

**Answers to
2009 MOST Parent Survey**

204 Returned Surveys, representing 170 families

4. *Number of children that have ever received a MOST scholarship:* 248

Number of children currently (2008-2009) receiving a MOST scholarship: 235
(Parents were requested to complete a survey for each child currently receiving a scholarship, but not all did so.)

5. *Race:*

Total responses: 198		% of responses
African-American	100 families	50.51%
Asian-American	6 families	3.03%
Caucasian	58 families	29.29%
International	2 families	1.01%
Latino/Hispanic-American	22 families	11.11%
Middle Eastern-American	0 families	
Multi-Racial-American	10 families	5.05%
Pacific Islander-American	0 families	

6. *What type of school did your child attend before receiving a MOST Scholarship?*

Total responses: 273

a. None	50	18.31%
b. Private	157	57.51%
c. Public	47	17.22%
d. Charter	19	6.96%

7. *If child attended Public or Charter school, what grade would you give your child's **original Public or Charter school** on the following factors:*

a. Academic quality (25)	A-3 (12%)	B-8 (32%)	C-8 (32%)	D-3 (12%)	F-3 (12%)
b. Safety (23)	A-2 (8.7%)	B-8 (34.78%)	C-5 (21.74%)	D-3 (13.04%)	F-5 (21.74%)
c. Discipline (24)	A-2 (8.33%)	B-8 (33.33%)	C-8 (33.33%)	D-1 (4.17%)	F-5 (20.84%)
d. Teaching values/ethics (21)	A-3 (14.28%)	B-5 (23.81%)	C-4 (19.05%)	D-5 (23.81%)	F-4 (19.05%)

8. *What grade would you give your interaction with teachers and administrators at your child's **public or charter school**? (22 responses)*

A	4	18.18%	
B	8	36.36%	Total for A & B = 54.54%
C	9	40.91%	
D	0		Total for C, D & F = 45.46%
F	1	4.55%	

9. *What grade would you give your child's overall experience at his/her **public or charter school**? (24 responses)*

A	2	8.33%
B-	8	33.34%
C	9	37.50%
D	3	12.50%
F	2	8.33%

10. *Were there any of the following things a problem at your child's **public or charter school**?*

a. Fighting (22) #2	Yes, often (8)	Infrequently (8)	Never (6)
b. Bullying (23) #1	Yes, often(10)	Infrequently (5)	Never (8)
c. Cheating (20)	Yes, often (1)	Infrequently (7)	Never (12)
d. Racial conflicts (21)	Yes, often (1)	Infrequently (6)	Never (14)
e. Stealing (22)	Yes, often (5)	Infrequently (7)	Never (10)
f. Gangs (22)	Yes, often (3)	Infrequently (5)	Never (14)
g. Guns (23)	Yes, often (1)	Infrequently (4)	Never (18)
h. Drugs (19)	Yes, often (1)	Infrequently (3)	Never (15)

11. *Were you proud of your child's **public/charter school**? (23 responses)*

Yes	8	34.78%
No	14	60.87%
It's fair	1	4.35%

12. *Name of your child's current private school? (see attached)*

13. *What made you choose this **private school** for your child? (circle as many as apply)*

a. Academic Reputation	142 - #1 reason
b. Location	97 - #3 reason
c. Cost of Tuition	68 - #4 reason
d. Religious Affiliation	120 - #2 reason
e. Extracurricular offerings (athletics, the arts, etc.)	22
f. Meets special needs	19
g. Other	35 (See reasons listed on page 6)

14. *What grade would you give your child's current private school on the following factors? Very evenly split, with all 4 factors receiving high ratings.*
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| a. Academic quality (204) | A-165 (80.9%) | B-34 (16.67%) | C-5 | D-1 | F-0 |
| b. Safety (204) | A-170 (83.33%) | B- 30 (14.71%) | C-2 | D-1 | F-1 |
| c. Discipline (203) | A-162 (79.80%) | B- 32 (15.76%) | C-7 | D-1 | F-1 |
| d. Teaching Values/Ethics (203) | A-160 (78.82%) | B-40 (19.70%) | C-0 | D-3 | F-0 |

15. *What grade would you give your interaction with the teachers and administrator at your child's current private school?* 203 responses

A	147	72.4%	
B	42	20.7%	Total for A & B = 93.1%
C	9	4.4%	
D	4	2.0%	
F	1	.5%	

16. *Please circle the grade you would give your child's overall experience at his/her current private school:* 200 responses

