteer more but my work schedule with travel is hard! Love being involved in other ways.
2. I hope our son can go to summer school.
3. Bullying, suicide and violence are huge issues that our children are being faced with way too young. We've got to talk to them early. Programs/workshops about these topics would be awesome and could save/change lives.
4. Any ways we can help our kids improve and learn is welcome. I loved the letter from Ms. Garber about the 20 mins/night reading tip. Really helped. We don't know these things- specific tools and ways to help at home.
5. Class Dojo is a great way for me to communicate with my student's teacher.
6. I love Dojo!
7. I have not needed much support at home with school work but I feel involved.
8. I feel we do well but always willing to learn new ways to help my children.
9. I feel connected only through my kids telling me.
10. More class Dojo Posts please.
11. My daughter seems to get frustrated easy when we are working on math. Would love some input if there is any.
12. I never have time, always working, but slowly making progress in schedule to participate.
13. More after school programs.

Please rate your interest in the following:

<u>Statement: Please mark yes or no:</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
1. Math Program and how to help my child.	<u>123</u>	<u>26</u>
2. Supporting my child to be a better reader.	<u>127</u>	<u>18</u>
3. Developmental stages of elementary children.	<u>118</u>	<u>32</u>
4. What is bullying and how do we address it.	<u>113</u>	<u>35</u>

GRADE LEVELS OF MY CHILD/CHILDREN- (check all that apply)

- Kindergarten (37)
- First Grade (32)
- Second Grade (32)
- Third Grade (47)
- Fourth Grade (36)
- Fifth Grade (31)

*1. Yes, I want to be notified via the blackboard automated system for:*

- School Closure-129 said yes*
- School Late Starts-130 said yes*
- My child's lunch account balance-92 said yes*
- Upcoming events-114 said yes*
- Lock Downs/Emergency situations-122 said yes*

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Any suggestions

1. The school nurse can reach out to local groups related to prevention- suicide, TNTT, etc.
2. Need some sort of custom fit curriculum.
3. Crossing guards before and after school. The parking can be atrocious. Some people parking in non-designated spots or the drive through getting backed up into the crosswalk and no adult to help cross safely.
4. Would love an online calendar (like google) to follow so I can easily find events.
5. I offered/filled out paperwork to volunteer and have never been called I asked to do so.

6. I feel like pink slips are handed out too quickly and we are not finding out or talking about the issues kids have. There is no problem solving. I would like to see more problem solving.
7. Would love to see crossing guards before and after school. It is becoming more dangerous every day.
8. Trauma Informed Care training for teachers.
9. Letting us know more about what's going on at school i.e. school assembly etc. Unless on PTO don't know much about happening.
10. Last year my son had Mr. Ivie for 3rd grade and he always reached out to me about my son's progress. Mrs. H does not communicate at all.
11. The crosswalk signage, roadway lane markers, and lighting needs addressed. Please ask the Sheriff Dept. for advice.
12. Make an effort to help mothers with young children to feel more welcome in the classroom setting.
13. Love this school! Will be sad when my youngest leaves Culver Elementary.
14. It might be helpful to have a sports calendar for local sports for new students not familiar with the area.
15. Making more family events, music concerts, or art shows. Big family night event.
16. A better communication system between parents and teachers maybe a message board system, app?
17. After school care, sports.
18. My children will not be participating in any music programs until parents have tickets or something to secure seats.
19. Make sure always have someone at front doors!
20. It would be great if all teachers used the same method of communication- Class Dojo works great.
21. I would like an interpreter at the elementary office so that when I call they don't send me to the answering machine.
22. Thank you for your time and dedication
23. I think that every Friday my child (3<sup>rd</sup> grader) should be sent home with a little progress report on how the week went and what my child needs to work on.
24. Bulling is a concern of mine. My kids have not experienced bulling but I do know of other stories and friends children being victims.
25. Culver is a good school and we are lucky to have it here.
26. My suggestion is to raise money for programs. A silent auction event with dinner and entertainment.

### Events/programs

1. Don't make big changes to staple events that have worked for so long i.e. Dr. Seuss Nights and other PTO activities. Don't reinvent the wheel, just improve small things. Yes, I'm involved in PTO.
2. Encourage more parents to be involved in the PTO oh and the teachers!
3. None very satisfied with everything.

4. More events right after school. Recess clubs (soccer, basketball, running club)
5. More details about events and programs in advance.
6. With my busy schedule and child not super responsible, I would love an option to receive weekly or monthly texts/emails with upcoming events.
7. I love the music programs, maybe some more seating if possible.
8. Some of the programs are hard with my work schedule, but I have enough time to ask for time off.
9. I missed my daughter's assembly where she was awarded student of the month. I think she may have misplaced the letter, I'm not sure. I'd love to continue being informed of those things so I can cheer her on! So far, we're really enjoying Culver Schools.
10. Notifications of what's going on. Outreach to get more help for parent involvement.
11. Pot holes, double parking, roof top ice and concerns.
12. Add diversity.
13. Great fundraising and excited for the new playground.
14. I would like earlier notice of events and more details.
15. Better learning disability evals.
16. The only complaint I have is the all school concert. It was a complete mess! There was not nearly enough seating. It needs to be done school by school.
17. No Tuesdays off.
18. To operate as a STEM school, more funding/money is needed.
19. We really love Culver Elementary
20. Culver has the basics like music and PE with a lot of focus on sports but more programs for other kids programs would be nice.
21. Events are well staffed, fun, and friendly. We would like to see more reading and math related events. Also, a STEM event involving parents, this would be very interesting. Our students really enjoy technology related activities.
22. I would like to know as soon as one of my children is struggling. Most of the time I find out from my child.
23. There should be sport opportunities.
24. During the programs make it that everyone can hear.

