

# North Country Charter Academy 2008-2009 Parent Survey Totals

Total Number of Surveys: **27**

Gender: **16** Male **11** Female

| Age |           |
|-----|-----------|
| 14  | <b>0</b>  |
| 15  | <b>2</b>  |
| 16  | <b>4</b>  |
| 17  | <b>13</b> |
| 18  | <b>4</b>  |
| 19  | <b>2</b>  |
| 20  | <b>1</b>  |
| 21  | <b>1</b>  |

| Time at NCCA     |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| 3 years          | <b>0</b>  |
| 2-1/2 years      | <b>3</b>  |
| 2 years          | <b>6</b>  |
| 1-1/2 years      | <b>1</b>  |
| 1 year           | <b>5</b>  |
| Less than 1 year | <b>11</b> |
| Unstated         | <b>1</b>  |
|                  |           |

1. My child likes being at NCCA

- Everyday **13**
- Most days **14**
- Some days **0**
- Rarely **0**
- Never **0**

2. The standards and work at NCCA are

- Much too difficult **0**
- Difficult **1**
- Just Right **25**
- Too Easy **0**
- Much Too Easy **1**

3. How satisfied are you with your child's academic progress?

- Very Satisfied **18**
- Satisfied **7**
- Somewhat dissatisfied **2**
- Dissatisfied **0**

4. The teachers at NCCA care about my child and how well he/she does

- A lot **27**
- Somewhat **0**
- Not very much **0**
- Not at all **0**

5. The teachers at NCCA are available and willing to help my child

- Whenever he/she needs it **24**
- Most of the time **3**
- Sometimes **0**
- Rarely **0**
- Never **0**

**(Comment: "Teachers went out of their way to be helpful anytime the kids needed them. Excellent support!!")**

6. How often do you speak to your child's teacher? \_\_\_\_\_ times per quarter
- None **4**
  - Occasionally **5**
  - 1 to 5 times **11**
  - Often / Several **3**
  - 6 to 10 times **2**
  - More than 10 **1**

7. Do you think that enrolling your child at NCCA will help him/her to graduate?
- Yes **27**
  - No **0**

**Comment: "NCCA is the only reason that my child graduated."**

8. Is it easy to make appointments with NCCA staff?
- Definitely Agree **21**
  - Agree **6**
  - Disagree **0**
  - Strongly Disagree **0**

9. Would you recommend NCCA to other parents?
- Yes **26**
  - No **0**

**Comment: " I have recommended the school."  
" Best thing we ever did."**

10. How much are you learning at NCCA compared to what you learned at your last school?
- A lot harder than his/her other school **0**
  - Somewhat harder than his/her other school **4**
  - No harder than his/her other school **15**
  - Somewhat easier than his/her other school **5**
  - A lot easier than his/her other school **3**

**Comment: "The expectations of my daughter are higher."**

11. My child's level of effort at NCCA is
- Very High **8**
  - Somewhat High **17**
  - Somewhat Low **2**
  - A Low Lower than his/her other school **0**

12. How often do you discuss school with your child?
- Everyday **15**
  - Often **11**
  - Sometimes **1**
  - Occasionally **0**
  - Rarely **0**
  - Never **0**

13. What do you like most about NCCA?

- **Small Group**
- **That the child realizes that it is all up to her/him self as to work/grades!**
- **The way they strive to help kids reach their goals.**
- **Jennie Richardson. All of the staff and the entire program.**
- **My son has a better feeling about himself.**
- **I like that Andrew can also work while in school. I also am very happy with Andrews's progress, attitude and effort. The Charter school has given him an opportunity to succeed. As a matter of fact I am hoping my son Thomas will be able to attend Charter School next fall.**
- **My daughter has many allergies to molds, perfumes and all scented items, she was unable to go to regular school because of this and the Charter School works with us.**
- **The fact that my son likes it – he has never liked going to any previous schools.**
- **Kids know what is expected. Follow the rules or don't go! Tough love!**
- **They can advance as fast as they like. They don't have to compete with the others. The staff was great.**
- **More relaxed / Less distractions**
- **That the work is done per individual and is more organized and at child's own pace.**
- **The staff and how they help the students when they need it.**
- **More 1 on 1 with our child.**
- **It will allow my daughter to graduate.**
- **It gave my child another alternative to regular school. He never would have graduated from regular high school.**
- **The interaction with parents, teachers, principal and students.**
- **Developing discipline with my own son is noticeable. Opportunity – need more paper to explain.**
- **The kids seem to get along better without all the tensions and drama of being in a regular high school and they get right down to learning and continue all year.**
- **Has given my daughter a sense of accomplishment and hope for a better future.**
- **The willingness to work out problems to achieve the goal of the child getting an education.**
- **The people were very nice. They helped my child get his diploma.**
- **Staff is always available, treats the students as individuals, begin program at students level then challenges, extremely caring of students and family meets my sons needs.**
- **The willingness to succeed and move forward.**

