Transportation Survey Goals

Harding Area Respondents

• To determine patrons preferences related to start and end times of schools
• To assess our parents opinions in matters related to safety and customer service
• To gather area specific information
Harding Area Survey Statistics

- Direct emails with survey link were sent to the parents of EACS students
- School newsletters published survey instructions
- Media coverage to inform general public of survey
- Survey was open for 30 days
- 15 surveys returned indicating children currently attending a Harding Area school
Harding Area: Makeup of Respondents To Survey

15 responses to this question

- EACS Parent/Guardian of student(s) who attend an East Allen school, 15, 100%
Harding Area: What is your preference for STARTING times for ELEMENTARY students (grades K-6)?

15 responses to this question

- **Does not matter, 4, 27%**
- **8:00:00 AM, 5, 33%**
- **8:15:00 AM, 1, 7%**
- **8:30:00 AM, 4, 27%**
- **7:30:00 AM, 1, 6%**
Harding Area: What is your preference for ENDING times for ELEMENTARY students (grades K-6)?

15 responses to this question

- Does not matter: 4, 27%
- 2:40:00 PM: 2, 13%
- 3:10:00 PM: 6, 40%
- 3:40:00 PM: 3, 20%

Legend:
- Does not matter
- 2:40:00 PM
- 3:10:00 PM
- 3:40:00 PM
Harding Area: What is your preference for STARTING times for SECONDARY students (grades 7-12)?

15 responses to this question

- 8:00:00 AM, 7, 47%
- 8:30:00 AM, 3, 20%
- 7:30:00 AM, 2, 13%
- Does not matter, 2, 13%
- Other, 1, 7%

Legend:
- Does not matter
- Other
- 7:30:00 AM
- 8:00:00 AM
- 8:30:00 AM
Harding Area: What is your preference for ENDING times for SECONDARY students (grades 7-12)?

15 responses to this question

- Does not matter, 5, 33%
- 2:10:00 PM, 1, 7%
- 2:40:00 PM, 3, 20%
- 3:10:00 PM, 3, 20%
- 3:40:00 PM, 3, 20%

- 15 responses to this question
Harding Area: Which statement best describes your belief?
Elementary (K-6) versus Secondary (7-12) start and end times

15 responses to this question

- All grades start and end their school day at the same time, 4, 27%
- The elementary grades (K-6) start and end their school day before the secondary grades (7-12), 3, 20%
- The secondary grades (7-12) start and end their school day before the elementary grades (K-6), 7, 46%
- Does not matter, 1, 7%
Harding Area: Which statement best describes your belief?
Primary (K-2 or K-3) versus Intermediate (3-5 or 4-6) start and end times

14 responses to this question

- Does not matter, 7, 50%
- Grades K-5 or K-6 (primary and intermediate) start and end their school day at the same time, 3, 22%
- Grades K-2 or K-3 (primary) start and end their school day before grades 3-5 or 4-6 (intermediate), 1, 7%
- Grades 3-5 or 4-6 (intermediate) start and end their school day before grades K-2 or K-3 (primary), 2, 14%
- Don't know, 1, 7%
- (blank)
Harding Area: What grade levels are appropriate to ride on the same bus at the same time?

38 responses to this question, people may select more than one response.
Harding Area: If you have or have had children attending two different schools, which do you prefer?

- Ride the same bus at the same time, 5, 36%
- Ride separate buses being picked up at different times, 4, 29%
- Ride separate buses being picked up about the same time, 4, 28%
- Other, 1, 7%

14 responses to this question
Harding Area: Is it acceptable for my child to transfer buses to get to and from school?

14 responses to this question

- Agree, 2, 14%
- Disagree, 3, 22%
- Neither agree nor disagree, 3, 21%
- Strongly agree, 1, 7%
- Strongly disagree, 5, 36%

Legend:
- Agree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Strongly agree
- Strongly disagree
Harding Area: How do your children get TO school?

- Bus rider, 10, 67%
- Bus rider and car rider, 4, 27%
- Walks or bikes, car rider, 1, 6%

15 responses to this question
Harding Area: How do your children get FROM school?

- Bus rider, 11, 73%
- Bus rider and car rider, 3, 20%
- Driven by parent/adult/student, 1, 7%

15 responses to this question
Harding Area: If you do not use the bus service, what are the reasons?

- **Not eligible to ride**: 2, 50%
- **Before or after school activities**: 2, 25%
- **Bus Behavior**: 2, 25%
- **Other**: 0, 0%

4 responses to this question, people may select more than one response.
Perceptions of Bus Arrival Times

• If the bus comes within a 1 to 5 minute window, 2 to 3 times a week....
  – 70 % of respondents call this “On Time”
  – 30 % of respondents call this “Late” or “Unpredictable”

• If the bus comes within a 6 to 10 minute window, 2 to 3 times a week....
  – 31 % of respondents call this “On Time”
  – 69 % of respondents call this “Late” or “Unpredictable”

• If the bus comes later than a 10 minute window, 2 to 3 times a week....
  – 23 % of respondents call this “On Time”
  – 77 % of respondents call this “Late” or “Unpredictable”

Note: Percentages are based on all responses
Perceptions of Bus Arrival Times

• If the bus comes within a 1 to 5 minute window, 4 to 5 times a week....
  – 88 % of respondents call this “On Time”
  – 12 % of respondents call this “Late” or “Unpredictable”

• If the bus comes within a 6 to 10 minute window, 4 to 5 times a week....
  – 38 % of respondents call this “On Time”
  – 62 % of respondents call this “Late” or “Unpredictable”

• If the bus comes later than a 10 minute window, 4 to 5 times a week....
  – 23 % of respondents call this “On Time”
  – 77 % of respondents call this “Late” or “Unpredictable”

Note: Percentages are based on all responses
Harding Area: Do You Consider Your Child’s Bus Arrival to Be On Time?

14 responses to this question

- Late, 2, 14%
- Unpredictable, 2, 14%
- On Time, 10, 72%
Harding Area: Was the letter you received before the start of the school year with bus information accurate?

14 responses to this question

- Strongly agree, 5, 36%
- Agree, 5, 36%
- Neither agree nor disagree, 3, 21%
- Strongly disagree, 1, 7%
Harding Area: My student's bus drivers are safe.

14 responses to this question

- Agree, 9, 64%
- Neither agree nor disagree, 3, 22%
- Strongly agree, 2, 14%

Legend:
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Strongly agree
Harding Area: My student's bus drivers are courteous.

14 responses to this question

- Agree, 9, 64%
- Neither agree nor disagree, 3, 22%
- Strongly agree, 2, 14%
Harding Area: I feel my child is safe on the bus.

14 responses to this question

- Agree, 9, 64%
- Neither agree nor disagree, 1, 7%
- Strongly agree, 4, 29%

Legend:
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Strongly agree
Harding Area: The transportation staff enforces disciplinary rules appropriately

14 responses to this question

- Agree, 7, 50%
- Neither agree nor disagree, 3, 21%
- Strongly agree, 4, 29%
Harding Area: When I contact the transportation office, I receive accurate information.

14 responses to this question

- Strongly agree: 6, 43%
- Agree: 6, 43%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 1, 7%
- Disagree: 1, 7%
Harding Area: Overall, I am satisfied with my student's school bus transportation.

14 responses to this question

- Agree, 7, 50%
- Strongly agree, 6, 43%
- Neither agree nor disagree, 1, 7%