

2011 Annual Parent Survey - Preschool



1. Monument Academy is succeeding in meeting its mission: "...to provide a rigorous, content-rich academic program offered within an engaging, caring, and positive learning environment."

	1 (Strongly disagree)	2 (Disagree)	3 (Neutral)	4 (Agree)	5 (Strongly agree)	Rating Average	Response Count
Rate 1 to 5	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	5.7% (2)	40.0% (14)	54.3% (19)	4.49	35
						Comments	1
						answered question	35
						skipped question	1

2. I (we) understand and support the curriculum my (our) child(ren) is (are) learning.

	1 (Strongly disagree)	2 (Disagree)	3 (Neutral)	4 (Agree)	5 (Strongly agree)	Rating Average	Response Count
Rate 1 to 5	0.0% (0)	2.8% (1)	8.3% (3)	41.7% (15)	47.2% (17)	4.33	36
						Comments	3
						answered question	36
						skipped question	0

3. I (we) believe Monument Academy is delivering a quality education to my (our) child(ren).

	1 (Strongly disagree)	2 (Disagree)	3 (Neutral)	4 (Agree)	5 (Strongly agree)	Rating Average	Response Count
Rate 1 to 5	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	2.8% (1)	44.4% (16)	52.8% (19)	4.50	36
						Comments	2
						answered question	36
						skipped question	0

4. The school's academic goals are clear and reflect high expectations.

	1 (Strongly disagree)	2 (Disagree)	3 (Neutral)	4 (Agree)	5 (Strongly agree)	Rating Average	Response Count
Rate 1 to 5	0.0% (0)	2.9% (1)	8.8% (3)	38.2% (13)	50.0% (17)	4.35	34
						Comments	1
						answered question	34
						skipped question	2

5. The teachers at Monument Academy are highly competent.

	1 (Strongly disagree)	2 (Disagree)	3 (Neutral)	4 (Agree)	5 (Strongly agree)	Rating Average	Response Count
Rate 1 to 5	0.0% (0)	2.8% (1)	2.8% (1)	38.9% (14)	55.6% (20)	4.47	36
						Comments	1
						answered question	36
						skipped question	0

6. There is effective communication between myself (ourselves) and my (our) child's (children's) teacher(s).

	1 (Strongly disagree)	2 (Disagree)	3 (Neutral)	4 (Agree)	5 (Strongly agree)	Rating Average	Response Count
Rate 1 to 5	0.0% (0)	5.7% (2)	14.3% (5)	31.4% (11)	48.6% (17)	4.23	35
						Comments	4
						answered question	35
						skipped question	1

7. The administration at Monument Academy is highly competent.

	1 (Strongly disagree)	2 (Disagree)	3 (Neutral)	4 (Agree)	5 (Strongly agree)	Rating Average	Response Count
Rate 1 to 5	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	14.3% (5)	51.4% (18)	34.3% (12)	4.20	35
						Comments	0
						answered question	35
						skipped question	1

8. The administration at Monument Academy communicates well.

	1 (Strongly disagree)	2 (Disagree)	3 (Neutral)	4 (Agree)	5 (Strongly agree)	Rating Average	Response Count
Rate 1 to 5	0.0% (0)	5.6% (2)	8.3% (3)	55.6% (20)	30.6% (11)	4.11	36
						Comments	4
						answered question	36
						skipped question	0

9. The school has appropriate controls and procedures for the management of financial resources.

	1 (Strongly disagree)	2 (Disagree)	3 (Neutral)	4 (Agree)	5 (Strongly agree)	Rating Average	Response Count
Rate 1 to 5	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	52.8% (19)	25.0% (9)	22.2% (8)	3.69	36
						Comments	2
						answered question	36
						skipped question	0

10. The MA board effectively represents Monument Academy stakeholders.

	1 (Strongly disagree)	2 (Disagree)	3 (Neutral)	4 (Agree)	5 (Strongly agree)	Rating Average	Response Count
Rate 1 to 5	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	50.0% (18)	41.7% (15)	8.3% (3)	3.58	36
						Comments	2
						answered question	36
						skipped question	0

11. The MA Board communicates well.

	1 (Strongly disagree)	2 (Disagree)	3 (Neutral)	4 (Agree)	5 (Strongly agree)	Rating Average	Response Count
Rate 1 to 5	0.0% (0)	5.7% (2)	45.7% (16)	37.1% (13)	11.4% (4)	3.54	35
						Comments	2
						answered question	35
						skipped question	1

12. Changes continue to be made to improve the academic program.

	1 (Strongly disagree)	2 (Disagree)	3 (Neutral)	4 (Agree)	5 (Strongly agree)	Rating Average	Response Count
Rate 1 to 5	2.9% (1)	0.0% (0)	17.1% (6)	54.3% (19)	25.7% (9)	4.00	35
						Comments	2
						answered question	35
						skipped question	1

13. There are strategies in place for students with special needs, those at-risk of failure, and those not making reasonable progress.