14. What are your concerns about NCCA?

- **None**
- **None**
- **My daughter graduates this year. However I am concerned about the school's future and the future of other student's who could benefit by attending NCCA.**
- **That it won't always be available for children who need it.**
- **Nothing.**
- **That it might close. I feel it would be a tragic loss if the Charter School was not available to these children.**
- **I wish that for children that are over achievers that the courses offered would be more academically challenging.**
- **That NCCA will continue to be funded so they can continue to help "at risk" teens to graduate high school.**

- That it would not be around for other students and or parents.
- None.
- Only that they are allowed to continue.
- None at this time.
- I hope they can continue the program. It is a necessity.
- Funding will not always be available to them. This school has enabled my son to graduate and feel successful.
- It is a shorter day, some kids can't deal with the regular school hours.
- Are they going to stay open?
- I am worried that they won't get funded to operate in coming years.
- I have no concerns! Our experience with NCCA was positive in every way. I am more than grateful for this program and how it helped my child.
- That the NH School board may not see how wonderful and absolutely necessary the school really is.
- I really don't have any other than that I hope a lot more kids are able to attend because I know if I had not found NCCA my daughter probably would have quit school.
- Worried it will close.
- That funding will be decreased causing them to decrease their services to the community and children.
- None.
- I don't think it would be good to close this school. Lots of kids would drop out.

15. List one suggestion you have for improving NCCA.

- None except to continue each year.
- Nothing.
- I believe they are doing a wonderful job already.
- Provide transportation for all students who need it. I now have 2 children to graduate from NCCA without this school I am not so sure they would have graduated. Thank you for being there for my children.
- I feel that the way the school is run is should stay that way.
- The NCCA should have the chance to open more campuses. I feel it is very important to have alternative education resources. Not every person can be in a high school atmosphere for 8 hours a day and learn. High school is a very distracting..Andrew has already learned more at charter than he learned in his two years at White Mountains Regional High School.
- Offer some college level classes or advanced placement classes.
- More reading and writing assignments.
- More seats for more kids.
- I thought NCCA was great. My child would not have graduated if it hadn't been for this school. I think there is a lot more out there who could benefit from it too. Where the other schools there is too many and they don't concentrate on what should be done, they are in school too long and get bored with it.
- At home access could expedite the time for some students to achieve their goals this would open another seat to a needing student.
- That the work setup goes back to having a 2 week program so the work is laid out and a time frame given. This would seem to be a more effective method as most kids lack organizational skills.
- Keep the kids longer.
- N/A
- Transportation.

- **I am sure any program could use improvements, but I honestly can not think of any. My daughter graduated from NCCA. Without this program I can say she would still be a high school drop out. The teachers and principal worked very closely with us as parents and we spoke regularly to be sure of Chelsea's success. Chelsea enjoyed going to school at NCCA. I did not have to struggle to get her there as I did everyday with the high school. It was a positive experience all the way around. Thank you NCCA!**
- **More funding also ability to monitor and adjust and track GPA! Keep Charter Open.**
- **There should be more of them.**
- **Offer more sessions to accommodate for students who may not be able to attend during the normal day schedules.**
- **I am very pleased with everything with this school, I feel gratitude towards the experience my son had there. I feel this school is more appropriate for students who do not succeed in an overpopulated public school. My son may have not graduated if it wasn't for NCCA.**
- **Not giving such a hard time about missing a day. I feel even if my child is sick I have to send him in to school.**
- **Transportation.**
- **If possible I would like to see more locations. I have told many people with children who would benefit from the school, and they have told me they can't get into the school because it is full.**