

WOODLAND

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Dear Parents:

This year, Pioneer High School is will be evaluated and accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Accreditation refers to the process whereby the California State Department of Education certifies that, upon receiving their high school diploma, students have met the requirements for a high school education. In addition, with accreditation, universities, colleges, junior colleges, and technical and trade schools will accept the coursework your child has completed while at PHS as meeting their entrance requirements.

Next spring, our campus will have a three-day visit by a WASC visitation team. The purpose of this visit is to grant a new period of accreditation for the educational programs at PHS. This period can run from one to six years. The visiting team's three day visitation will look at how well PHS is educating all its students, and will then make a recommendation to WASC as to the length of the new accreditation term.

As a part of the WASC accreditation process, PHS needs to conduct a self-study. This is a report in which we write how well we believe we are educating our students. An important part of this self-study is a Parent Survey, the results of which reveal the parents' opinions about the quality of education their children receive at PHS. This is your chance to evaluate PHS. The results of this survey will be tabulated and will become a part of our self-study report. We ask that you respond honestly to the statements in the survey.

You will be given a response document with this survey questionnaire on which to record your responses. Please darken the letter that corresponds to your response, and give only one response per statement. Do NOT write your name on the response document. Thank you for taking the time to do this survey.

Please return the document to Pioneer High School by _____

Thomas "Nick" McNicholas, Principal

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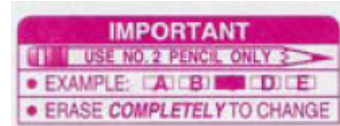
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Michael Stevens
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The following statements relate to the environment at PHS and its educational programs and student support.

After reading each of the following statements, darken the appropriate letter on your survey document:

- [a] Strongly Agree with the statement
- [b] Somewhat Agree
- [c] If you are Unsure
- [d] If you Somewhat Disagree
- [e] If you Strongly Disagree.



Academic Materials

1. There are enough instructional materials (e.g., textbooks, media center resources) in my child's classes.

256	176	62	32	10
48%	33%	12%	6%	2%

2. Textbooks and other instructional materials my child uses are in good condition.

302	142	46	19	5
59%	28%	9%	4%	1%

3. School computers are available to my child when needed.

302	132	66	28	15
56%	24%	12%	5%	3%

Teacher-Parent Communication

4. My child's teachers are interested and cooperative when discussing my child.

198	185	84	26	15
39%	36%	17%	5%	3%

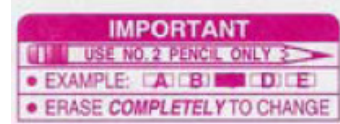
5. My child's teachers keep me informed about my child's progress in school.

147	203	51	81	26
29%	40%	10%	16%	5%

6. My child's teachers are accessible to me when needed.

223	194	80	45	15
40%	35%	14%	8%	3%

- [a] Strongly Agree with the statement
- [b] Somewhat Agree
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- [e] If you Strongly Disagree.



Academic Instruction

7. My child is given challenging material to learn.

220	237	78	28	21
38%	41%	13%	5%	4%

8. My child's teachers involve my child in classroom activities.

323	161	102	23	14
52%	26%	16%	4%	2%

9. My child's teachers motivate my child to learn.

206	191	111	51	13
36%	33%	19%	9%	2%

10. My child's teachers provide extra help when my child needs it.

221	178	96	47	19
39%	32%	17%	8%	3%

11. My child's teachers provide useful feedback on assignments, tests, and homework.

176	204	106	61	17
31%	36%	19%	11%	3%

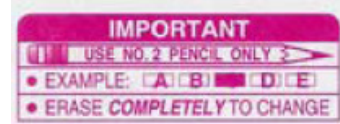
12. My child's teachers use computers during classroom instruction.

106	149	204	49	29
20%	28%	38%	9%	5%

13. Information about my child's standardized academic tests is explained to me when needed.

153	196	135	52	29
27%	35%	24%	9%	5%

- [a] Strongly Agree with the statement
- [b] Somewhat Agree
- [c] If you are Unsure
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- [e] If you Strongly Disagree.



