



PARENT SURVEY: FAST FACTS

938 PARENTS/GUARDIANS

representing 137 Oklahoma public school districts participated in the survey



80.49%



Percent of respondents who chose one of these three items as their number one priority:

QUALIFIED TEACHERS
SMALL CLASS SIZES
SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

1. Small class sizes
2. Safe learning environment
3. Professionally trained and certified, high-quality teachers
4. Extra-curricular & co-curricular offerings (sports, performing or fine arts, clubs, etc.)
5. AP, concurrent enrollment, and vocational/career readiness opportunities
6. Increase exposure to art, music, and physical education in elementary schools
7. Wrap-around services; counseling, health services, etc.
8. Quality special population programs (special education, english language development, gifted & talented)
9. Character education/anti-bullying programs
10. Adequate time for recess

TOP 10

Items respondents ranked as priorities for quality schools in a Top 10 education state.

CONCLUSION

Public school parents want a well-rounded, robust education for their children. In many instances the items prioritized by parents are the things that have been reduced or eliminated when funding was cut, or did not keep up with student enrollment growth in Oklahoma. We ask state leaders to remain focused on sustaining and building upon the investments which began two years ago, and to support policies and budget decisions that support a quality education, led by locally elected school leaders for all 700,000 children in Oklahoma public schools.