

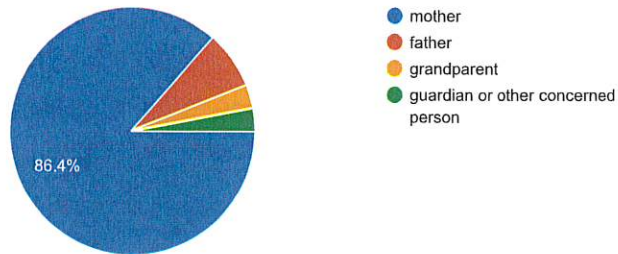
Central City School Needs Assessment, 2021

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I am the child's

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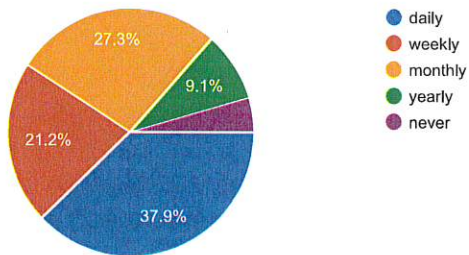
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How often do you visit the school?

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When you hear the words "Central City School" what do you think of?

61 responses

Great school

That it's a great school! Has awesome staff that are very friendly, willing to help in any way.

Amazing staff that loves our kids!

Great school

Wonderful School

Small community, close knit, excellence

Nice school

A great safe school where I know the children are guaranteed a great education.

A great school

Great School, Great Staff

School

Work

An amazing K-8 school where my child feels safe

One of the last really good elementary schools left in the county.

It's a good school with a lot of great teachers and staff.

Family

very good school

Great school district

The school I went to from kindergarten to eighth grade

Community

Great teachers and administration

Excellent

A wonderful school

It's not what it used to be

Excellence

We love our school!

Great place

A great school! We are so happy that our son attends Central City School.

Family orientated

best grade school in marion county



Great Teachers and Administration.

I think of pride in the school and safety of my children.

Friendly

great school, great staff, pride

Great school!

K-8

A good school

good school but clickish

Over populated school

Friendly, quality

Great education,a great school

Good Staff

A great school that cares about there students

School my kids love

Community pride

Quality education, home town pride

Citian Pride

Safe, kids first, great education and sports program

It's a good school

The best

I think it is a good school.

Pride, tradition and academics

Good principal and staff that really do care for the children and want them to do well.

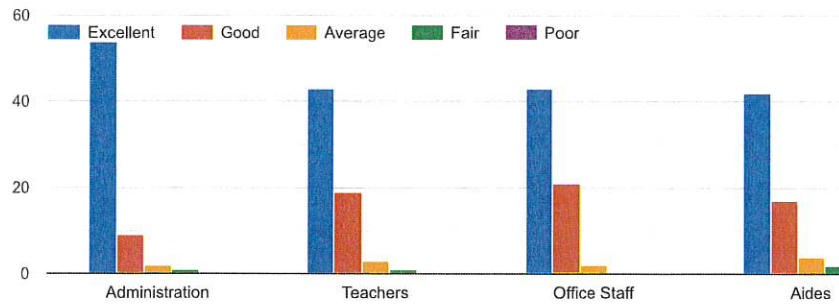
Our school

Safe environment for my child to go to school, caring and dedicated staff, my daughter's friends (classmates).

great school

Please select your overall rating of the following Central City School staff members:

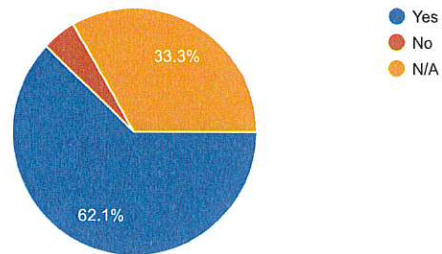
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Do you feel the Accelerated Reader Program has been beneficial to your child?

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66 responses



If "Yes", then explain

34 responses

It makes them actually read books!

Helped her to read more

My kids love to read

Has created a drive to read that was not previously there.

My kids love to read and they have excelled in it.

my child has developed a love of reading thanks to this program

It encourages him to read which I'm not sure he would do otherwise

It motivates her to read

Helps them on reading better

Motivation to read

Gets her reading

AR makes my children read. If AR didn't exist, I doubt my children would read on their own.

This lets me know if they read the story or not.

This year has been a fail due to Covid but previous year's outstanding

It really encourages them to read more.

The program gives extra incentive for my child to read

She loves to read to get AR points

My daughter struggles with reading and comprehension. I feel like it helps her

Though it encourages my children to read, it also adds stress to quickly read through a book and not truly comprehend the story line. For students who are 5th grade and below, I feel that it is beneficial. For students 6th-8th grade, it becomes another task for them to complete and many do not take it seriously.