14. Information about how students in this school are performing on standardized academic tests is explained to me.

113	142	165	114	52
19%	24%	28%	19%	9%

15. School staff uses standardized academic test scores to improve instruction.

125	144	232	31	15
23%	26%	42%	6%	3%

Homework

16. My child's teachers explain to my child how to do his (her) homework.

221	215	78	44	10
39%	38%	14%	8%	2%

17. My child knows where to go in school to get help with homework assignments.

316	175	57	30	5
54%	30%	10%	5%	1%

18. My child's teachers assign homework that is useful for helping my child to learn.

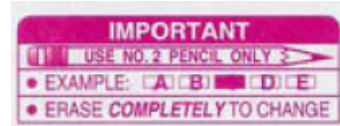
245	192	61	36	18
44%	35%	11%	7%	3%

19. Most of the time my child can complete homework assignments within a reasonable amount of time.

256	202	43	50	14
45%	36%	8%	9%	2%

20. My child is able make-up work missed due to absence.

- [a] Strongly Agree with the statement
- [b] Somewhat Agree
- [c] If you are Unsure
- [d] If you Somewhat Disagree
- [e] If you Strongly Disagree.



258	163	70	26	18
48%	30%	13%	5%	3%

Expectations for Student Learning

21. My child's teachers expect my child to do well in class.

291	160	72	14	5
54%	30%	13%	3%	1%

22. Good grades are important to students in this school.

233	177	90	48	10
42%	32%	16%	9%	2%

23. Students respect others who get good grades.

181	59	136	47	18
41%	13%	31%	11%	4%

24. My child's teachers challenge my child to do his (her) very best.

145	199	98	38	5
30%	41%	20%	8%	1%

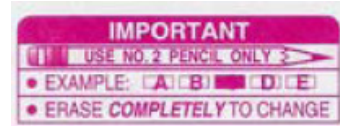
25. My child's teachers care about the grades my child gets.

206	185	113	40	19
37%	33%	20%	7%	3%

26. Academic standards at this school are high.

154	202	137	38	23
28%	36%	25%	7%	4%

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- [b] Somewhat Agree
- [c] If you are Unsure
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SCHOOL ATMOSPHERE AND COMMUNICATION

School Atmosphere

27. I feel welcomed at PHS.

257	176	71	32	21
46%	32%	13%	6%	4%

28. People who work in the main office treat me courteously and promptly.

280	157	67	26	25
50%	28%	12%	5%	5%

29. There is an atmosphere of open communication in my child's school.

205	175	92	49	23
38%	32%	17%	9%	4%

30. There is an atmosphere of trust in this school.

181	169	114	66	38
32%	30%	20%	12%	7%

Informed and Empowered

31. School staff members contact me promptly about problems involving my child

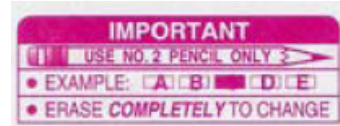
218	158	103	55	39
38%	28%	18%	10%	7%

32. This school does a good job of informing me about meetings and special school events

255	181	57	48	28
45%	32%	10%	8%	5%

33. Parent meetings are scheduled so that I can attend

- [a] Strongly Agree with the statement
- [b] Somewhat Agree
- [c] If you are Unsure
- [d] If you Somewhat Disagree
- [e] If you Strongly Disagree.



168	185	83	39	33
33%	36%	16%	8%	6%

34. School staff members do a good job of letting me know about ways I can help out at school

161	175	118	56	38
29%	32%	22%	10%	7%

School Administrator-Parent Relationships

“School administrator” includes the principal and assistant principals. Answer items that refer to “school administrator” in terms of your experiences with those school administrators with whom you are most familiar.

