

## High School Parent Survey Comments 2013

2. **What is your level of satisfaction with your child's preparation for his/her next level of education?** Full Response
1. My Child should not be taught by any student teachers. [view](#)
  2. my daughter would like to be able to learn all she can and the school is just not offering [view](#)
  3. a straight A student shouldn't have "not ready for college math/science" indicated on his/her ACT report - step up math and science instruction
3. **What would your child say is his/her level of satisfaction in the education received in our schools?** Full Response
1. my daughter would love to take more than one core class and to learn a different language than Spanish, but when she tries to make that happen the school just turns her down
4. **What is your level of satisfaction with interactions you have observed between the teacher(s) and your student?** Full Response
1. A few are great role models and the others are so disconnected and seem to care less. [view](#)
  2. Just like any school/child/teacher relationship - some are better than others. It seems the teachers with less tenure are more difficult for the kids to get along with? I'm not sure why? [view](#)
  3. The geometry teacher does not seem to be helping my student [view](#)
  4. inparticular ms. simpson the 9th grade english teacher interacts very inappropriately with students
5. **What is your level of satisfaction with the appropriateness of discipline in our school?** Full Response
1. there was something stolen from a student at the school cost was over 75 dollars. the administrator that was informed refused to do anything about it. The administrator said sorry, I would not waist my time looking at the cameras. did not even inform the police of the theft. [view](#)
  2. your school rules are over rated

- 6. What is your level of satisfaction with parent involvement activities at your school this year? ie. Math Night, Watch DOGS, Learning Garden, Library Activities, etc.** Full Response
1. would like to see more [view](#)
  2. I'm not aware of many proactive parent involvement activities at AHS?
- 7. What is your level of satisfaction with parent/teacher conferences this year?** Full Response
1. need 2/year, 1st of each semester [view](#)
  2. i missed out, but have met w/ and talked w/ teachers at later dates by phone [view](#)
  3. We've had no parent/teacher conferences for our HS students in 2 years [view](#)
  4. Teachers have refused to talk with me. Even after complaining and meeting one time the teacher still has said one word through any form of communication all year. [view](#)
- 8. What is your level of satisfaction with our facilities?** Full Response
1. I wish we would put as much into our FFA program as is put into sports ! [view](#)
- 9. What is your level of satisfaction with Durham transportation services?** Full Response
1. My child does not ride the bus, so no opinion really. [view](#)
  2. there are too many children on my daughters bus, some kids have to sit in the isles [view](#)
  3. need seatbelts for our kids [view](#)
  4. not enough room for all students
- 10. What is your level of satisfaction with our food services?** Full Response

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|------------|--|----------------------|
| 1.         | food is unsatisfactory and not healthy   | <a href="#">view</a> |
| <b>12.</b> | <b>What is your level of satisfaction with classroom/technology tools available to your child?</b>   | Full<br>Response     |
| 1.         | would like to see computer work in every class   | <a href="#">view</a> |
| 2.         | don't know of any  | <a href="#">view</a> |
| <b>14.</b> | <b>What is your level of satisfaction with our campus and teacher websites?</b>  | Full<br>Response     |
|            | Core classes (at least) should have homework posted so parents can know their child should be doing something at home and not be left in the dark. They're still kids, and it seems that if homework is a problem for the teachers, clue in the parents. | <a href="#">view</a> |
| 1.         | something at home and not be left in the dark. They're still kids, and it seems that if homework is a problem for the teachers, clue in the parents.   |                      |
| 2.         | Campus website is great very informative & it would be nice if the teachers would keep their pages updated.  | <a href="#">view</a> |
| 3.         | some teachers do not take advantage of this option   |                      |
| <b>16.</b> | <b>Do you feel welcome in your child's classroom this year?</b>  | Full<br>Response     |
| 1.         | Never thought about going to HS classroom. But probably would be good.   | <a href="#">view</a> |
| 2.         | no experience in my child's classrooms   | <a href="#">view</a> |
| <b>17.</b> | <b>How safe does your child feel at school?</b>  | Full<br>Response     |
| 1.         | my child is safer at his/her own home then at AHS  | <a href="#">view</a> |
| 2.         | why no police anymore? this school is open, why don't we buzz to get in, no security at the front desk. We are country but need better safety for kids.  | <a href="#">view</a> |
| <b>18.</b> | <b>Are there certain areas of the school where your child does not feel safe? If so, where?</b>  | Full<br>Response     |

