

Exit Interview Responses

May – November 2007

Total Number of Surveys Returned

142

Survey Question	Great	Good	Fair	Poor
1. Rate your experience	47%	41%	11%	<1%
2. Rate the school's curriculum	56%	36%	7%	<1%
3. Rate your child's teachers	54%	40%	5%	<1%
4. Rate your experience with the administration	61%	33%	5%	<1%

5. Did you feel your child was safe?

98% Yes 2% No

6. How do you receive information about events, activities, at the school?

Newsletters, signs, phone calls, e-mails, notes, newspaper, Wavelink, website, child, teacher/principal contact, school newspaper, assemblies

7. How would you improve communication between home and school?

Email, Home Contacts, conferences, both parents receive communication, teacher website, e-letters

8. Please make one recommendation to improve the Tupelo Schools.

Improve discipline, better parking, meals, more security, divide the high school, smaller class sizes for all grades, better communication from transportation, school prayer, less homework, stricter discipline, more ways for children to participate, security/safety, more teachers, personal connections, teacher websites, grades access online, attendance office, incorporate religion, take care of bullies, metal detectors, and enforce dress code.

9. What one thing within the Tupelo School District should remain unchanged and protected?

Security for students, curriculum, high expectations, advanced classes, school spirit, art, music, challenge classes, friendly teachers, after school programs, closeness between teachers/students, bright atmosphere, colorful buildings, tuition program, good atmosphere, caring attitude, excellent facilities, guards, strong rules of conduct, quality teachers, communication between teachers and parents, school policies, school spirit, excellent facilities, and security.

10. Given the opportunity, would you re-enroll your child in the Tupelo schools?

86% Yes

8% No

No Response/maybe 6%

Additional Comments.....

THS

- *"my son loved going to school here"*
- *"I had one child who did well at THS, and one who did not"*
- *The personal touch was outstanding for a school this big*
- *We had a good experience here, my son just needed a smaller environment*
- *THS reminds me of the school I attended 25 years ago, it has a wonderful feel to it*
- *It was a rough year*
- *Too many drugs*

Pierce

- *No problems, very stable environment, everyone very helpful*

Lawhon

- *I love this school*

Milam

- *We have truly enjoyed our time here*

Lawndale

- *Instead of bus stops, there should be sidewalks added to streets – e.g. subdivisions*
- *One parent commented that her child was not removed from TPSD due to any faults with the district. Her child tends to feed off the other children's negative behaviors and she wanted him in a school with very limited class size and fewer negative influences.*

TMS

- *Thank you very much for helping and being there for my child.*
- *Thank you for sharing in the education of my child.*

Rankin

- *Left Rankin due to family move*

Exit Interview Responses

December, 2007 – May, 2008

Total Number of Surveys Returned 44

Survey Question	Great	Good	Fair	Poor
1. Rate your experience	57%	30%	10%	<1%
2. Rate the school's curriculum	52%	36%	20%	<1%
3. Rate your child's teachers	40%	59%	10%	<1%
4. Rate your experience with the administration	41%	44%	10%	<1%

5. Did you feel your child was safe?

90% Yes 10 % No

6. How do you receive information about events, activities, at the school?

Newsletters, phone calls, e-mails, notes, newspaper

7. How would you improve communication between home and school?

Keep website updated and make it more user friendly, e-mail, Home Contacts, conferences, both parents receive communication, teacher/school website, e-letters

8. Please make one recommendation to improve the Tupelo Schools.

Teach Latin, focus on classical education, less homework, stricter discipline, more events for SPED children, hands on involvement, more caring administration, Some teachers have bad attitudes, less school re-districting, no homework on Wednesday nights, more fair, improve bus routes, discipline

9. What one thing within the Tupelo School District should remain unchanged and protected?

Closeness between students, parents and teachers, spirit, tuition, activities, open door policy, friendly and helpful atmosphere, class size

10. Given the opportunity, would you re-enroll your child in the Tupelo schools?

88% Yes 10% No

Additional Comments.....

- *Thanks for all your help*
- *I'm not mad at anyone. This is best for my daughter.*

Exit Interview Summary

- *We enjoyed our experiences.*
- *The school or system really needs to support activities that any student is engaged or involved in outside of school. Show their support by working with the parents to work out a schedule that will fit the child's needs. Especially if the child is doing something positive.*
- *Thank you for caring for my children.*