

STUDENT SURVEYS

North Country Charter Academy 2008-2009 Student Survey Totals

Total Number of Surveys: 43

Gender: 26 Male 17 Female

Age	
14	1
15	2
16	5
17	23
18	7
19	1
20	2
21	2

Time at NCCA	
3 years	1
2-1/2 years	3
2 years	11
1-1/2 years	1
1 year	11
Less than 1 year	13
Unstated	2

- I like being at NCCA
 - Everyday that I was there **20**
 - Most days that I was there **20**
 - Some days that I was there **3**
 - Rarely when I was there **0**
 - Never **0**
- How satisfied are you with your academic progress at NCCA?
 - Very satisfied **27**
 - Satisfied **15**
 - Somewhat dissatisfied **1**
 - Dissatisfied **0**
 - Very dissatisfied **0**
- My level of effort at NCCA is
 - Very high **21**
 - Somewhat high **20**
 - Neither high nor low **2**
 - Somewhat low **0**
 - A lot lower than at my last school **0**
- The teachers at NCCA care about how well I do
 - A lot **38**
 - Somewhat **4**
 - Not very much **1**
 - Not at all **0**

5. The teachers are available and willing to help
 - Whenever I need **32**
 - Most of the time **10**
 - Sometimes **1**
 - Occasionally **0**
 - Rarely **0**
 - Never **0**

6. How much responsibility are students given for their own learning at NCCA?
 - Far too much responsibility **1**
 - Too much responsibility **2**
 - Just the right amount of responsibility **40**
 - Too little responsibility **0**
 - Far too little responsibility **0**

7. The work at NCCA is
 - A lot harder than my other school **0**
 - Somewhat harder than at my last school **11**
 - No harder than my last school **20**
 - Somewhat easier than my last school **11**
 - A lot easier than my last school **3**

8. The teachers at NCCA are
 - Much better than in my last school **27**
 - Somewhat better than in my last school **11**
 - No better than in my last school **3**
 - Somewhat worse than in my last school **1**

9. The NCCA classroom is (check all that apply)
 - High – tech **17**
 - Great looking **25**
 - Very attractive **8**
 - Not very attractive **3**
 - Old fashioned **3**
 - Stimulating **12**
 - Dull **8**
 - Comfortable **26**
 - Uncomfortable **3**

10. Would you recommend NCCA to other students?
 - Yes **43**
 - No **0**

11. How much are you learning at NCCA compared to what you learned at your last school?
 - I learn far less at NCCA **1**
 - I learn less at NCCA **1**
 - I learn about the same at both schools **7**
 - I learn more at NCCA **18**
 - I learn a lot more at NCCA **16**

12. What are the things you like most about NCCA?

- **That I could advance by myself.**
- **The hours and the business end of the school, I was there to finish and that is what I did!**
- **The staff was more supportive and helpful compared to my old school. I learned more at NCCA in the short time I was there than all the time I spent at my old school.**
- **The way the education is helping me learn better.**
- **I like the classes how I only go for 3 hours. No homework.**
- **It is easy to do my work.**
- **It is 3 hours.**
- **Flexibility. Puts the responsibility of the students education in the student.**
- **That I can have a job and work during the week.**
- **That everyone is a lot nicer than my old school and the environment is a lot better also.**
- **The environment working by yourself doing your own thing.**
- **I can take my time on my work. I don't have to try keeping up with the entire class. I also like that the teachers are always there to help.**
- **Not cluttered, awesome people. The three hours are easy and very comfortable.**
- **How work is done at my own pace, and that it is a quiet work environment.**
- **What I like most about NCCA is it is only 3 hours and I can get my work done. Also if I can't do an online program they do anything to find me another way of learning.**
- **No drama! Come in do your work and leave! Most of all, I like the teachers and the way they interact with the students! How much they actually care!!!!**
- **Not having as many students, no talking makes it easier to work, only going for 3 hours a day is less to deal with, no homework.**
- **Move faster than normal school.**
- **How structured it is. Number of people in my class. How helpful the teachers are.**
- **I like that no matter the circumstances I am able to get a diploma compared to the fact that my last school had no hopes of my graduation.**
- **Three hours, no annoying people, computers, pause buttons, no notes for tests**
- **Being able to work at my own pace and being away from a traditional high school**
- **There is independence in what I do and I am not annoyed with teachers**
- **The teachers, on the computer**
- **Learn at own pace**
- **I get to work at my own pace.**
- **I don't have any teachers talking. They do help when we ask at NCCA.**
- **I work on my own and the only time I am bothered is when I ask for help.**
- **Get done quicker.**
- **I like being able to work at my own pace.**
- **The quietness. The help you get. It is all on computers.**
- **You only go for 3 hours but you get to go to work.**
- **The scheduling.**
- **Everyone is quiet and working, no drama, there is always help if wanted, it is a better environment for me to be in, rather than at WMRHS.**
- **Everything.**
- **I like the fact that you can work at your own pace, also that you are not in an environment with the teachers that are not your case all the time at NCCA they are here to help.**
- **Going at your own pace and early graduation.**
- **It's fast.**
- **You never have to read out loud or get called on and you get help whenever you need it.**
- **They give us the work and we have to do it at our own pace.**
- **The bus ride.**
- **You work independently at your own pace. It is only three hours and how much you can get done.**