Through AR, my child reaches out to multiple genres when reading

When it was being used before covid

My child loves the competition that comes with AR. He is also a reader. He missed AR this year.

Gets them to read more

my son is on remote learning

My children have come along way central city school has been persistent and thrived for my children to succeed and the results have definitely shown progress my daughter use to struggle to read a book and now she does it with ease and my son is following right behind her

It's good motivation to read for my children.

My daughter wants to read more



She became an avid reader.

My son has been moving up

Any extra help i think gives them a push

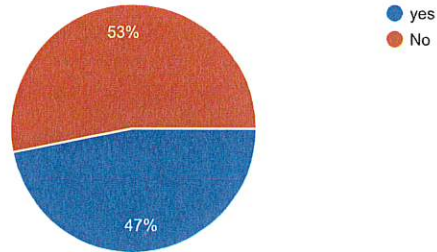
It was my understanding that the accelerated reading program was not utilized this school year.

Any reading helps a child.

This is the 4th year of the Title 1 program Homework Help for K-8 grade students. Did your child(ren) attend any days of this program?

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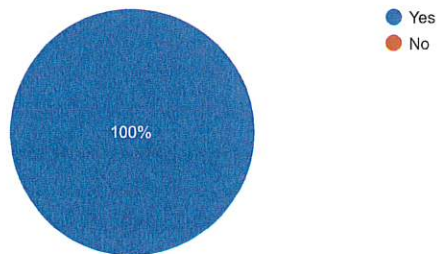
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Would you like to see the Homework Help program continued next year?

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65 responses



If "Yes", are there any changes you would like to see in the Homework Help program?

20 responses

N/A

None

One on one's with the younger kids

No opinion

No.

No it's perfect really helps with us working parents

I wasn't aware of the homework help until I was told about the tutoring program late in the year.

No

Although we dont use it, I think it is an excellent resource

I'm not sure of the structure of the time, but perhaps an overall quick review of the material or reading instructions together and then allowing the students to work on the homework.

Let people know they have it

More 1:1 time

I wouldn't change a thing my children come home with all homework completed while at homework help greatly appreciated

No perfect it's such a help to working parents

It helps kids with their work

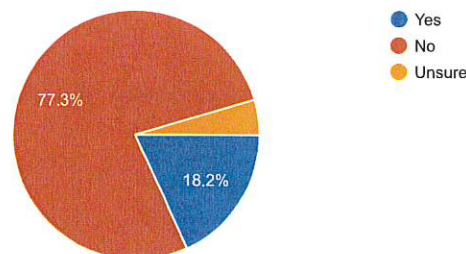
i love the chance that my girls get to participate

no changes

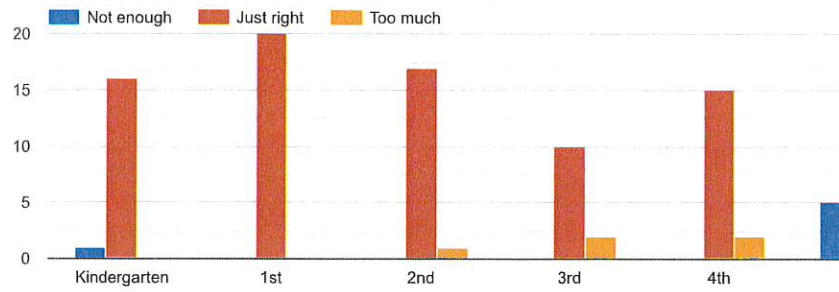
Did your child attend other tutoring programs, in school or after school other than Homework Help?

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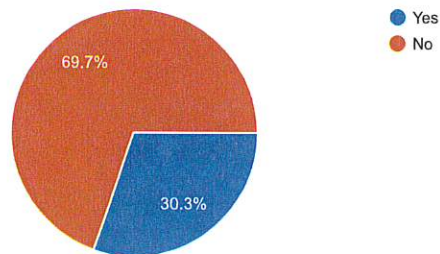
What is your rating of the amount of homework that your child(ren) receives this year? Please mark only the rows for each grade that you child(ren) attends this year.



Has your child made any comments to you about the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) tests being conducted in April?



66 responses



Comments

8 responses

They liked it but was tired after the school day.

That they're worried about how they will do.

Just that the state testing was coming up.

Our children are always nervous about them. This year more than others because of the online schooling during shut downs.

Just that they have to do it

Unusual amount of school work at home due to our tyrannical Governor. Great support from the school - admin in getting us set up with internet. Teachers went above and beyond trying to help us during school season - shout out to Julie Martin

Nervous

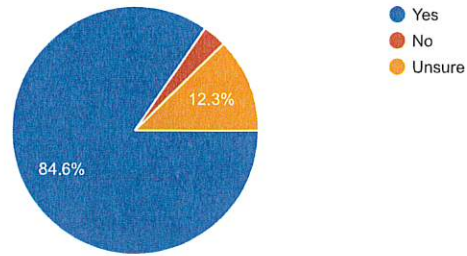
They dislike it, as does everyone else.



In your opinion, are the lessons (curriculum) that are being taught to your child this year appropriate to their grade level?

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65 responses



What changes would you like to see made to the Central City Curriculum?

24 responses

None

N/A

Math review and focus on multiplying and dividing. The way math is taught is different to me with the "new" math. Makes no sense but i know its what is mandated to be taught.

No.

Notting i like that my children get the extra help they need they are doing so much better here then at other school

Stop common core math. It makes it very difficult to help my children do things the same way they are taught in school as it was not something I myself learned.

Better help from teachers during e-learning

More time needs to be spent on math

It seems like the school is trying to move too fast with the lessons and should spend more time focusing on the quality of lessons and not quantity of lessons.

7th Grade English has been very inconsistent this year. My husband and I both have a bachelors degree and we have had a terrible time navigating the home work and test preparations needed for this class. Our student takes notes during the class and studies the notes and often feels surprised at the material on the test. At times homework as well as the tests contradict what the teacher has taught in class.

Books to go with computer so parents can see how to help and understand

Several students who enter high school are behind in math and English. A majority of the CCS students are placed in math labs or lower math classes. The students can read and answer questions, but the writing and analyzing is often behind the other students.

Not sure

Health class for Junior high

More parent teacher interaction

We aren't big fans of the math series that is being used.

The math for sixth grade is ridiculous with no help learning it for remote learners and they keep assigning it before they know what they are doing. Not very happy my son is falling with an F

Nothing

no

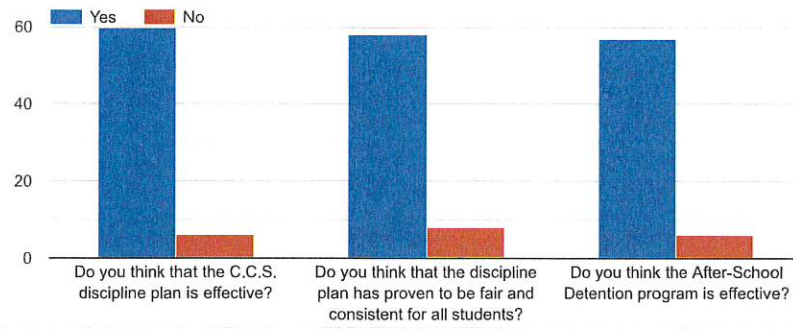
no more common core math

The teachers that are teaching the new math curriculum need more professional development on how to actually teach it in the classroom.



Please respond to the following questions about the discipline at Central City School.

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In your opinion, what is the greatest strength of the discipline plan?

27 responses

Consistency

N/A

Everyone is treated the same

In school.

They deal with age better then most I think there's a appropriate discipline for every age of a child and it has been delt with well

I am unsure. My child has never had to be disciplined that I am aware of.

Teaches a level of accountability

That the discipline works for most kids

Teacher/ parent connections

Teaching a child right from wrong.

n/a

I feel it's fair and addresses each situation appropriately.

I really don't hear any major issues with any child's behavior, so I would have to say that the discipline plan must work really well if kids aren't misbehaving much

Clear guidelines and consequences

Consistency and fairness of the discipline is the greatest strength.

Not sure

Fair and expectations set

Staff makes sure it is followed through

My children haven't had to go through this yet and I hope they dont

It gives kids a chance to change behavior

Parent involvment

consistency

N/a

that all the students are treated the same

In your opinion, what is the greatest weakness of the discipline plan?

20 responses

n/a

N/A

N/a

Nothing zi can think of

I dont know.

Kids that belong to a teach, school board member ect... Don't get punished, what they do gets swept under the rug.

For Jr. High students, detention means nothing.

Not every child receives the same discipline as some of the others.

Administration's hands are tied too much

That all kids aren't treated equally

I feel there are several issues with the 7th grade English teacher and his response to certain students. This teacher has left my child in tears several times throughout the year due to his reaction to other students. There is no need to harshly yell at the kids in front of the entire class. This has been an incredibly hard year for all. The students do NOT deserve to be embarrassed in class in front of their peers. The students often feel bullied by the teacher to agree with him that he has provided enough information for tests when the actual result is a need to curve the test grade in order for the majority to pass. I feel the discipline plan in this class is lacking consistency. What's wrong today needs to be wrong tomorrow. This goes for homework assignments, tests, and behavior. A student should NEVER be "called out" in class for a matter that was taken to the teacher IN PRIVATE dealing with grades.