35. The school administrators are friendly and approachable.

195	159	95	46	27
37%	30%	18%	9%	5%

36. When needed, school administrators are available to me.

216	178	114	29	32
38%	31%	20%	5%	6%

37. School administrators treat students fairly.

145	175	124	68	40
26%	32%	22%	12%	7%

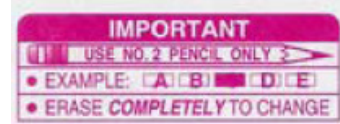
38. School administrators are responsive to the concerns of parents and the community.

170	200	99	65	40
30%	35%	17%	11%	7%

39. School administrators listen to parents’ ideas.

158	174	151	49	32
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- [a] Strongly Agree with the statement
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- [c] If you are Unsure
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- [e] If you Strongly Disagree.



28% 31% 27% 9% 6%

40. Communication with parents is a priority.

182 160 108 60 24
34% 30% 20% 11% 4%

41. When I contact PHS by phone or email with questions or concerns that I have about my child's education and/or behavior, the call/email is transferred to a person who can best answer my questions or concerns in a timely manner.

193 169 101 48 34
35% 31% 19% 9% 6%

42. The staff at PHS responds to my concerns about my child's educational or behavior in a timely fashion.

195 196 71 52 40
35% 35% 13% 9% 7%

43. The communications (Quarterly parent bulletin, Opening-day packet, Student Progress Reports, Back-to-School Night, etc) that I receive from the PHS staff concerning my child's educational progress as a student or about the educational programs and/or activities are giving me high quality information about my child's educational progress at PHS as well as opportunities available for my child.

221 203 70 40 43
38% 35% 12% 7% 7%

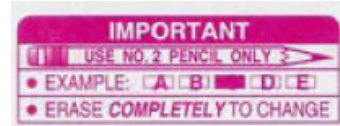
44. I feel that PHS is doing an effective job keeping me well informed about my child's academic progress.

208 211 72 50 25
37% 37% 13% 9% 4%

School Staff-Student Relationships

45. My child feels comfortable talking with his/her teachers.

- [a] Strongly Agree with the statement
- [b] Somewhat Agree
- [c] If you are Unsure
- [d] If you Somewhat Disagree
- [e] If you Strongly Disagree.



219	318	76	33	29
32%	47%	11%	5%	4%

46. My child feels comfortable sharing his/her ideas in class.

213	186	97	50	131
31%	27%	14%	7%	19%

47. My child's teachers listen to my child's ideas.

210	159	147	21	8
39%	29%	27%	4%	1%

48. My child's teachers care about my child as a person.

241	169	121	42	18
41%	29%	20%	7%	3%

49. There is an adult at school my child can talk to when he/she has personal problems.

169	142	135	32	21
34%	28%	27%	6%	4%

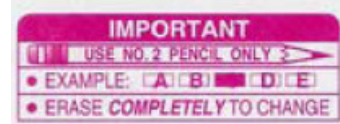
50. This school does a good job teaching my child how to work out problems with other students.

148	173	218	55	28
24%	28%	35%	9%	5%

51. This school is accepting and welcoming of my child.

259	152	67	28	7
50%	30%	13%	5%	1%

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- [c] If you are Unsure
- [d] If you Somewhat Disagree
- [e] If you Strongly Disagree.



52. All students in this school are encouraged to participate in activities regardless of their ability.

164	166	98	36	21
34%	34%	20%	7%	4%

53. My child's school counselor helps my child plan courses he/she takes.

213	140	80	26	19
45%	29%	17%	5%	4%

54. My child's school counselor helps my child plan courses for his/her 4-year plan.

178	137	84	47	30
37%	29%	18%	10%	6%

55. When needed, my child can visit the school counselor.

228	123	70	29	15
49%	26%	15%	6%	3%

Student Recognition

56. My child's teachers recognize students for putting forth their best efforts in the classroom.

178	140	90	27	18
39%	31%	20%	6%	4%

57. In this school, students are recognized for their school successes.

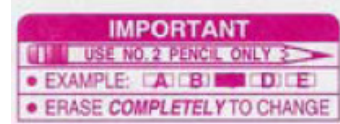
365	141	95	22	19
57%	22%	15%	3%	3%

Citizenship

58. This school encourages students to respect the rights of other students.

190	141	68	20	18
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- [a] Strongly Agree with the statement
- [b] Somewhat Agree
- [c] If you are Unsure
- [d] If you Somewhat Disagree
- [e] If you Strongly Disagree.