1. cafeteria [view](#)
  2. reports of drugs on campus, maybe in classrooms [view](#)
  3. most are equal unsafeness [view](#)
  4. early morning for sports
- 19. This school year, has your child had something stolen from his/her desk, backpack, locker, or other place at school?** Full Response
1. My daughter lost a jacket and someone did not turn it in and out right stole it. [view](#)
  2. earrings from the gym locker [view](#)
  3. athletics
- 20. How often has your child felt bullied at his/her school this year?** Full Response
1. Kids bully but the lack of communication to and from counselors is alarming.
- 21. Do you feel your child's school appropriately follows up on reports of abuse, theft, or bullying?** Full Response
1. Never had to report anything [view](#)
- 23. What would your child say is his/her favorite part of school?** Full Response
1. Lunch/last period [view](#)
  2. Don't know. [view](#)
  3. Friends, athletics, teachers. [view](#)
  4. Athletics [view](#)
  5. Band [view](#)

Athletics

6. It is unacceptable that they are given a 95 even when they go above  
And beyond. That is not a fair measure of participation/effort/team participation [view](#)
7. Social. Athletics. Chap team time. [view](#)
8. My child is a senior so the end of the day is most favorite. [view](#)
9. My child enjoys the socialization. [view](#)
10. Athletics [view](#)
11. He enjoys his spanish class very much. [view](#)
12. socializing [view](#)
13. classes [view](#)
14. Band class [view](#)
15. FFA program, [view](#)
16. Athletics [view](#)
17. Dual credit classes [view](#)
18. lunch [view](#)
19. Algebra class [view](#)
20. band [view](#)
21. Technology [view](#)
22. ONE IS ALGEBRA THE OTHER IS ATHLETICS ... [view](#)
23. nothing [view](#)
24. Honestly the sporting events, prom and social interaction with her friends. [view](#)

25. lunch [view](#)
26. football and baseball [view](#)
27. Friendships and Band [view](#)
28. Basketball, Ms. Knowles from Chemistry class last year, UIL, Acadec, Accounting. He loves Aubrey High school although he thinks he needs higher expectations put on him. [view](#)
29. none [view](#)
30. School activities [view](#)
31. Ag, Mr. Yarbrough is a great role model and you can tell he enjoys the kids and his job. [view](#)
32. activities that keep them engaged with other students and give them a chance to participate. [view](#)
33. nothing [view](#)
34. none of it [view](#)
35. Dismissal [view](#)
36. Athletic complex [view](#)
37. leaving [view](#)
38. His off periods [view](#)
39. Being with her friends. [view](#)
40. . [view](#)
41. ? [view](#)
42. classes,college on campus, athletics [view](#)
43. Athletics [view](#)

44. lunch [view](#)
45. athletics [view](#)
46. friends in extra curricular activities [view](#)
47. Social [view](#)
48. band [view](#)
49. Going home was her exact words. [view](#)
50. Band [view](#)
51. band [view](#)
52. extracurricular activities [view](#)
53. Band and Theater programs [view](#)
54. Some teachers and programs. [view](#)
55. Athletics and physics [view](#)
56. extra curricular, Ms. Dooley's class [view](#)
57. nothing [view](#)
58. Going to lunch, seeing friends, geometry class and art class. [view](#)
59. Being involved in the athletics program. [view](#)
60. Science and Spanish [view](#)
61. Athletics and the camaraderie he has with his team mates [view](#)
62. Getting out early [view](#)
63. certain teachers [view](#)

**24. From your perspective, what are some of the strengths of our school?**

Full  
Response

1. outside activities [view](#)
2. Sports. [view](#)
3. There are a lot of great teachers but they need more resources. [view](#)
4. Extra curricular activities. [view](#)
5. Good educational focus [view](#)
6. Seemingly great teachers. Especially greg lortz. Always available to students and parents. [view](#)
7. Parental involvement. Teacher support. School board. [view](#)
8. The teachers are awesome as well as the office staff. [view](#)
9. Special programs: FCCLA, Athletics, Aca-Dec, UIL, Ag, etc. [view](#)
10. Community [view](#)
11. High level of academic expectation, tutoring availabilitiy for students, on top of attendance, etc. [view](#)
12. Excellent counseling on academics/ great communication between counselor and parent, love counselor newsletter...very informative. [view](#)
13. The students you have that go to state in education and music. We all like sports, but how many students have received a full ride or even a partial ride (80-95%)for playing football, basketball, volleyball, etc? I have seen/heard where majority of students receiving this type of recognition are those in band, UIL academics...not sports. [view](#)
14. good comunication [view](#)
15. Mr. Lortz a big help if you need it in math, he puts so much time in with the students who choose to come in. [view](#)
16. Dual credit courses offered, Mrs. Holloway is outstanding. [view](#)



17. Some teachers that actually care about the kids and their success. [view](#)
18. none [view](#)
19. Parent/teacher involvement [view](#)
20. School is very helpful. [view](#)
21. We like the dual credit classes. [view](#)
22. COMMUNICATION WITH COACH SKINNY AND MRS ZATOPEK IS PHENOMINAL [view](#)
23. nothing yall suck [view](#)
24. I LOVE the dress code enforced at the school.  
Susan Holloway has also been TERRIFIC in helping with college preparation, university information, applying for college, and financial aid. Above and beyond! [view](#)
25. You can see that the teachers and staff really seem to care about the kids in Aubrey. [view](#)
26. Mr. Mulkey is very good with the kids [view](#)
27. You teach the students how to pass the standardized tests. [view](#)
28. Ms. Holloway, Mr. Mukley are great and true professionals! What I love about Aubrey High School is there is a culture of genuine care for our kids and community. [view](#)
29. none [view](#)
30. None [view](#)
31. Communication. Office staff is top notch. [view](#)
32. sense of community, focus on positive educational experience, lack of any real problems seen in big schools (guns, violence, drugs). [view](#)
33. well the school looks nice but thats really all [view](#)
34. nothing [view](#)

35. Good teachers and faculty [view](#)
36. Dress Code [view](#)
37. athletics [view](#)
38. The devoted teachers [view](#)
39. Teacher/Student Interactions [view](#)
40. . [view](#)
41. ? [view](#)
42. great uil participation and really dedicated uil coaches [view](#)
43. Facilities and academics [view](#)
44. i have seen none [view](#)
45. some of the courses offered [view](#)
46. Good communication. Friendly staff willing to help the kids excel. Some excellent teachers: Mr. Lortz, Mrs. Noles, Mrs. Winbrough, Mr. Yarbrough, Mr. Jackson, Mrs. Pelzel! [view](#)
47. Semi small campus [view](#)
48. no comment [view](#)
49. For the most part the teachers seem to be good and care. [view](#)
50. Personal connection between students and teachers. [view](#)
51. teachers [view](#)
52. teachers [view](#)
53. Band Program, used to be theater [view](#)

54. Some teachers. The counselor is great. Mrs. Pelzel is great. [view](#)
55. It appears that U focus on education, however some of the teachers focus on instructing not teaching. [view](#)
56. Office staff being helpful, discipline seems to have improved with the new AP, dresscode leaves alot to the imagination (thank goodness) [view](#)
57. nothing [view](#)
58. keeping grounds clean [view](#)
59. SMall, personalble, kids are not a "number" they are known. Students have several opportunities to have one on one help if needed. [view](#)
60. There are a hand full of staff and administrators that seem to care about the emotional physical and educational wellbeing of the students. Another strength is the retirement of the district superintendant [view](#)
61. Still having that small town sense of community. [view](#)
62. Strict [view](#)
63. math, science, availablity of advanced classes [view](#)
- 25. From your perspective, what are some areas that our school needs to improve upon?** Full  
Response
1. Budgets [view](#)
2. Getting better teachers. [view](#)
3. School should go year round. The wasted time in summer is why America is slipping in international rankings and performance. Quit using funding as an excuse and quit comparing Aubrey ISD to only regional or TX schools. Compare and research about Europe or Asia and implement new creative methods. Our current system was designed in the early 1900's it is time for an overhaul. Don't wait on the U.S. or state government using funding as an excuse. [view](#)
4. Allowing access to more websites from the school computers; offer transportation for before and after school program participants. Teacher use of the parent portal. Teacher preparedness. [view](#)

5. My child has been failing on several occasions yet I have never had contact from a teacher. [view](#)  
  
Offer more diverse culture. Seems too small city small minded. I know it's Texas and there is  
A huge emphasis on sports and scholarships
6. With sports but education has to come first and when athletics are involved that does not seem to be the Case [view](#)  
  
Need to change 6th grade lunch to later. Lunch at 1045 is too early. Kids are starving at 330. Hungry kids can't learn. Discipline should be equal for all children. Need to allow kids that are in after school competitive sports greater than 6 hrs per week be allowed to opt out of PE. [view](#)
8. I think the high school is doing a great job with our kids. Keep up the good work. [view](#)
9. Drug awareness programs, students leaving campus without permission [view](#)
10. To open to visitors not checking in the front office [view](#)
11. Improve in the area of more options for elective courses for both High School and Middle School. More art classes, add soccer to athletics, maybe French classes, etc. [view](#)
12. The front area is not safe, as anyone can walk in the double doors and an office staff may never see them to have them check in or visit the office. Would love to see more security. There seems to be a thorough inspection of nametags, but the design and openness lends itself to anyone walking in with a weapon. [view](#)
13. Being a high school, for concerts, plays, competitions, graduation, the school truly needs a true auditorium and larger band hall. Instead of building the practice gym, the band hall could have been extended or you could have built an auditorium. [view](#)
14. more funding and teachers for band. Need a Soccer team [view](#)
15. i will need to come back to this one later [view](#)
16. Additional help in the guidance department. [view](#)
17. Math teachers that actually help their students succeed, give tests that cover material that was actually taught in class. Physics teacher that knows the material he is trying to teach and has methods to teach the students. Students do not need to be teaching themselves the material and trying to [view](#)

figure out how to guess the best on the "tests".

18. every thing [view](#)

19. Lunch menu [view](#)

20. I think the school needs more security, very unhappy they do not have SRO anymore. [view](#)

21. Drugs are rampant from the middle school through the high school. Drug deals go down everyday in the halls and locker bays. There are students actually doing drugs in the classrooms. [view](#)

22. AG DEPARTMENT, MY SON IS NOT TAKING IT NEXT YEAR AS HE SAYS ALL THEY DO IS SIT IN CLASS AND DO NOTHING, THEY EVEN WENT TO A LAB TO READ ABOUT TOOLS INSTEAD OF GOING IN SHOP AND ACTUALLY LEARNING ABOUT THEM. HE HAS BEEN IN FFA FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND LAST YEAR THE GAME CHANGED AND TOLD HIM HE COULDN'T SHOW IN DENTON AFTER HAD ALREADY BOUGHT ANIMAL FOR THAT SHOW... HAD TO TAKE A HUGE LOSS AS HE IS NOT A BIG SHOW KINDA ANIMAL..... ASKED FOR HELP SELLING AND NOTHING FROM THE AG TEACHERS AT ALL IN THIS REGARD. WE ARE STILL DONATING TO THE FFA SALE AND WILL PROBABLY BUY AN ANIMAL FOR FREEZER, HOWEVER, WE WILL NOT BE INVOLVED WITH OUR CHILD ANY LONGER.. WE ARE IN A RURAL AREA AND SHOULD FOCUS ON THESE ACTIVITIES NOT JUST FOOTBALL, BASEBALL....NOW I ALSO HAVE ONE VERY GOOD IN ATHLETICS AND DOESN'T CARE ABOUT AGRICULTURE, BUT SEE A REAL HOLE IN THIS AREA... [view](#)

23. yall suck [view](#)

I am sure you will get bombarding with this, but in light of the violence in schools this year I find absolutley ABSURD that there is no SRO. This is beyond ridiculous in my opinion. I am sure if you had a bond election it would pass with flying colors to add a SRO if it is about money. [view](#)

24. Also the school needs to expand it's extra curricular activities (Tennis, Soccer, Choir, Orchestra to name a few). There is a VERY narrow window for student involment outside of just the absolute basic extra curriculars. [view](#)

I would love grades to be in parent portal within a week of the assignment. It is hard for my child to truly understand consequences and ramifications of his actions or lack thereof when he grades show up several weeks after the assignment is due, in most of his classes. There needs to be a quicker turnaround if teachers want to the kids to make the connection that THE STUDENT earns their grades. It's impossible for a teenager to truly comprehend that weeks later. [view](#)

26. dont know [view](#)

