

Del Mar's Custom Additional Questions

Asked of Students

How often do you understand the directions for your homework?

Always	33%
Usually	60%
Sometimes	7%
Never	1%

How often are you able to complete your homework assignments without help from your parents?

Always	32%
Usually	57%
Sometimes	10%
Never	1%

When your teacher is absent from school, how often does the substitute teacher help you to learn?

Always	23%
Usually	36%
Sometimes	33%
Never	9%

Asked of Teachers/Staff

The purpose of homework is to: (n=260)

practice/extend the learning of the school day	94%
satisfy requests from parents	3%
provide additional work for students	2%
introduce new skills/concepts	.4%

The top priorities for the Del Mar Union School District over the next five years should be: (n=252)

academic proficiency for all students	54%
professional learning communities	33%
physical education/wellness	6%
foreign language	3%
gifted education	3%

There is effective internal communication at my school. (n=257)

Highly Agree	32%
Agree	54%
Somewhat Disagree	9%
Disagree	5%

The opportunities to articulate with teachers at other DMUSD schools are: n=(238)

Just right	45%
Too many	3%
Not enough	53%

The professional learning communities initiative has had a positive impact on my professional skills and work. (n=239)

Highly agree	36%
Agree	44%
Somewhat disagree	14%
Disagree	7%

Asked of Teachers/Staff

Regarding the balance of time spent between classroom teachers and enrichment teachers, our program has: (n=240)

The right balance	85%
Too much time with classroom teachers and too little time with enrichment teachers	13%
Too much time with enrichment teachers and too little time with classroom teachers	2%

Students would benefit from a foreign language magnet immersion program implemented at one or two sites in the District. (n=248)

Highly Agree	29%
Agree	43%
Somewhat Disagree	17%
Disagree	12%

My preference for a foreign language immersion program would be: (n=230)

Spanish	86%
French	4%
Japanese	1%
German	.4%
Chinese	8%

My site spends too much time engaged in site fundraising events. (n=245)

Yes	29%
No	71%

The way students are dressed at school is not a disruption to the learning process. (n=253)

Highly Agree	32%
Agree	42%
Somewhat Disagree	15%
Disagree	11%

Asked of Parents

The degree of difficulty of my child's homework is: (n=1,555)

Appropriate	78%
Too difficult	6%
Too easy	16%

Are homework instructions sufficiently clear for your child to do his/her work independently? (n=1,544)

Yes	86%
No	15%

Are the automated telephone messages from your child's principal and district superintendent a helpful communication tool? (n=1,560)

Yes	91%
No	5%
Don't know	4%

Are you aware that the purpose of the early dismissal time for your child on Wednesdays is to allow time for ongoing training and professional development for teachers? (n=1,559)

Yes	83%
No	17%

Please choose the description that most closely characterizes the impact caused to your family by the Wednesday early dismissal. (n=1,526)

Somewhat inconvenient	40%
Significant hardship	7%
Well worth it, given the purpose	54%

Do you believe that a foreign language immersion program in Spanish would benefit your child, and you'd be willing to transport him/her to any school within the District where the program is offered? (n=1,486)

Yes	40%
No	60%

Asked of Parents

Regarding the balance of time spent between classroom teachers and enrichment teachers (i.e. art, music, P.E., science, technology), does your child's school program have: (n=1,512)

The right balance	83%
Too much time with <u>classroom</u> teachers and too little time with <u>enrichment</u> teachers	15%
Too little time with <u>classroom</u> teachers and too much time with <u>enrichment</u> teachers	2%

Please indicate which TWO enrichment subjects you consider to be MOST IMPORTANT for your child's educational experience. (n=1,544)

Science	58%
Technology	40%
Physical Education	39%
Music	32%
Art	30%

Does your child's site spend too much time engaged in fundraising activities? (n=1,446)

Yes	34%
No	66%

Are you in favor of allowing sites to fundraise in order to pay for additional staff at their individual site? (n=1,471)

Yes	81%
No	19%

Asked of Parents (open-ends)

If you **WOULD RECOMMEND** your child's school to other parents, please indicate the top two **REASONS** why:

If you would **NOT RECOMMEND** your child's school to other parents, please indicate the top two **REASONS** why not:
