

# Mountain Home School Parent Survey for 2016-17

RESULTS from 60 Oakhurst Parents (126 Oakhurst Families enrolled)

## I. General questions about your experience at Mountain Home School

### 1. How would you rate your overall home school experience at MHSC?

47=Excellent      11=Above Average      2=Satisfactory      0=Poor

### 2. To what extent do you feel that your child's educational needs have been met?

34=Excellent      21=Above Average      5=Satisfactory      0=Poor

### 3. To what extent does MHSC support your needs as a parent teacher?

44=Excellent      13=Above Average      3=Satisfactory      0=Poor

### 4. How can MHS improve our service to you?

\_\_17\_\_ Improve curriculum options

\_\_14\_\_ Host more parent workshops/in-services

\_\_12\_\_ More networking opportunities with other parents

\_\_7\_\_ Communication

\_\_13\_\_ Other: See Comments below \_\_\_\_\_

More field trips for all ages	resources/support for special needs students
Geography & history classes	more student interaction opportunities
Science for primary students	classes that can't be done at home
Music & line dancing lessons	one-on-one services for students who need extra help
Another play (2 <sup>nd</sup> semester)	class schedules available sooner
Things different from regular curriculum	
Classes with more continuity & follow-through	
Classes with homework, esp. math & history	

### 5. Do you read our monthly newsletter? 57=Yes 3=No If you circled No, how are you being informed of MHSC information? (2=no comment; 1=charter teacher)

### 6. What would you like to see improved/changed? (please provide a brief comment if you check one of the areas)

23 responded to Classes See comments

Adding geography/history

Offer music classes

Language & art classes

More options for science classes  
More math options  
Loved the focus on science this year; would like to see that in other areas of study: speech, history, etc. Also, maybe tiered classes with accountability for junior high age; as a parent of a single homeschooler, craving opportunities that require more than 3 people  
Difficult to sign up for classes if can't get to school; have sign-ups online  
Classrooms in the main bldg. are too loud to concentrate or hear the teacher  
No classes in December & April-May hinder my child's social interactions  
More tech class options for lower grades  
More advanced computer class  
Jr. High math classes-with assignments & grades  
K-2 class is nice; other occasional class or group opportunities desired  
More class options & held more often  
A class on learning how to take notes, how to study, etc. Many students don't know this in homeschool.  
Academic Pentathlon-fantastic class!  
More challenging classes for younger kids-my son loved science/math but art/history wasn't as engaging  
Music, theater, band, sewing, French, Spanish class offerings  
Offer math classes for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders  
Project-based classes  
Computer tech  
Classes that need teamwork  
More fine arts  
Speech, research, & lab-based project classes  
For older students, more accountability & continuity, i.e. homework, sequential learning, increased expectations  
More hybrid style campus  
Regular math classes  
U.S. Constitution class  
Very happy with ROV & Acad. Pent.-would love to see similar for 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**20 responded to Field Trips** See comments

More field trips for all ages  
Local field trips (fire station, pizza place, etc.)  
We missed the bigger trips out of the area  
This year did not have as many field trip opportunities  
Loved the once a year long distance field trip-great for learning

**10 responded to Providing Curriculum & other resources for instruction** See comments

I'd like more feedback from my charter teacher, suggestions on how to better use the curriculum & on how my child is progressing  
Budget for parents to decide on child's curriculum, off-site class option within the parent spending budget  
Provide money for parents to purchase equipment & lessons(music, art, etc). I like the set-up of Connecting Waters but love the people and small town feel of Mtn. Home  
Language arts curriculum challenging to get behind; I supplement a lot; relying on writing program primarily

Would like to see Go Math program offered  
More curriculum options-not just 3 or 4 options for LA & Math

**6 responded to Communication** See comments

Sometimes things are posted in the school but nowhere else  
Better communication from charter teacher about how we're doing at home  
Lots of good curriculum but sometimes the charter teacher doesn't convey to parents; I find out about other options from other parents  
MHS has failed to notify me of a problem in classroom in a timely accurate manner until I heard from the principal of the behavior problem.