### Going well

1. I love the small town of Culver and the at home feel of the school and community. We keep the community engaged and supportive of the students and I think this is awesome.
2. Love class Dojo it would be nice if teachers used more often.  
Community involvement is amazing.
3. I like that I was invited to the student of the month to see my daughter.  
Music programs are exceptional.
4. I love how the Dr. Seuss let us get to read with our children and how it brings the community together.
5. With the little help the PTO gets the events they do are AMAZING.
6. Math, PTO, field trips

7. I appreciate the large variety of events for kids and families that the school offers.
8. I appreciate the time and effort teachers and staff put into the events. It shows that Culver staff/teachers do go the extra mile to provide for the students.
9. I feel there are many programs that help with many levels.
10. The cohesive community feel.
11. Events and programs are well planned and thought out and very enjoyable to be a part of.
12. I enjoy how welcoming and fun they are.
13. Notify people of activities.
14. Love the music programs!
15. I love being so included and always have a chance to be involved.
16. The excitement level.
17. Cross walk North side of elementary is a very unsafe area. Parents walking at night after a concert have fallen in the dark East side of elementary lunch room. Super dark.
18. First year attending Culver Elementary. Everything we have seen has gone well.
19. Excellent teachers. Good weekly communication on student progress in 5th grade.
20. The events and programs are a lot of fun for the whole family.
21. When you have events they are very organized.
22. Fun evening activities that make my daughter excited about school, and glad she goes to Culver Elem.
23. The parent children activities are great.
24. We have enjoyed all of the family events/nights.
25. You have amazing teachers who care, support, and up lift them, they need it especially those with behavior challenged learners.
26. Everything except the winter concert.
27. Field trip, math night, big projects that connect with Oregon Trail I think is great. Fantastic staff always ready to help and listen with health, bullying, etc. Very helpful!
28. After school night concerts.
29. The grade teacher-led events are great, i.e medieval feast.
30. Love them!
31. The school and events are amazing.
32. At events and programs I think overall everything goes well.
33. What I think is going well in the events and programs is that events start after 5:00 which I know helps parents be able to attend.
34. Self-manager program is motivating for my son!
35. I love weekly letters provided (K)
36. Counseling is really good!

**Comments:**

1. Having a way to know when my kids need lunch money would be awesome. I feel bad when I find out they have a negative balance. Overall, we love the school and the staff at Culver Elementary.



2. There are 2 students in a 4th grade class that have multiple times cussed hit, touched inappropriately it's so disruptive to the learning environment. These students have made statements about suicide multiple times. There is a constant disruption in their class from these 2 students. It is a huge disservice to the learning environment.
3. I would like to see an improvement in students knowing inappropriate touching, I feel this needs improvement in how these situations are handled by staff.
4. Also a way to pay for lunch money online
5. After a mtg w/ teacher, I was surprised the teacher didn't know the students background. Which would help understand the child's behavior. Seems like if a kid is doing ok in class they get overlooked due to the less well behaved kids taking up the teacher's time. So I plan on volunteering, maybe an extra adult...
6. Awards being given or when child is being recognized for their accomplishments.
7. I think it will be nice not to take the kids out for recess when it's raining or when we have bad weather. I will prefer to be inside recess that way we save our kids from getting sick.
8. Please do not overuse this system to baby parents like Redmond does!
9. Knowing drills happened that day so we can talk to our kids about it.
10. I truly appreciate Class Dojo and Power School for my middle schooler, these are very helpful in staying in touch! The text messages this winter for snow days was helpful. MAYBE extra texts for school closures, in service, holiday, grading etc. would help too!
11. Is there a way that parents can be notified if kids are absent or tardy? Some schools call parents cells and leave a message.
12. Thank you for all you do!
13. It is really hard to get ahold of anyone at the front desk. This has been a problem for 2 years!
14. Thank you for everything you do.
15. We would be interested in a walk-to-school morning that addresses pedestrian safety. Also, during winter months (when there is a lot of snow and ice) students that walk to school should be able to get a bus or shuttle to the school.
16. So far we have been very happy with the school and its teachers. My son (1<sup>st</sup> grade) likes going to school and learning.
17. When are PTA meetings? No notice in the newsletter. Bullying needs to be monitored better. Especially in 4th-6<sup>th</sup> grade.
18. Culver is an excellent school and we feel fortunate to have our children here. Thank you to everyone for all the hard work and great job!