	1 (Strongly disagree)	2 (Disagree)	3 (Neutral)	4 (Agree)	5 (Strongly agree)	Rating Average	Response Count
Rate 1 to 5	2.9% (1)	5.7% (2)	45.7% (16)	22.9% (8)	22.9% (8)	3.57	35
						Comments	2
						answered question	35
						skipped question	1

14. Discipline is handled appropriately.

	1 (Strongly disagree)	2 (Disagree)	3 (Neutral)	4 (Agree)	5 (Strongly agree)	Rating Average	Response Count
Rate 1 to 5	0.0% (0)	2.8% (1)	22.2% (8)	44.4% (16)	30.6% (11)	4.03	36
						Comments	3
						answered question	36
						skipped question	0

15. The dress code is consistently enforced.

	1 (Strongly disagree)	2 (Disagree)	3 (Neutral)	4 (Agree)	5 (Strongly agree)	Rating Average	Response Count
Rate 1 to 5	0.0% (0)	5.9% (2)	23.5% (8)	50.0% (17)	20.6% (7)	3.85	34
						Comments	1
						answered question	34
						skipped question	2

16. The Core Virtues are modeled by the students.

	1 (Strongly disagree)	2 (Disagree)	3 (Neutral)	4 (Agree)	5 (Strongly agree)	Rating Average	Response Count
Rate 1 to 5	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	20.0% (7)	40.0% (14)	40.0% (14)	4.20	35
						Comments	0
						answered question	35
						skipped question	1

17. The Core Virtues are modeled by the faculty.

	1 (Strongly disagree)	2 (Disagree)	3 (Neutral)	4 (Agree)	5 (Strongly agree)	Rating Average	Response Count
Rate 1 to 5	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	8.6% (3)	45.7% (16)	45.7% (16)	4.37	35
						Comments	1
						answered question	35
						skipped question	1

18. The Core Virtues are modeled by the administration.

	1 (Strongly disagree)	2 (Disagree)	3 (Neutral)	4 (Agree)	5 (Strongly agree)	Rating Average	Response Count
Rate 1 to 5	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	11.1% (4)	58.3% (21)	30.6% (11)	4.19	36
						Comments	0
						answered question	36
						skipped question	0

19. My (our) student(s) has (have) grown and strongly developed by attending Monument Academy.

	1 (Strongly disagree)	2 (Disagree)	3 (Neutral)	4 (Agree)	5 (Strongly agree)	Rating Average	Response Count
Rate 1 to 5	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	5.6% (2)	44.4% (16)	50.0% (18)	4.44	36
						Comments	0
						answered question	36
						skipped question	0

20. I (we) would recommend Monument Academy as a first choice for other children eligible to attend.

	1 (Strongly disagree)	2 (Disagree)	3 (Neutral)	4 (Agree)	5 (Strongly agree)	Rating Average	Response Count
Rate 1 to 5	0.0% (0)	5.9% (2)	2.9% (1)	32.4% (11)	58.8% (20)	4.44	34
						Comments	3
						answered question	34
						skipped question	2

21. Additional comments or suggestions you have for Monument Academy:

	Response Count
	12
answered question	12
skipped question	24

Q1. Monument Academy is succeeding in meeting its mission: "to provide a rigorous, content-rich academic program offered within an engaging, caring, and positive learning environment."

1	My child's teacher is not always that friendly or open. We love the para and my child has bonded more with her than the teacher.	Apr 10, 2011 11:27 AM
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Q2. I (we) understand and support the curriculum my (our) child(ren) is (are) learning.

1	Not being allowed into the classroom either at drop off or at pick up makes me feel a lot out of the loop as far as what my child is doing during the day.	Apr 10, 2011 11:27 AM
2	Would like more hands-on science experiments in the preschool and more messy projects, like painting on very large pieces of paper, water projects, etc.	Apr 6, 2011 9:37 AM

Q2. I (we) understand and support the curriculum my (our) child(ren) is (are) learning.