None

Unknown

Not sure

Issues such as bullying are still continuing

n/k

Behavior issues need to be dealt with immediately and sometimes that doesn't happen.

Additional comments:

4 responses

Its overall the best school.

NA

Thank you all for all that you do.

We are so lucky to have Tim for an administrator.

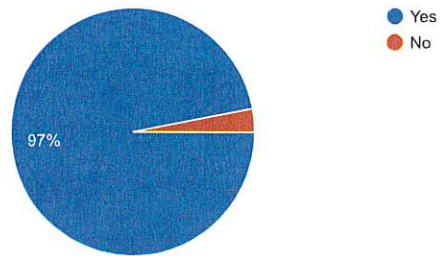
Technology



Do you feel that your child(ren) receive(s) adequate exposure to technology at school?

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66 responses



Explain?

15 responses

She understands on how to use most technology

They get what they need when needed.

I think it's a good balance between tech work and paper gives then time with each

She is very fluent on google classroom which helps with other online necessities

Are we actually teaching technology subjects?

There is a lot of school work conducted using the computer

The use of chromebooks has helped a lot.

They are able to use tablets and computers

She has iPad time and computer time

My children are learning Google Classroom and Google Suites apps!

All students are more exposed to technology this year, especially with accommodations/modifications due to COVID-19

n/a

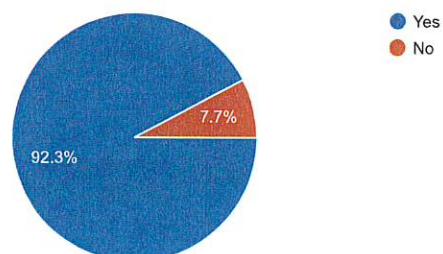
My children know how to use computers and tablets better than I do now

He had numerous activities he performed on an iPad throughout the school year that I could also review

Do you feel your child has benefited from using a Chromebook or iPad at school?

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65 responses



Comments:

12 responses

Some kids learn differently.

N/A

For internet usage.

Technology can be distracting and can take away from the basic learning principles in younger students. Without a strong basic foundation for learning; technology will only get a student so far.

I have witnessed a significant increase in my 5th graders ability to use the Internet and power point for her own benefit.

They can get dependent on it

I also feel like they have too much time to play on it & could be doing other things like reading

Kids need taught proper usage of technology some technology is part of everyday life for most people and many careers

It helps

They know more than their parents

Are there any ways you would like to see the technology at our school improved?

16 responses

No

N/A

No.

Nope

Less technological learning in lower classes

None

Our technology is great

Not that I can think of

Not sure

Zoom meetings are needed for remote learning

I think you guys are doing great

Less technology time for kids

Unsure

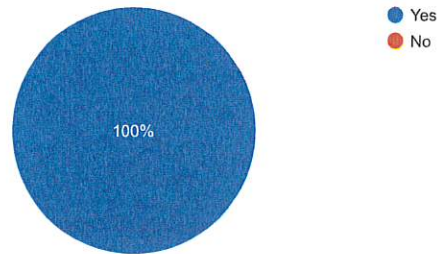
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Do you and/or your child(ren) have regular access to the Internet at home?

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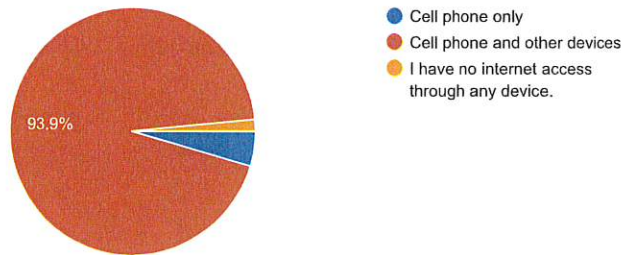
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Can you access the internet through your cell phone only, or cell phone and other devices?

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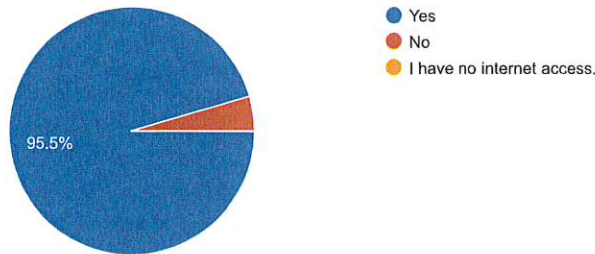
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Do you feel you have adequate internet access at home for your child(ren) to do remote school work/ homework?

