

During the survey portion of the research, participants were asked to circle the numbers for the five items in each survey category that they saw as most essential in public education. Below are the Top 5 responses by survey category.

TOP 5 RESPONSES BY SURVEY CATEGORY

MIDDLE SCHOOL (32 survey items)

SUPERINTENDENTS

More focus on active/engaged learning techniques in all middle school classes
More rigorous curriculum to prepare students for high school
Smaller class size
More tutoring opportunities for students who are struggling
Intensive summer programs for students not performing at the proficient level before entering high school

PRINCIPALS

More focus on active/engaged learning techniques in all middle school classes
Smaller class size
More counseling in middle school to deal with personal and family issues
More tutoring opportunities for students who are struggling
More rigorous curriculum to prepare students for high school

BOARD MEMBERS

More rigorous curriculum to prepare students for high school
Dropout prevention programs beginning in 8th grade
More tutoring opportunities for students who are struggling
More strategies to help parents get involved in their child's schooling
Smaller class size
More focus on active/engaged learning techniques in all middle school classes

ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

Smaller class size
More focus on active/engaged learning techniques in all middle school classes
More tutoring opportunities for students who are struggling
Dropout prevention programs beginning in 8th grade
More counseling in middle school to deal with personal and family issues

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

Smaller class size
More rigorous curriculum to prepare students for high school
More tutoring opportunities for students who are struggling
Vertical teams of teachers to strengthen the links between middle schools, high schools and post-secondary education
More strategies to help parents get involved in their child's schooling
Dropout prevention programs beginning in 8th grade

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS

Smaller class size
More tutoring opportunities for students who are struggling
More focus on active/engaged learning techniques in all middle school classes
More strategies to help parents get involved in their child's schooling
More rigorous curriculum to prepare students for high school

STUDENTS

More tutoring opportunities for students who are struggling
More strategies to help parents get involved in their child's schooling
More focus on active/engaged learning techniques in all middle school classes
More rigorous curriculum to prepare students for high school
Dropout prevention programs beginning in 8th grade

PARENTS

Smaller class size
Dropout prevention programs beginning in 8th grade
More tutoring opportunities for students who are struggling
More strategies to help parents get involved in their child's schooling
More focus on active/engaged learning techniques in all middle school classes

BUSINESS LEADERS

More strategies to help parents get involved in their child's schooling
Dropout prevention programs beginning in 8th grade
More tutoring opportunities for students who are struggling
More rigorous curriculum to prepare students for high school
Smaller class size