

Dear Parents/Caregivers:

It is that time of year again. We ask that you take a few minutes to complete a survey which has a large impact upon our school's overall standing. More importantly, it provides us with data that helps us identify what we do well, as well as where to improve. Our school's survey data is compared to other schools with similar students. We are then ranked against each other. It is also important to know that our high school and middle school survey data is combined. The learning environment of the school is viewed as one entity. Please follow the steps below and see how the Scholars' Academy responded this year to survey feedback that you provided us with last year. We analyzed the areas of opportunity and set to work improving things in each of the categories listed below. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Brian O'Connell
Principal

Please follow these easy steps.

1. Review actions the school has taken below.
2. Complete the survey.
3. Seal the completed survey in the envelope provided.
4. Sign the affidavit/tear-off of completion and return with the envelope so that your child and his/her classmates may be eligible for a prize.
5. Look forward to Scholars' Academy earning a Progress Report of an "A" and a "Well Developed" Quality Review Rating.

Please read this list of survey response initiatives taken by the Scholars' Academy since last year's Parent Survey.

Academic Expectations

- Curriculum Overview and "Meet the Teacher" Night familiarizes parents with classroom expectations and curriculum content
- Student goals are clear and communicated through student planners in every subject.
- All students are presented with syllabi, grading policies, and grades may be tracked in most subjects through Edline.net

Communication

- Improved use of Edline.net and School Messenger which informs and reminds parents of important upcoming events and alerts them to school emergencies
- Monthly Parent Calendar and Parent Newsletter distributed and posted online
- Availability of student grades and lesson samples on Edline.net and ARIS Parent Link.
- Home /School Action Plan Summary Sheets in Student Planner reviewable by parent
- Available videos of instruction and other Scholars' Academy events through our website's Vimeo link
- Consistent Morning Messages available in podcast and in written form through our school's website
- Monthly "Principal's Report" which is delivered at PTA Meetings is available through website

Engagement

- Monthly parent workshops on topics such as: Internet Safety, Cyber-bullying, High School and College application process, Credit Accumulation, Use of Edline.net, ELA Common Core Standards, Learning to Communicate More Effectively with Your Teen, Family Math Night and more.
- Parents are invited to school wide events including; Curriculum Overview/ Meet the Teachers Night, sporting events at home and away, after school and weekends, Math Science Technology Fair, Scholar of the Month Assemblies for Middle School and Outstanding Scholar Assemblies for High School, Winter and Spring Concerts, Dramatic Performances and Art Exhibits, Open Classroom Days
- Parents are encouraged to volunteer as chaperones for class trips and school events

Safety and Respect

- Parent workshop and student assembly reviewing the DOE Discipline Code in September to clarify expectations and potential consequences for infractions
- Monthly lunchtime assemblies with students that reinforce behavioral expectations: in school, on the bus, on trips and during fire drills
- Respect for All Week events such as; Poster Contest, Morning Message Quotes, Lessons and Assemblies for classes grades and cohorts, Role Playing Exercises and homework passes for students "Caught Being Respectful"
- Monthly Safety Meetings with parent and student representation

Incentives for Parent Survey Completion

The more data we receive the better we can analyze our school.

First **cooperative group/table used for attendance purposes in each homeroom** with 100% return, each student in the group will receive a **dress down day**.

First **homeroom in middle school and first homeroom in high school** with 100% return, the entire class will be treated to a **pizza party**.

First **Cohort in middle school and first grade in high school** with 100% return, the entire Cohort will be given an **extended recess**.

Please Complete and Return this Tear-Off with the Sealed Learning Environment Survey

Print Student's Name: _____ Homeroom Class: _____ (Very Important)

Parent's Name: _____ Date Completed: _____

I, parent of the above listed student, certify that I have personally completed the Learning Environment Survey and that I have sealed such the attached envelope for complete confidentiality.

Parent's Signature

I, student listed above, certify that my caregiver completed this survey. _____
Student Signature