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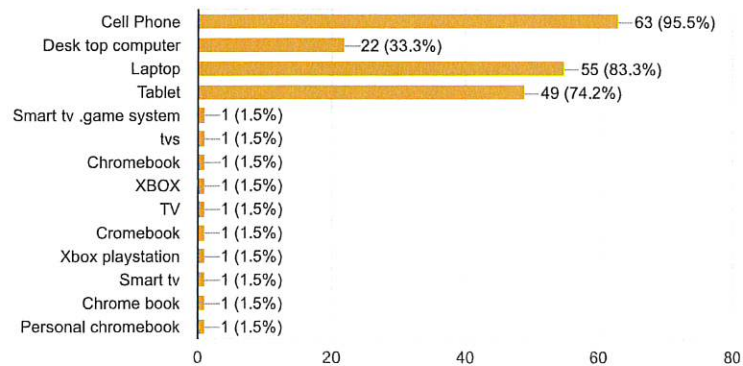
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If you have internet what kinds of devices do you access the internet through at home?

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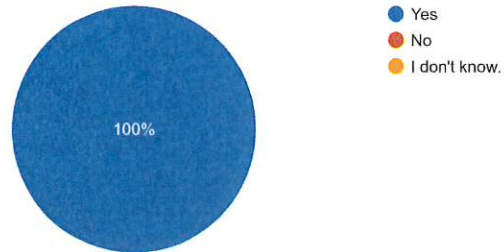
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Do you have WiFi internet access at your home?

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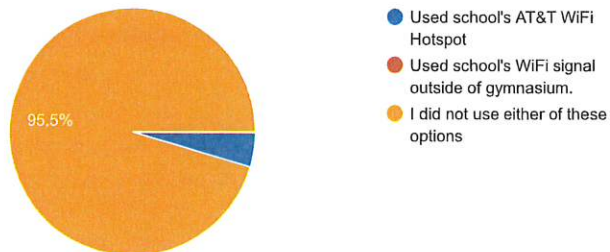
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Did your child use one of the school's AT&T WiFi Hotspots OR did you come to the school and use our WiFi Signal outside of the gymnasium?

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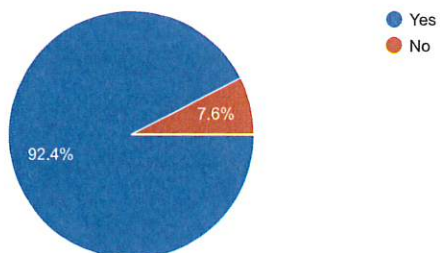
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Have you used the TeacherEase online program to check your child's grades, discipline logs, etc.?

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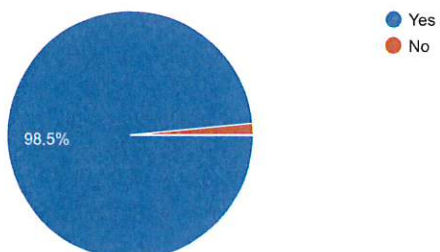
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Have you or your child visited the Central City School website at www.ccs133.com?

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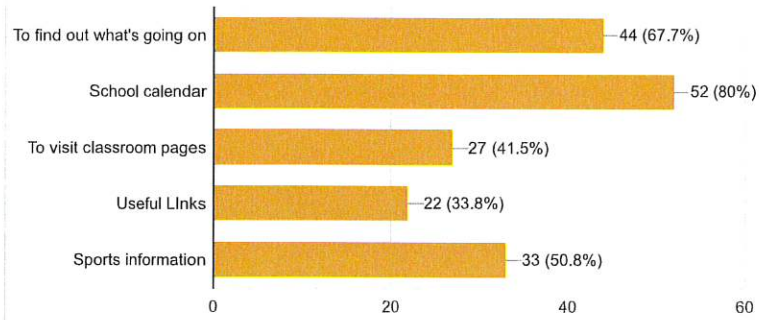
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What are your main reasons for visiting the CCS website? (check all that apply)



65 responses



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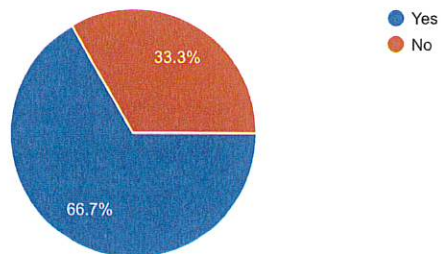
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Covid/ Remote Learning

Do you feel Covid19 has had a major impact on your child's learning this year?



66 responses



How so?

34 responses

I have a kindergarten that is pretty behind.

Behind, masks, fear

Homework

Let's face it I'm no teacher a lot of parents tried their best but couldn't do what in school does

E-learning is not adequate for her education. So she missed out on those weeks of adequate classroom education

CV19 does not provide the same learning opportunities that in person learning provides.