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| 3 | I don't agree with teaching preschoolers cursive. I don't think it's developmentally appropriate. I believe they need to learn to recognize individual letters and write individual letters. Our society is print rich (books, computers, texting) - I mean, when is the last time you wrote in cursive other than signing a check? I can understand older grades learning cursive, but not preschool. For example, my son gets confused now between the cursive "n" and the print "m". | Apr 5, 2011 12:51 PM |
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Q3. I (we) believe Monument Academy is delivering a quality education to my (our) child(ren).

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| 1 | Right now, but I am concerned with having too many kids in the classrooms for the upcoming year. | Apr 18, 2011 2:18 PM |
| 2 | With the caveats I list below. | Apr 6, 2011 5:57 PM |
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Q4. The school's academic goals are clear and reflect high expectations.

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| 1 | Sometimes the expectations are too high and not appropriate for a child's developmental level. | Apr 7, 2011 8:19 PM |
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Q5. The teachers at Monument Academy are highly competent.

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| 1 | We have been at the school for two years now. BOTH years the preschool director (now gone) and the kindergaren teacher sent emails and issued classroom materials with SPELLING errors. This is highly inconsistent with professional standards and with the fact that they are trying to teach our children to spell. This year our kindergarten teacher has spent time in class on her cell phone and sent out at least one text during class time. (That was when I was present. I have not polled other parents to see if they have witnessed similar behavior.) Again, when children are older we will tell them they cannot use a cell phone in class but they may well remember that their teacher did. | Apr 6, 2011 5:57 PM |
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Q6. There is effective communication between myself (ourselves) and my (our) child's (children's) teacher(s).

1	See comment on #2	Apr 10, 2011 11:27 AM
2	There have been instances when I have asked the teacher numerous times for supplemental materials and did not receive them.	Apr 7, 2011 8:19 PM
3	Would like to see a parent/teacher conference for preschool toward the beginning of the year, like October, instead of just the one in April.	Apr 6, 2011 9:37 AM
4	One parent/teacher conference at the end of the year is not effective communication. It would help to have one at the beginning of the year to find out what my child is doing well at and what we can focus on at home. The babygate at the entrance of the door is not welcoming - especially when the teacher is rude about it. I know that Ms. Julie comes out in the hallway to talk to parents - [REDACTED] shuts the door immediately after [REDACTED] lets kids out. It feels like the classroom is off limits to parents. I understand that they don't want parents hanging around after dropping off or picking up - but this method is going over board.	Apr 5, 2011 12:51 PM

Q8. The administration at Monument Academy communicates well.

1	There seems to be issues with email addresses for contact purposes--different information databases within the school that when changes are made to one, they aren't changed across the board	Apr 18, 2011 8:43 AM
2	At times, a little more clarity would be helpful like why we had early dismissal on a Friday when the students already get out early or the online ordering process for cookie dough orders	Apr 12, 2011 12:19 PM
3	Poor communication of limited available spots	Apr 11, 2011 10:48 AM
4	The newsletters/emails are much appreciated!	Apr 5, 2011 12:51 PM

Q9. The school has appropriate controls and procedures for the management of financial resources.

1	I haven't taken the time to educate myself on the school's financial health. I do hope that when D38 goes for another MLO this November, that MA will not be party to it. D38 will attempt to bring us into it only to get the MA parents to vote for it. I do not believe that D38 has our best interest in mind at all	Apr 8, 2011 8:19 PM
2	I don't know enough to answer this question.	Apr 5, 2011 1:09 PM

Q10. The MA board effectively represents Monument Academy stakeholders.

1	to the extent possible	Apr 8, 2011 8:19 PM
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Q10. The MA board effectively represents Monument Academy stakeholders.

2	I don't know enough to answer this question.	Apr 5, 2011 1:09 PM
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Q11. The MA Board communicates well.

1	Would like to see board meeting minutes sent in the weekly/monthly email.	Apr 21, 2011 7:44 PM
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2	I don't know enough to answer this question.	Apr 5, 2011 1:09 PM
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Q12. Changes continue to be made to improve the academic program.

1	Too many changes are happenly. I think the decisions are being made are too quickly.	Apr 18, 2011 2:18 PM
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2	I don't know enough to answer this question.	Apr 5, 2011 1:09 PM
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Q13. There are strategies in place for students with special needs, those at-risk of failure, and those not making reasonable progress.

1	I am frustrated by the refusal of D-38 to provide services for special-needs students. This is quite disturbing, and shows the lack of support from D-38 towards MA, despite the fact the school is excelling in many other areas.	Apr 8, 2011 8:14 AM
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2	I don't know enough to answer this question.	Apr 5, 2011 1:09 PM
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Q14. Discipline is handled appropriately.

1	Would like to see more accountability for core virtues	Apr 12, 2011 12:19 PM
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2	I witnessed more than one occasion where a child who apparently irritated the teacher was treated more harshly than others for The Same behaviors.	Apr 6, 2011 5:57 PM
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3	I don't know enough to answer this question.	Apr 5, 2011 1:09 PM
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Q15. The dress code is consistently enforced.

1	Love the fact that there ISN'T a dress code in preschool!	Apr 8, 2011 8:14 AM
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Q17. The Core Virtues are modeled by the faculty.

1	Less this year than in the past. Not as many backpack tickets being handed out.	Apr 12, 2011 10:39 AM
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Q20. I (we) would recommend Monument Academy as a first choice for other children eligible to attend.

1	I would recommend MA however, our school is full and they continue to take students.	Apr 18, 2011 2:18 PM
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2	It depends on whether the family had a special-needs student or not.	Apr 8, 2011 8:14 AM
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3	I have mixed thoughts about our experiences at MA. Some things are great while others cause concern. We will try it again next year and then reevaluate.	Apr 6, 2011 5:57 PM
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Q21. Additional comments or suggestions you have for Monument Academy:

1	Would like to see the Spanish classes taught as a 'real' class. My 2nd grader is capable of learning more. Although exposure is nice I would like to think they are actually learning something. Homework or flashcards for parents to help their student learn might be a nice touch. I would like to think that by middle school they will be getting a freshman level class.	Apr 21, 2011 7:44 PM
2	There should be more options for preschool. For example, there is not a 4-day per week option for preschool. We are paying for 4.5 days even though our student is only attending 4 days per week.	Apr 17, 2011 11:53 AM
3	Because we have to pay for pre-school, it would be nice to get reimbursed for the days we have no school due to snow delays or cancelations. I think we had 8 days this year that my 1/2 day pre-k student did not get to go to school because of snow...and we are having to pay for those days! Wish we could figure out a way to get those days (financially back). :O)	Apr 12, 2011 2:49 PM
4	CARPPOOL CONTINUES TO BE DIFFICULT, ESPECIALLY WITH ONE CHILD IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & ONE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL. ALSO, THE CHILDREN NEED A BIT LONGER TIME TO BUY & EAT THEIR LUNCH. MANY TIMES, BY THE TIME THEY GET THROUGH THE LINE TO BUY, THEY HAVE TO INHALE THEIR LUNCH, OR THROW IT OUT. THAT IS A WASTE OF OUR MONEY & MY CHILD ISN'T GETTING THE PROPER NUTRITION. LASTLY, THE CHILDREN NEED A REAL PLAYGROUND & RECESS AREA. IT IS A REAL SHAME THAT OVER 800 STUDENTS HAVE TO EXERCISE ON AN AREA THAT IS NO LARGER THAN A FEW PARKING SPACES. THEY NEED A LARGE FIELD & PLAY AREA TO RUN, JUMP, CLIMB, SKIP ROPE, ETC.	Apr 12, 2011 11:32 AM
5	Please work on the parking for drop off / pick up (I interviewed and considered moving to another school because of this) and communication with parents. At the beginning of the year it was non existent and I missed all informational meeting / announcements even though my child was enrolled months in advance of school year.	Apr 12, 2011 11:02 AM
6	Would like to see more space for preschoolers. Their outside playground and equipment is sub-par compared to "regular" schools, although the addition of a concrete pad to ride bicycles on is a real plus.	Apr 8, 2011 8:14 AM
7	Love the pre-school program	Apr 7, 2011 2:24 PM
8	Please set up some sort of grievance procedure where parents may air their concerns with regard to teachers.	Apr 6, 2011 5:57 PM
9	Start a recycling program.	Apr 6, 2011 9:37 AM
10	Great school! We feel very fortunate to be able to send our son there.	Apr 5, 2011 2:15 PM
11	I feel the preschool could be improved by having a parking area in the back of the school for preschool parents. Bringing students in/out around carpool is a stressful. The school handles it as best they can with the current facilities, but adding a lot for preschool would be a big improvement.	Apr 5, 2011 1:09 PM
12	Is there financial aid for the preschool?	Apr 5, 2011 11:38 AM