43% 32% 16% 5% 4%

59. This school teaches students to take responsibility for their own behavior.

193 145 74 20 21
43% 32% 16% 4% 5%

60. This school encourages students to help one another.

129 148 131 24 20
29% 33% 29% 5% 4%

SCHOOL SAFETY AND DISCIPLINE

61. My child feels safe at school

166 171 48 46 24
36% 38% 11% 10% 5%

62. My child's belongings are safe in this school

111 129 110 60 51
24% 28% 24% 13% 11%

63. This school does a good job of making sure that visitors sign-in at the front office

121 123 119 49 20
28% 28% 28% 11% 5%

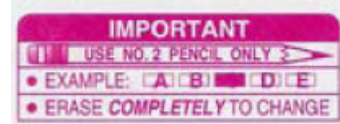
64. This school is safe during after-school and evening activities

154 141 100 42 27
33% 30% 22% 9% 6%

65. Students in this school behave in an orderly manner

79 193 92 80 43

- [a] Strongly Agree with the statement**
- [b] Somewhat Agree**
- [c] If you are Unsure**
- [d] If you Somewhat Disagree**
- [e] If you Strongly Disagree.**



16% 40% 19% 16% 9%

66. My child can work in his/her classroom without being bothered by other students.

126 159 104 40 28
28% 35% 23% 9% 6%

67. This school has a clear set of rules for students to follow.

198 142 55 31 15
45% 32% 12% 7% 3%

68. Teachers consistently enforce school rules.

133 197 98 40 18
27% 41% 20% 8% 4%

69. Administrators consistently enforce school rules.

162 137 99 21 30
36% 31% 22% 5% 7%

70. Students at PHS respect cultural, ethnic, and gender differences.

135 139 100 42 36
30% 31% 22% 9% 8%

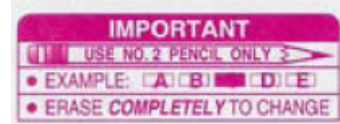
71. Teachers at PHS respect cultural, ethnic, and gender differences.

196 122 86 31 18
43% 27% 19% 7% 4%

72. Administrators at PHS respect cultural, ethnic, and gender differences

186 153 74 35 20
40% 33% 16% 7% 4%

- [a] Strongly Agree with the statement
- [b] Somewhat Agree
- [c] If you are Unsure
- [d] If you Somewhat Disagree
- [e] If you Strongly Disagree.



73. Students in this school follow the school rules.

94	141	115	81	34
20%	30%	25%	17%	7%

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

74. The outside of this school is kept clean.

216	163	83	31	9
43%	32%	17%	6%	2%

75. The inside of this school is kept clean.

236	163	63	29	9
47%	33%	13%	6%	2%

76. Bathrooms in this school are kept clean and supplied with soap, paper towels, and toilet paper.

130	141	130	45	27
27%	30%	27%	10%	6%

77. The school cafeteria is kept clean.

199	128	104	14	7
44%	28%	23%	3%	2%

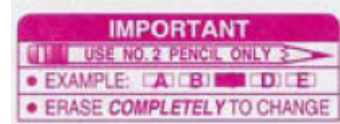
78. My child's classrooms have enough work space for students.

195	146	85	27	9
42%	32%	18%	6%	2%

79. Things in this school that need repair are fixed quickly.

136	124	177	36	19
28%	25%	36%	7%	4%

- [a] Strongly Agree with the statement
- [b] Somewhat Agree
- [c] If you are Unsure
- [d] If you Somewhat Disagree
- [e] If you Strongly Disagree.



