

A. Sample Survey

1. Please check all that apply:

- Elementary Parent
- Secondary parent
- Both elementary and secondary parent
- Faculty or staff of school
- Have children in college
- Have children in public school as well as this school
- Have children in another private school as well as this school

2. The number of children my family has enrolled in this school is:

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- More than 5

3. Employment Status

- Husband only works outside the home
- Wife only works outside the home
- Both husband and wife are employed
- Single working parent
- Retired
- Unemployed

Check the 5 items that are most important to you:

4. What motivated you to send your children to this school?

- Location
- Good value for the cost
- Size of the school
- Quality of the academic program
- Quality of co-curricular activities available
- Reputation of faculty as excellent
- Christian philosophy of education in academic classes
- Warm, caring atmosphere

- Christian environment
- Demanding academic standards
- Offers the kind of curriculum I want for my children
- Strong disciplinary environment
- Moral standards of school environment
- Backgrounds of other children in classes

Not all college preparatory schools have the same focus with regard to the type of colleges parents expect their students to attend. Programs of study vary as to how demanding they are, both in terms of the number and types of courses required for graduation and the difficulty of those courses. College preparatory schools that send a majority of their students to colleges and universities such as Harvard, MIT, and Stanford, for example, generally require more demanding courses of study than do schools preparing their students for less competitive state or private colleges and universities.

5. Do you believe the college preparatory program of your school should be:

- More demanding to prepare students for the more competitive colleges and universities in the United States and around the world?
- Remain the same?
- Less demanding than it is today?

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being excellent how do you rate the faculty in the following areas:

6. Knowledge of subject matter

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- Don't know

7. Love for students

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- Don't know

8. Professionalism

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- Don't know

9. Classroom discipline

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- Don't know

10. Fairness

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- Don't know

11. Ability to teach

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- Don't know

12. Available for extra help

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- Don't know

13. Relationship with parents

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- Don't know

14. Communication with parents

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- Don't know

15. Interest in students

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- Don't know

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being excellent how do you view the school administration in the following areas:

16. Receptive to criticism

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

- 5
- Don't know

17. Awareness of parents' concerns

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- Don't know

18. Consistency of policies

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- Don't know

19. Professionalism

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- Don't know

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being excellent how do you view the Board of Trustees in the following areas.

20. Financial support of the school

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- Don't know

21. Receptivity to criticism

- 1

- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- Don't know

22. Level of involvement in school life

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- Don't know

23. Clarity of direction Board sets for the school

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- Don't know

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being excellent how do you view the following:

24. Student body morale/school spirit

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- Don't know

25. Faculty morale

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

- Don't know

Should our school offer any of the following co-curricular activities and should they be funded through tuition or at an extra cost?

26. After school music lessons

- Should not offer
- Offer free
- Offer at extra cost

27. After school gymnastic lessons

- Should not offer
- Offer free
- Offer at extra cost

28. After school karate lessons

- Should not offer
- Offer free
- Offer at extra cost

29. After school computer classes

- Should not offer
- Offer free
- Offer at extra cost

30. After school tutorial services

- Should not offer
- Offer free
- Offer at extra cost

31. After school art classes

- Should not offer
- Offer free
- Offer at extra cost

32. The rising cost of quality education has made it difficult for some families to send their children to private Christian schools. In your opinion what is the best way to assist those who can not afford the full tuition costs?

- Need based financial aid
- Automatic discount for more than one child attending

- Only accept students who can pay full tuition

33. Many schools are funding a need based financial aid program by taking a small portion of everyone's tuition and making those funds available to assist families that can not afford to pay full tuition. Would you support using a small portion of your tuition dollars to fund our school's financial aid program?

- Yes
- No

If additional funds were available how would your recommend that those funds should be spent.

34. Please rank the following budget items in priority order: (1 through 11)

- Teacher salaries & benefits
- Need based financial aid
- Automatic tuition discounts for families with 2 or more children
- Tuition discounts to Pastors
- Co-curricular - Athletic program
- Co-curricular - Arts, drama, music
- Computer education and equipment for students
- Professional growth (conferences, education/training for faculty)
- Educational program for gifted
- Educational program for learning disabled
- Academic program enrichment

Please check the box opposite the statement with which you most fully agree.

35. Faculty salaries in private Christian schools vary widely. Considering the quality of teachers and programs you want for your child, where do you think faculty salaries should fall:

- Equal with top paying private schools in our area
- Equal with the average public school salaries
- Equal to the average Christian schools in our area
- Equal to the top one-third of private Christian school salaries in our area.
- Below Christian school average salaries.
- Do not think salary is a very important factor in attracting teachers so there is little need to try to be competitive with other school salaries.
- Don't have an opinion

36. Tuition at our school in comparison to other Christian schools in our area of similar quality is:

- About the same
- Higher than most
- Lower than most
- Don't know

37. Tuition at my school in relationship to the quality of the educational program we receive is:

- Too low
- Too high
- About right
- Don't know

38. Many Christian schools find it necessary to raise funds beyond tuition dollars to provide many of the extras that schools need. Would you rank in priority order the items that you would support over and beyond your tuition payment? (rank 1-6)

- Computers & technology
- Need based financial aid
- Budget gap (difference in what is provided by tuition and what it actually costs to run the school)
- Band & fine arts equipment
- Athletic equipment
- Playground equipment

39. Into which Category does your combined income fall? Please remember, this is a confidential survey and your name is unknown to your school. (Amounts are in US dollars)

- Below \$25,000
- \$25,000 - \$30,000
- \$31,000 - \$35,000
- \$36,000 - \$40,000
- \$41,000 - \$45,000
- \$46,000 - \$50,000
- \$51,000 - \$60,000
- \$61,000- \$70,000
- \$71,000 - \$80,000
- \$81,000 - \$90,000
- \$91,000 - \$100,000
- \$101,000 - \$125,000

- \$126,000 - \$150,000
- \$151,000 or above

40. At this time, barring a move out of the area, do you desire and expect to keep your child(ren) at this school through high school?

- Yes
- No
- Uncertain

41. If you do not expect your child to stay at this school, please check those 1 or 2 most important reasons which would cause you to remove your child.

- Academic program quality
- Inadequate course selections
- Transportation problems
- Financial burden
- Not enough Christian emphasis
- Too much Christian emphasis
- Quality of the faculty
- Lack of strong discipline
- Inadequate sports program
- Inadequate fine arts program
- Not demanding enough college prep program
- Too demanding a college prep program
- Other _____

42. Please write any additional comments that you would like to make or communicate to the school.

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