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## Parent satisfaction higher in private schools

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Parents of children who attend private schools are more satisfied with their schools than parents of children in public education settings, according to a new report from the National Center for Education Statistics, while parents whose children attend the public school of their choice are more satisfied than those whose children attend an assigned public school.

"Parent and Family Involvement in Education, 2006-2007 School Year," said that 82 percent of parents whose children attended a private, nonreligious school and 81 percent whose children attended a private religious school described themselves as "very satisfied" with their schools, compared to 55 percent of parents whose children attend an assigned public school and 63 percent of those whose children attend a public school of their choice.

Released in August, the report is based on telephone interviews with parents conducted in the first half of 2007 on a wide range of topics: school satisfaction, parental involvement in schools, school-parent communication, satisfaction with teachers, discipline and homework levels. While the specific numbers varied, more private school parents than public school parents were very satisfied with teachers, academic standards, discipline, and school/parent interaction.

Other findings:

- Parents in smaller schools, regardless of whether the school is public or private, are more satisfied than those whose children attend larger schools. The unhappiest parents are found in schools with more than 1,000 students.
- Parental dissatisfaction grows with the age of the child. Sixty-nine percent of the parents of K-2 children were "very satisfied" with their school, regardless of private or public setting, but only 52 percent of high school parents said the same.
- Parents of boys and girls reported nearly equal levels of satisfaction, but parents of black students were less likely to be very satisfied with schools than parents of white or Hispanic students.
- Three-quarters or more of all parents interviewed said they had attended a school event, meeting or parent-teacher conference, but more private school parents reported serving on a school committee or participating in school fundraising. Parents of children in smaller schools or in elementary grades reported more participation than those in larger schools or higher grades.

The report is available online at:

<http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2008050>

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*deepakp9, January 12, 2009, 8:03:14 AM*

Specifically, 81 percent of students in religiously affiliated schools and 82 percent of students in other private schools have parents who report being "very satisfied" with their schools, compared to 55 percent of students in assigned public schools and 63 percent of students in chosen public schools.

High levels of satisfaction among private school parents also extend to opinions about their children's teachers, academic standards of the school, order and

about their children's learning, academic standards of the school, their own discipline at the school, the amount of homework assigned, and interactions with school personnel.

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[johnson](#), November 22, 2008, 5:29:23 AM

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MichelleO

Nowadays, saving money is very crucial and properly investing the money can keep you and your family away from the effect of the financial crisis. The sad news is that a lot of the options for short term funding have been drying up. Short term funding is a necessary thing to have around, and going through traditional channels such as banks isn't an option for a lot of people anymore – basically it's only open to Ken Lewis. Installment loans are an option, but some people, including senior citizens, have been thinking about raiding their retirement fund. Getting into your pension retirement plan or 401(k) funds is the last thing you want to do if you don't qualify for any withdrawals yet. The penalties are substantial, and you'll end up needing installment loans to pay them if you use retirement funds for ["Installment Loans Reliable Option As 401\(k\)s are Dwindling"](http://personalmoneystore.com/money-loans-reliable-option-401k-dwindling/) short term funding.

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QUEEN\_BEE\_09

I AGREE >>

colonelb

Godfrey-Lee on the west side of the state has been running all-day, every-day kindergarten for several years. >>

BenjaminY

We have a problem in Detroit Public School, their system had cash flow problem for years now. And honestly it getting worst in terms in progression with more children leaving to charter their schools almost every year. The state decided to give the Detroit school districts cash advance of \$70 million so they would meet the schools expenses, as well as payment for teachers. Robert Bobb, the newly appointed emergency financial manager, requested the funds early in order for him to get the house in order before he had to start panicking. President Obama has been giving out large sums of money for troubled school districts, perhaps that's where a generous portion of the aid came from. Getting Detroit Public Schools in working order is a worthy cause.

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colonelb

I am all for school choice and think its great that charters are finally moving forward. However, I'm wondering if the research accounts for a playing field that is not level. I can't take my school buildings and move them anywhere I want, nor can I simply slap up a pole building and make it a school. If anything, public schools need less state regulation and oversight so we can play by the same minimal rules charters do. If you want public schools to compete to improve, remove the barriers to doing so. I will gladly except less funding per pupil if the playing field is level.

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karen

The purpose is to encourage non exercising children to exercise but my daughter's highschool gave her an improper body fat percentage and made my healthy daughter who trains 20 hours a week in tap jazz and ballet believe she was overweaghit instead of a person with muscles.

I believe the public schools do not have the right to make the diagnoses with these kids because they are using one measurement and recording it from their arms that they have a certain percetnage of body fat with one arm caliper test.

Does any one have feed back?

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Lisa P

For me, either public or private could give good education to students. It really doesn't matter whether you are in public or private school as long as you are studying and obtaining education, and providing that you can afford the expenses. One of the key ingredients to the success of a modern nation is education. As Americans emerge from the afterglow of the recent presidential elections and president-elect Obama prepares to take the reins of the country, education is a topic on the minds of many. What will he do to improve the lot of students and teachers in America? According to an article at The Apple, Obama's first order of business when it comes to education will be to look at No Child Left Behind. He doesn't want to scrap the program, but he does want to reform it, particularly when it comes to standardized testing. He does not support preparing students all year to "fill out bubbles." Referencing schools, both Obama and vice president-elect Joe Biden support charter schools, as long as they perform up to standard. Teachers at charter schools and others are pleased with Obama's incentives like Teacher Service Scholarships and various pay rewards – this will certainly be a great help. Furthermore, part of the president-elect's main concern is to boost Early Head Start programs and provide tax credit for college education. The course to repair faith in the American educational system through these ideas and more will definitely lead to the kind of credit repair the country needs. Click to learn more about <a title="What is Credit Repair?" href=<http://personalmoneystore.com/money-is-credit-repair/>>Credit Repair</a>. >>

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