PARENT SATISFACTION

80. I would recommend this school to a friend or neighbor.

178	155	73	26	18
40%	34%	16%	6%	4%

81. My child enjoys going to this school.

207	134	41	27	16
49%	32%	10%	6%	4%

82. My child's academic program meets his/her educational needs.

178	182	48	18	23
40%	41%	11%	4%	5%

83. My child is getting a good education at this school.

187	180	57	24	13
41%	39%	12%	5%	3%

84. My child's high school education is preparing my child for his/her future plans, e.g., work or college.

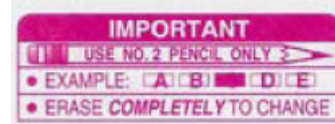
201	164	45	37	14
44%	36%	10%	8%	3%

85. I feel that the career center provides my child with valuable information in making decisions for life after high school

208	120	101	21	9
45%	26%	22%	5%	2%

PARTNERSHIPS

- [a] Strongly Agree with the statement
- [b] Somewhat Agree
- [c] If you are Unsure
- [d] If you Somewhat Disagree
- [e] If you Strongly Disagree.



86. As a parent, I support my child at PHS by: MARK ALL THAT APPLY

- a. Attend back-to-school night or other school-wide meetings?
- b. Attend school events, such as athletic events, drama/music performances, etc.?
- c. Volunteer to help with activities in this school?
- d. Help with your child's homework and school projects?

258	236	136	201	28
30%	27%	16%	23%	3%

BACKGROUND

87. Do your child . . . ? MARK ALL THAT APPLY.

- a. Participate in school clubs
- b. Perform or help with musicals and drama performances
- c. Play on school sports teams
- d. Attend school sports events, musicals and drama performances
- e. Other

196	108	182	212	93
25%	14%	23%	27%	12%

88. Does your child participate in any of the following? MARK ALL THAT APPLY.

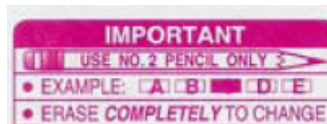
- a. After-school help, such as Pioneer Learning Center
- b. Private tutor outside of school
- c. ESL
- d. Special/Magnet Programs (e.g., Math/Science, Visual Arts, FFA, Cisco Networking Academy, Yearbook, Journalism)

90	58	57	99	35
27%	17%	17%	29%	10%

89. Does your child participate in any of the following? MARK ALL THAT APPLY.

- a. Special Education
- b. 504 Plan

- [a] Strongly Agree with the statement
- [b] Somewhat Agree
- [c] If you are Unsure
- [d] If you Somewhat Disagree
- [e] If you Strongly Disagree.



- c. Honors Courses
- d. Advanced Placement Courses

168	60	150	126	26
32%	11%	28%	24%	5%

90. What did your child receive on his/her last report card (mark one answer)

- a. Mostly As
- b. Mostly Bs
- c. Mostly Cs
- d. Mostly Ds
- e. Mostly Fs

181	152	54	45	39
38%	32%	11%	10%	8%

91. What is the highest level of education you expect your child to receive? MARK ONE ANSWER.

- a. No high school diploma
- b. High school diploma or certificate
- c. Two-year college, trade, or business degree
- d. Four-year college degree
- e. Graduate degree (e.g., master's, doctorate, law, medical)

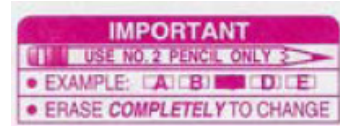
41	64	69	132	123
10%	15%	16%	31%	29%

92. The child for whom you are completing this questionnaire is . . .

- a. Male
- b. Female

199	239	17	30	11
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- [a] Strongly Agree with the statement**
- [b] Somewhat Agree**
- [c] If you are Unsure**
- [d] If you Somewhat Disagree**
- [e] If you Strongly Disagree.**



97. Please list three things that you feel PHS needs to improve at or develop in helping your child achieve their academic and personal growth goals at PHS

98. If you have any closing comments that you would like to make concerning the educational and support programs at PHS, please feel free to do so.