27. If a student is not turning in work etc.... The parent needs to be notified or the student should fail the course. Grades magically improve at report card time or eligibility time. [view](#)
- TOO MUCH EMPHASIS ON ATHLETICS!! Too much time is taken away from academics. We are in a society that needs to compete globally and not all our children are going to college or professional athletes. I worry about taking our kids out of class to attend all these baseball games and then track in the same day to miss several classroom hours in one week not to mention getting home past midnight.
28. When do they have time to do homework? We also need to teach our kids about personal finances such as having a bank account, building credit. Also basic automotive maintenance. Basic life skills such as these should be taught in the high school grade level. Why is there a "free" period? That time should be used wisely. [view](#)
29. Develop more math teachers like Lortz. Fire all of the boys coaching staff and start over. Quit accepting the status quo as good enough..... [view](#)
- The biggest is attitude. The teachers and coaches are all so negative towards the students. They need mentors and good role models.
30. - Second, lack of school spirit. Teachers, coaches, administration, even the students don't care about having pride in their school. [view](#)
- Need new Superintendent with fresh and new ideas!!! Someone NOT from Aubrey. Someone who will care about the schools and students.
31. Fine Arts...band equipment and necessities need to be in better condition [view](#)
- main leadership positions at the jr. high and high school. just because someone has had a managerial position for an extended period of time, does not mean they've been doing the best job.
32. administrators that are detached from students/parents and are only interested in funding or policy. [view](#)
33. teaching [view](#)
34. everything [view](#)
35. The new school bells [view](#)
36. Dress Code, Food, [view](#)
37. dress code [view](#)
38. The organization and college information. [view](#)

39. Accessibility of the school, you can walk in the front and go wherever you want with noone to stop you. :( [view](#)
40. communication, [view](#)
41. ? [view](#)
42. better communication from athletics --not just telling students, but communicating with parents [view](#)
- Providing a continual support system to help our athletic program compete at a high level. We should
43. decide if we are wanting competative sports to compete well or a program that tries to be everything to everybody. [view](#)
44. there education system, offer more for the high schoolers so that they can have more options, instead of being forced to take a class they don't want to [view](#)
45. need to offer more course options and an rotc program [view](#)
- I feel that some of the best kids are punished for participating in UIL events and such. They have to have homework done before they leave, which means sometimes the kids are teaching themselves. These kids make the school look good. They are also responsible enough to make the work up.
46. Homework is also excessive at times, which discourages smart kids from taking these classes, fearing a decline in their GPA and not having enough time to complete it due to extracurricular demands. They should be encouraged to challenge themselves. I feel harder classes such as Pre-AP classes should count more in the GPA calculations. I find 3 hour detentions for minor infractions excessive. School does not need to start before 8 o'clock! [view](#)
47. Food services [view](#)
48. need more funding and support from the district for the band program, need improved technology [view](#)
49. It would be nice to have available tutors that parents can hire when kids are falling behind and not able to understand even when school tutoring is not enough. [view](#)
50. Technology - Allowing and encouraging student use of technology in classrooms  
Facilities - Build an auditorium for concerts, plays, awards ceremonies, etc. [view](#)
51. not sure [view](#)

52. math instruction [view](#)
- Vastly improve funding of programs at a satisfactory level to compete with other schools. Increased staffing to give students more options and electives and relieve some of the stress of the classroom.
53. Additional support staff such as a full time Assistant Principal and additional counselors!! Our school is given very little to support the students we have. We need more teachers in the classroom, and more funds for our programs to be successful. [view](#)
54. Leadership needs to improve. [view](#)
55. Consistency, actual teacher involvement in some cases, teacher that earn reflect rather than demand it. [view](#)
- Having an SRO! It would make parents and students feel better. Teachers working with students when they have excused absences OR giving students the work BEFORE their scheduled absence when they request it from the teacher. [view](#)
56. [view](#)
57. ATHLETICS [view](#)
58. dress code, teachers, education, better safety, athletics, more friendly office staff etc [view](#)
- Some teachers need to be more engaged with the students. WE had an issue with a teacher where she VERY rarely gave back papers and in trying to help my son at home to figure where he was having an issue was very hard and when approached the teacher she basically told me she didn;t have time to give back work. I felt it was difficult to help my son where his weaknesses were if we couldn't go over poorly graded papers. [view](#)
59. [view](#)
- Hiring a SRO, Hiring a high school principle that is honest and will enforce school policy. Getting rid of CSCOPE. Do a better job preparing students for life and college and not just to pass a test. Random drug tests including all athletes even if you lose half your football team. [view](#)
60. [view](#)
61. front door security and locking all classroom doors when classes are in session [view](#)
62. Math programs, favoritism, and three hour detentions(ridiculous) [view](#)
63. need soccer!! NEED SECURITY!!! [view](#)