Not in school like normal in the beginning and behind still from last year. Plus the interacting is different along with the mask.

Parents do not teach their children the same as a teacher and do not know the expectations of the teacher. I know for me; trying to keep up with the a fulltime job and then doing homework at night got overwhelming at times which is not fair to the child's learning

Children need other children to strive. They also need communication and interaction with their teacher as well as their peers. There were several times where this was interrupted due to a shut down.

In my opinion, I feel that since my daughter did not have one on one with a teacher it made it harder for her to learn things. Just clicking buttons doesn't help.

not bringing home spelling books to get help with them.

It's caused stress emotionally and academically for the unknown for our kids

They're still behind from last year and my kids don't do well on remote.

I think the school has done an excellent job of keeping the kids in school and on a regular schedule

We haven't missed too many in learning days

We have had to remain flexible to accommodate remote learning

When she does remote learning, she doesn't retain any of the information.

The teachers have done a GREAT job preparing them to learn independently!

Having to keep up with remote learning while parents are working and not having the help they need

Due to no fault of anyone, feel like my child is behind due to not being in the classroom all the time.

Missing out on class from interaction

Remote learning

no on hands, not able to see how to do something

I didn't think my child had to do enough work when he e learned.

The remote learning was confusing and it took almost 6 hrs per child

I don't think being out of school helped with learning i tried my best but i'm no teacher

Remote learning is hard for the kids

Negative, isolation, fear, media manipulation. I worked evenings no help with school - teaching herself. 60%-75% decline in grades. She desperately needs the socialization and structure school provides.

The math I don't understand it

They need interaction

i think that they suffered socially as well as being behind in curriculum and retaining what was learned

Due to child being autistic; remote learning did not work at all. But, staff worked with us and gave us paper form instead of remote. My child needs to socialize with other children her age daily to make sure she successful later on in life. (all children do) Routine is very important for some children.

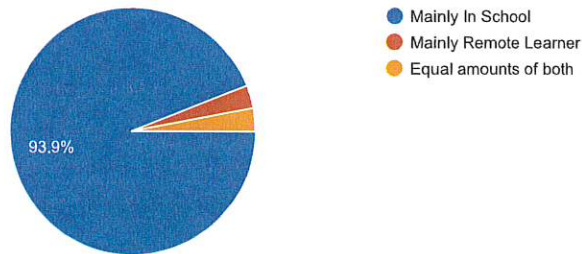
Some regression

It's caused my child to have to do regular in person learning online.

Except for the times the entire school was out for remote learning, was your child mainly an in-school or remote learner this year.



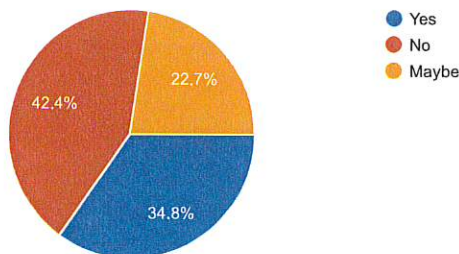
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Do you feel your child is behind in learning because of the response to the Covid19 pandemic?



66 responses



If yes, why do you feel your child is behind?

18 responses

Online learning not successful

Home is not school

Same as above. Inadequate classroom education and learning .

The At-Home learning is not as effective as in school learning

I feel like everyone is behind. Learning at home is not the same as being in school. Kids need to be in school.

I have no idea if they will meet the needs of a regular 5th grade year. I do not feel this is the "schools fault" but rather the hurdles that came with this school year.

They don't do well on remote. They learn much better in person.

Because she struggles with remote learning.

Not being able to do her speech

Again, due to no fault of anyone, just the situation...Lack of exposure both at school and at home. I do not feel that remote learning is as beneficial academically as in-person learning.

Because they missed 2.5 months of school last year.

Not enough 1:1 time

Remote learning isn't adequate, there is little teaching, just work given

I don't believe he was given enough work. I also didn't like that the school let the kids who had good grades not do any work the week before Christmas break started.

Grades have suffered terribly

The lessons they did at home while on remote learning were mainly review lessons

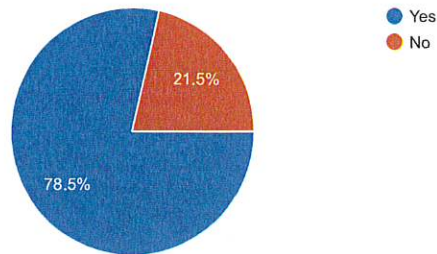
Remote learning is not good for children. Socializing with peers is very important. My child learns differently. I feel my child may be behind in reading and some math skills. If my child would have went to school all year; I don't think I would feel like they were behind.