A	154	77.0%	
B	41	20.5%	Total for A & B = 97.5%
C	4	2.0%	
D	1	.5%	
F-	0		

17. *Are there any of the following a problem at your child's private school?*

a. Fighting (202)	Yes, often - 1 (.49%)	Infrequently - 47 (23.27%)	Never - 154 (76.24%) – Total of top two=99.51%
b. Bullying (192)	Yes, often – 3 (1.56%)	Infrequently - 46 (23.96%)	Never - 143 (74.48%) – Total of top two=98.44%
c. Cheating (199)	Yes, often - 0	Infrequently -39 (19.60%)	Never -160 (80.40%) – Total of top two=100%
d. Racial Conflict (182)	Yes, often - 3 (1.65%)	Infrequently - 25 (13.74%)	Never -154 (84.61%) – Total of top two=98.35%
e. Stealing (200)	Yes, often - 2	Infrequently - 31 (15.5%)	Never - 167 (83.5%) – Total of top two=99%
f. Gangs (200)	Yes, often - 0	Infrequently – 3 (1.5%)	Never - 197 (98.5%) – Total of top two=100%
g. Guns (201)	Yes, often - 0	Infrequently - 3 (1.5%)	Never -198 (98.5%) – Total of top two=100%
h. Drugs (201)	Yes, often - 0	Infrequently - 10 (5%)	Never - 191 (95%) – Total of top two=100%

18. *Are you proud of your child's current private school?* 198 responses

Yes	191	96.46%	Several said "very proud!";
Somewhat	1	.51%	added !!! after Yes; We love it!, etc.
No	6	3.03%	

19. *Since your child started at his/her **private school**, have you seen an improvement in the following areas?*

a. Academic Performance (202)	Yes - 167 (82.67%) Poorer - 3 (1.49%)	No change - 32 (15.84%)
b. Enjoyment of school (198)	Yes - 157 (79.29%) Poorer - 4 (2.02%)	No change - 37 (18.69%)
c. Love of learning (198)	Yes - 152 (76.77%) Poorer - 5 (2.53%)	No change - 41 (20.70%)
d. Social skills (201)	Yes - 161 (80.1%) Poorer - 1 (.5%)	No change - 39 (19.40%)
e. Behavior (198)	Yes - 136 (68.69%) Poorer - 3 (1.51%)	No change - 59 (29.8%)
f. Choice of friends (199)	Yes - 136 (68.34%) Poorer - 1 (.5%)	No change - 62 (31.16%)

g. other (26)

- Several commented that their child had always been at the same school, so questions didn't really apply
- Godly values/Values
- Love of God
- Learning Arabic language
- Independence/Confidence and Independence
- Vocabulary
- She loves her school. She has been there since Kindergarten
- Overall attitude
- Great self-confidence/Confidence
- Socializing
- English skills
- Favorite subjects

20. *Rating yourself: Since your child started at his/her current **private school**, have you become more involved in school activities (parent-teacher conferences, your child's performance and activities, etc.)?*

		199 responses
a. Yes, improvement	138	69.35%
b. No change	60	30.15%
c. Poorer (Less involved)	1	.50%

21. *Will your child be returning to the same private school next fall?* 203 responses
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| a. Yes | 167 | 82.27% |
| b. No | 20 | 9.85% |
| c. Unsure | 16 | 7.88% |

- If no, will your child go to a* 14 responses
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| a. different private school | 7 | (50%) |
| b. public school | 6 | (42.86%) |
| c. charter school | 1 | (7.14%) |
| d. other | 0 | |

22. *What level of education do you hope your child will achieve?*
 211 responses (some circled more than one answer) Seems safe to say that at least 95% hope their child will receive a degree from a 4-year college or a graduate degree, with nearly over 60% hoping their child will receive a graduate degree
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| a. High school diploma | 5 | 2.37% |
| b. Some college | 3 | 1.42% |
| c. Degree from 4 year college | 70 | 33.18% |
| d. Graduate degree | 133 | 63.03% |

23. *Please circle the grade you would give your experience with Memphis Opportunity Scholarship Trust (MOST)?* 206 responses
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| A | 198 | 96.11% |
| B | 7 | 3.40% |
| C | 1 | .49% |
| D | 0 | |
| F | 0 | |

24. *If you had not received a MOST Scholarship, would you have been able to send your child to a private school?* 201 responses
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| a. Yes | 8 | 3.98% |
| b. No | 123 | 61.19% |
| c. Unsure | 70 | 34.83% |
- No/Unsure = 96.02%

25. *Would you be willing to speak with someone from MOST in greater detail about your answers to this survey?* 195 responses
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| Yes | 146 | 75% |
| No | 49 | 25% |

#13 – Answers filled in for “Other”

Parent is alum/attended	5
Smaller classes	4
I was told it was a great school	3
Montessori	2
Mom is teacher in the school	2
Sibling(s) attend/ed	2
Know other children that attended Catholic schools and they turned out great	1
Checked out school and was fond of school	1
It provided a tool for me as a parent to teach my child to think, to learn about her	
Judeo-Christian heritage and back to the fundamentals of the 3 R’s.	1
Abeka program (<i>Christian-based curriculum</i>)	1
Offered K3 classes	1
The teachers, principal and staff overall	1
Dissatisfied with Memphis City Schools	1
Poor county school systems	1
“My brother attends this school” (uncle of child?)	1
Year round school	1
Attend the church associated with the school	1
Christian school walking in their mission	1
They keep God first	1
They have really done a great job with my child	1
Lack of religious affiliation	1
Authentic	1
Accredited by well-known organizations	1
Classical education	1
Because they teach Arabic language	1
It seemed like a safe happy environment	1
Scholarships (<i>from school</i>)	1
Offers PK5 Spanish, religion, art and technology	1
Diversity	1