**3 responded to Support your student and your needs as a parent teacher** See comments

Extra help with math tutors  
Other teaching methods needed on how to teach writing, reading, & CCSS math

**II. General questions regarding academic assessments, either Let's Go Learn or the State Tests?**

**1. To what extent do you think that your child's test performance is important?**

13=Extremely important    22=Important    12=Somewhat important    13= Not important

**2. To what extent does MHSC staff provide you with adequate information and interpretation of your student's test results?**

45=Excellent                      12=Good                      2=Fair                      1=Poor

**3. How much have these results guided or impacted your child's educational plan this year?**

12=High impact                      23=Impact                      18=Somewhat                      7=Little impact

**III. General questions regarding mathematics**

**1. How satisfied are you with your student's performance in math?**

30=Very satisfied    21=Mostly satisfied    6=Somewhat satisfied    1=Unsatisfied

**2. Did your child participate in our on-site Math Enrichment classes?**

28=Yes, regularly                      4=Sometimes                      26=No

**3. Which comprehensive math program does your child *primarily* use?**

28=Math in Focus    11=Teaching Textbooks    7=Math U See    0=Calif. Math  
8= Saxon                      10=Other programs

**4. On average, I spend this amount of time each day teaching my student math.**

17=1 hour+    18=45-60min    16= 30-45min    9=15-30min    don't teach daily

**IV. Onsite Class Planning for the 2017-18 School Year**

**1. How satisfied were you with the selection of enrichment classes offered this year? (please skip if your child did not participate in any classes)**

24=Extremely satisfied    20=Satisfied    4=Somewhat    1=Unsatisfied    7=Non Participant

**2. As Charter Teachers begin planning classes for next year, please indicate which subjects are most helpful/would be your preference:**

Math=36

Writing Instruction=28

Science=43

Computer / Google Drive=22

History=17

Book Club=19

Variety(primary)=19

Variety(middle)=2

Art=32

P.E. =20

Legos(3-5<sup>th</sup>)=20

ROV(6-8<sup>th</sup>)=14

Other:\_\_\_\_\_

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**Other suggestions or comments regarding classes or anything else you'd like to share with us:**

- I love & appreciate everything you all do to assist me in educating my children; you are truly a blessing to our family!
- We love MHS!
- Music classes
- Foreign language classes
- More classes morning & afternoon
- Like the 2+ classes/day. I liked the science class, esp. experiments (difficult to do at home)
- Classes with continuity & follow through(homework, parents reinforcing topic at home) are most beneficial such as Acad. Pent., ROV, Mission Bldg. class
- Classes starting at 1:00 instead of 12:00 would be better
- We have loved our homeschooling experience. My kids are thriving and growing.
- We love MHS; they are wonderful & extremely helpful & supportive
- I love that every teacher is willing to help us out as parents even if they aren't our charter teacher. The school is a wonderful & safe environment for my children
- Thank you so much for all of your work-as a 1<sup>st</sup> year homeschool parent I've had a great experience

- There could be a resource area & outreach person for learning disabilities. The specialist is so busy with paperwork that doesn't aid parents. Ex. Meet the Sight Words DVD & Sculpey Clay kit with instructions & rationale, how to teach your child to draw their own math fact stories, etc.
- A paper newsletter would be nice; my kids would enjoy & read it
- 2+ classes/day, group working & fine arts. I liked the science classes.
- The teachers are great!
- I loved the practical things learned this year like Google Drive
- The Academic Pentathlon coaches were amazing!
- Appreciated the science course this year. Exposure to dissecting was appreciated. Can't do that at home. I wonder if the science could be set up as a unit study where the student has lab work at MHS class & continue the unit with homework at home. I need more structure with science at home. Having a guide we could supplement at home might make it easier to have more consistency going into Jr. High
- I think 3.5 hour classes too long & won't enroll in lengthy hours in the future
- I'd like to see the grade levels not be split up next year; PE is very important to us because it's impossible to do well on our own.
- A budget for parents to spend how they want on curriculum & classes (both onsite & off); no more "free" curriculum. Parents have an amount per year they can spend on their child-all supplies & classes would be deducted from the child's funds so parents can choose the curriculum & class options. The budget can also be used for off-site classes at approved vendors such as dance classes, music lessons, etc.

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey!**