At the beginning of this school year, 2020-2021, my child tested in the yellow in RTI for reading. We read at home EVERY night. Well, I read her a book at bedtime. Being out for the end of 2020 hurt her scores. By the second RTI testing date, she was back up to green. War to go Central City staff!

CCS will be holding a summer school program for students who are at risk of failing a grade level or who have been identified as needing additional help in order to recover many of their basic reading and math skills. If your child is identified as being a student who needs summer school, would you be willing to send them to summer school to help make up some of the learning loss?



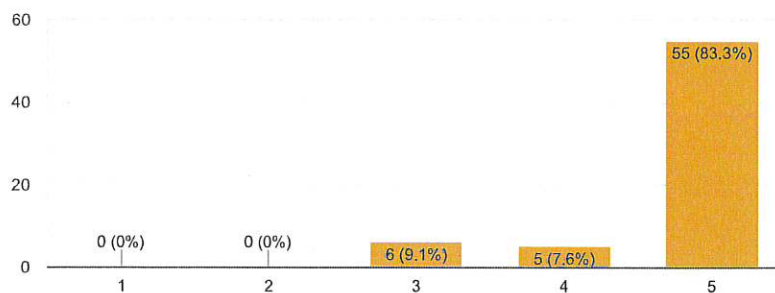
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In relation to the coronavirus, do you feel that Central City School was a safe place for your child to be this year? Please rate on a scale of 1-5.



66 responses



Under the circumstances, is there anything you would like to have seen done differently this year (that would still be in line with the state regulations).

15 responses

No

No.

The school made the best possible provisions given the circumstances.

no masks

no

Nothing different, I'm glad they were kept in school as much as they were.

NA

I think Central City did an amazing job in spite of the circumstances of COVID-19. This has been such a difficult year for everyone and I think Central City excelled in how they handled things.

Not sitting right next to each other at lunch with no masks

I think our administration did everything possible to support our children over the last year.

The school did a great job during during the covid situation.

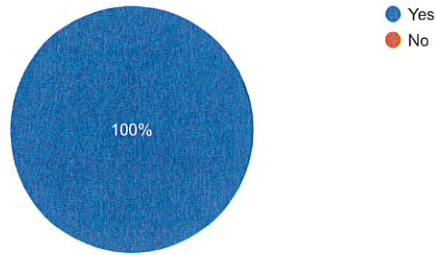


Home/School Connection

Did you find Central City School's "One Call Now" parent notification system helpful this year?

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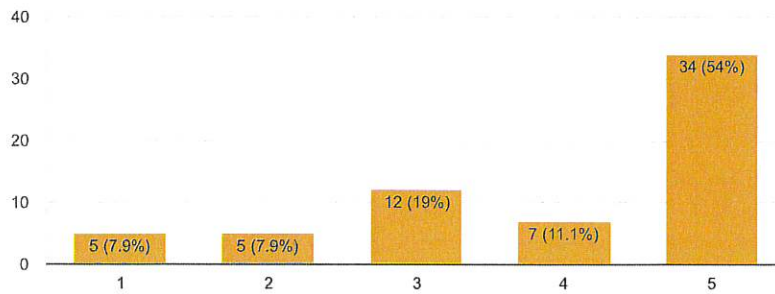
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Do you regularly check your child's school planner for homework assignments, teacher notes, or school information?

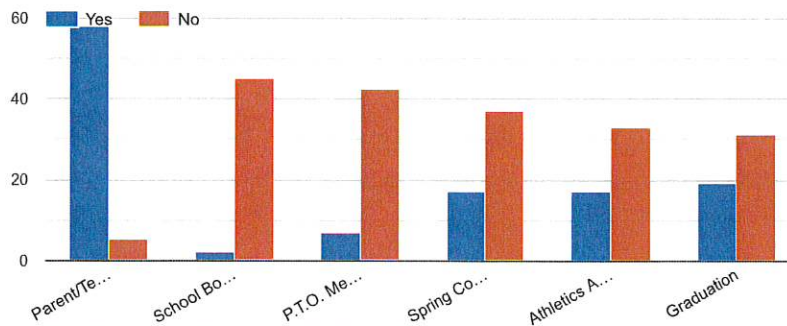
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What functions did you attend or do you plan to attend at Central City School in the 2020-2021 school year? (please mark all that apply)

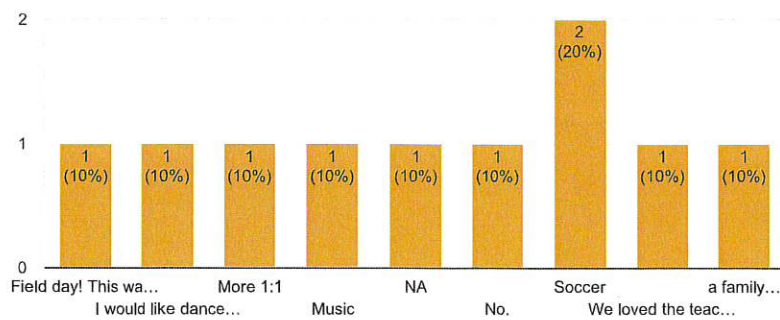
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Is there an activity for parents and/or students that you would like to see started at Central City School?

