

# HOW WELCOME ARE PARENTS IN OUR SCHOOL?

Directions: Think about the experiences you have had when you visited your child's school. Your parent group and school staff want to make parents feel comfortable and a part of the school. Please take a few moments to fill out the following brief survey. Be honest. All answers will be anonymous -- please do not write your name on the sheet. Parent group leaders will collect the surveys.

After the parent group has analyzed the results, a committee--composed of parent and school leaders and other parents, the principal and teacher representatives--will decide how best to use the information and make recommendations, if necessary, for helping parents feel more welcome in our school.

*(Circle one)*

Am I always greeted in a friendly, courteous way when I contact the school either on the phone or in person?	Yes	No	Do not know
Does the school have a reception area for visitors, equipped with information about the school and directions so that I can find my way around the building?	Yes	No	Do not know
Did the school conduct some kind of orientation program for my family when I first enrolled my child?	Yes	No	Do not know
Do school staff and parents have informal occasions when we can get to know each other during the school year?	Yes	No	Do not know
Does the principal have regular office hours when parents and students can stop in?	Yes	No	Do not know
If "yes" to the previous two questions, are those hours convenient for me?	Yes	No	Do not know
Is there a school suggestion box where teachers', students' and parents' ideas are encouraged, and are those ideas implemented when possible?	Yes	No	Do not know
Does the school encourage me to visit my child's classroom outside of planned occasions (after checking first with the teacher involved)?	Yes	No	Do not know
Am I and other parents welcome to use the building after school hours for community purposes?	Yes	No	Do not know
Does the principal ask for parents' suggestions when making decisions that will affect the running of the school?	Yes	No	Do not know
Are limited-English-speaking parents given opportunities to understand the curriculum and participate in the school's activities?	Yes	No	Do not know
Does the school provide written information to parents about the school's rules, parent-teacher conferences and other important items?	Yes	No	Do not know
Feel free to write any comments and suggestions here:			