13. What are the things you dislike the most about NCCA?

- **The ride over there!**
- **Nothing.**
- **I can't recall anything I disliked at NCCA.**
- **I fall asleep sometimes cause the room is so silent.**
- **Nothing.**
- **The seats.**
- **Nothing.**
- **My back is turned to everyone all the time.**
- **Not talking.**
- **Nothing.**
- **Not much.**
- **There is nothing I dislike.**
- **Nothing.**
- **That we are not allowed to communicate with one another although the reason for that is understood.**
- **Like everything.**
- **Nothing!**
- **Not having at least a 10 minute break each day. Other than that I love the school.**
- **No talking to other people.**
- **I wish there could be a little less computer work.**
- **I am a student who loves school, loves to learn, read, and be challenged, this school is great for those who just want to graduate not be challenged. I used to love taking AP classes but now I have to settle for the next best thing they can offer.**
- **Can't change classes in January, more strict about dress code, being late by 2 minutes, nothing else but water at desks, no breaks for food, no music**
- **Not being there all day**
- **Teachers**
- **I don't dislike anything about NCCA**
- **There is nothing I don't like about NCCA.**
- **It is real quiet.**
- **Get bored and no talking.**
- **I don't like all the work.**
- **The chairs.**
- **Nothing I like it.**
- **All the rules.**
- **Sometimes students will act up, the computers kick you off PLATO a lot, no music. I think you should be able to listen to music if you are getting work done, our progressions is kept rack of anyway.**
- **Nothing.**
- **Honestly, I can not really think of anything bad to say about this place.**
- **Certain policies – Mr. K.**
- **You can't talk to people.**
- **The computers shutting down everyday and the new Plato.**
- **The fact that there is no talking.**
- **Nothing.**
- **Not being able to listen to music because I concentrate better with music.**

14. What one change would you make to NCCA?

- **I liked NCCA so much I would not change a thing.**
- **Nothing.**
- **Nothing.**
- **More of an interactive learning program other than the computer.**
- **Nothing. But it would be nice to see more schools.**
- **Soft seats.**
- **Nothing.**
- **Music allowance.**
- **More talking.**
- **Nothing.**
- **Graduate.**
- **I wouldn't change anything.**
- **Nothing.**
- **Less strict rules.**
- **Nothing.**
- **Nothing!**
- **I wouldn't change anything.**
- **That half would be computer work, and the other half would be papers/bookwork...etc.**
- **Besides the fact that classes are easy, I wouldn't change _____, this school is great for those in need of a diploma.**
- **More field trips, bigger school, more fun (come on I mean everyone doesn't need everyday to work)**
- **Make classes longer**
- **More off line activities**
- **The walls are too white. They need color.**
- **Noise level.**
- **Talking / food and drink.**
- **Being able to talk.**
- **Get computer chairs for the desks.**
- **Have breaks so you could eat some food.**
- **For the teachers to lighten up.**
- **You could listen to music as long as you are not disrupting others and you are doing your work.**
- **Smoke breaks.**
- **The only change I would make is that if you were hungry you could bring in a snack.**
- **Replace Mr. K, allow music, allow food.**
- **You can talk to people.**
- **Plato.**
- **The attendance policy. Not remove it all together but be a little more lenient.**
- **More students.**
- **Being able to listen to music.**

Additional Comments:

- **I am now a school bus driver within my old school district and I am also a volunteer within my community. I have referred NCCA to both parents and adult students in hopes of more local students completing high school. NCCA has made great improvements in lessening our drop out rate.**