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10 responses



Do you have any suggestions on how to attract more participants to the PTO?

5 responses

No.

NA

Have someone available to watch people's children while parents are at the meeting???

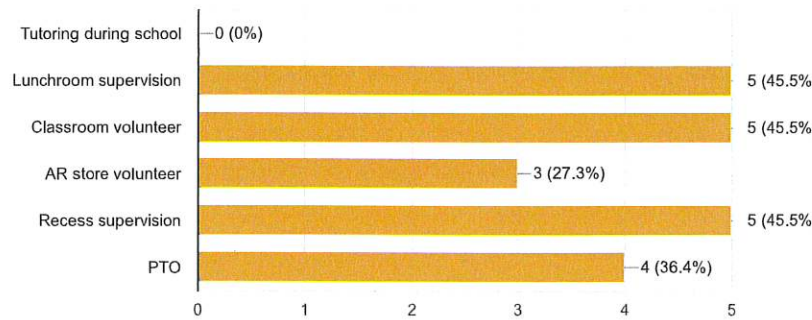
More advertising

N/a

Would you be interested in volunteering at CCS for any of the following:
(please mark all that apply)

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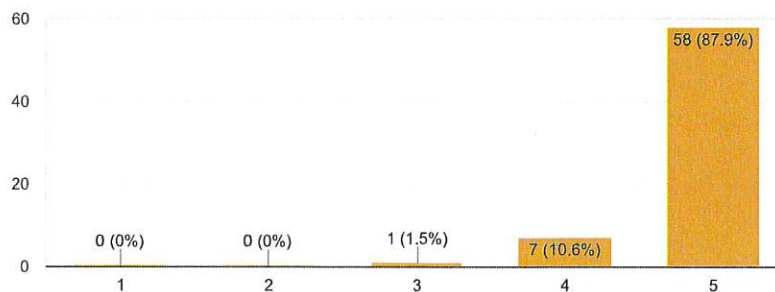
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How safe from serious threats do you feel your child is when he/she is at school during regular school hours?

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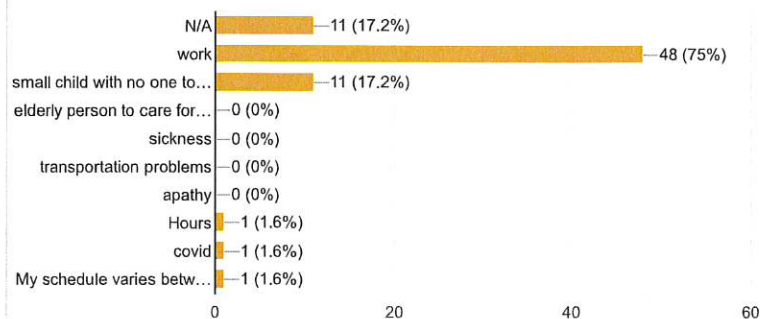
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What are the reasons you feel keep you from being involved at Central City School? (Please mark all that apply)

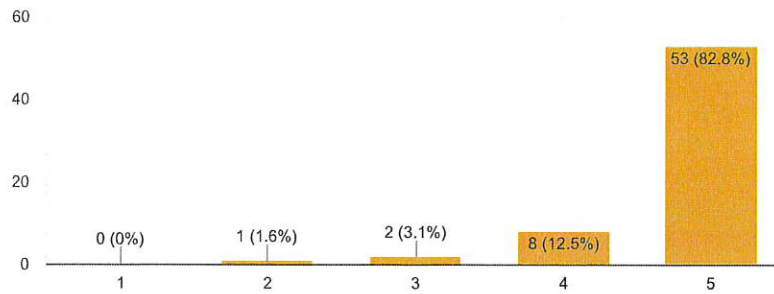
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Please rate your overall satisfaction with Central City School as a place to send your child(ren) to school? [Copy](#)

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Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey! The opinions of parents, grandparents, and guardians of ALL students at Central City School are essential for the planning process for the 2021-2022 school year. Check back later for results to this survey. Please write any additional comments below:

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I was personally a Central City graduate and I feel blessed to have had my children in Central city, it's a great place!

I appreciate all the staff at CCS!!!

We truly love CCS and all that they have provided for our children.

NA

Again, thank you all for all that you do.

Very proud of our school. Great job staff and students...

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