Transportation Survey Goals

Leo 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
Leo 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
• 354 surveys returned indicating children currently attending a Leo area school
Leo Area: Makeup of Respondents To Survey

- EACS Parent/Guardian of student(s) who attend an East Allen school, 343, 97%
- EACS Employee and Parent, 10, 3%
- Other, 1, 0%

354 responses to this question
Leo Area: What is your preference for STARTING times for ELEMENTARY students (grades K-6)?

354 responses to this question

- 8:00:00 AM, 154, 43%
- 8:30:00 AM, 93, 26%
- 9:00:00 AM, 42, 12%
- Does not matter, 48, 14%
- 7:30:00 AM, 8, 2%
- 7:45:00 AM, 2, 1%
- 7:50:00 AM, 1, 0%
- Other, 3, 1%
- Don't know, 3, 1%
Leo Area: What is your preference for ENDING times for ELEMENTARY students (grades K-6)?

355 responses to this question

- 2:40:00 PM, 117, 33%
- 3:10:00 PM, 112, 32%
- 3:40:00 PM, 46, 13%
- 2:10:00 PM, 9, 2%
- Don't know, 3, 1%
- Other, 2, 1%
- 2:30:00 PM, 1, 0%
- Does not matter, 65, 18%
Leo Area: What is your preference for STARTING times for SECONDARY students (grades 7-12)?

354 responses to this question

- 8:00:00 AM, 158, 45%
- 7:30:00 AM, 53, 15%
- 8:30:00 AM, 63, 18%
- 9:00:00 AM, 29, 8%
- 7:45:00 AM, 3, 1%
- 7:50:00 AM, 1, 0%
- Does not matter, 35, 10%
- Don't know, 10, 3%
- Other, 2, 0%
Leo Area: What is your preference for ENDING times for SECONDARY students (grades 7-12)?

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

350 responses to this question

- All grades start and end their school day at the same time: 142, 41%
- The elementary grades (K-6) start and end their school day before the secondary grades (7-12): 58, 17%
- The secondary grades (7-12) start and end their school day before the elementary grades (K-6): 1, 0%
- Elementary (K-6) start after and end before secondary (7-12): 5, 1%
- Other: 5, 1%
- The elementary grades (K-6) start after and end before secondary (7-12): 5, 1%
- Does not matter: 34, 10%
- Don't know: 15, 4%
- The secondary grades (7-12) start and end their school day before the elementary grades (K-6): 142, 41%
- Other: 5, 1%
- The secondary grades(7-12) start earlier but end the same time as the primary grades(K-6): 1, 0%
- (blank): 1, 0%
Leo Area: Which statement best describes your belief?
Primary (K-2 or K-3) versus Intermediate (3-5 or 4-6) start and end times

347 responses to this question

- Does not matter, 72, 21%
- Don't know, 29, 8%
- Grades 3-5 or 4-6 (intermediate) start and end their school day before grades K-2 or K-3 (primary), 66, 19%
- Grades K-2 or K-3 (primary) start and end their school day before grades 3-5 or 4-6 (intermediate), 23, 7%
- Grades K-5 or K-6 (primary and intermediate) start and end their school day at the same time, 154, 44%
- K-3 should start after higher grades and end before higher grades, 2, 1%
- Other, 1, 0%

(blank)
Leo Area: What grade levels are appropriate to ride on the same bus at the same time?

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

- Does Not Matter, 4, 1%
- Other, 6, 2%
- Ride separate buses being picked up about the same time, 169, 59%
- Ride separate buses being picked up at different times, 32, 11%
- Ride the same bus at the same time, 76, 27%

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

270 responses to this question

- Strongly disagree, 101, 38%
- Disagree, 82, 30%
- Neither agree nor disagree, 46, 17%
- Strongly agree, 8, 3%
- Agree, 33, 12%
Leo Area: How do your children get TO school?

353 responses to this question

- Bus rider: 151, 43%
- Bus rider and car rider: 96, 27%
- Carpool: 9, 3%
- Walks or bikes, car rider: 8, 2%
- Driven by parent/adult/student: 89, 25%
Leo Area: How do your children get FROM school?

- Bus rider: 199, 56%
- Bus rider and car rider: 69, 20%
- Carpool: 10, 3%
- Driven by parent/adult/student: 74, 21%

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

- Before or after school activities, 30, 12%
- Bus Behavior, 21, 8%
- Bus safety concerns, 8, 3%
- Ride too long, 53, 20%
- Personal preference, 37, 14%
- AM pickup time does not fit schedule, 44, 17%
- PM drop off time does not fit schedule, 21, 8%
- Bus arrival time inconsistent, 6, 2%
- Not eligible to ride, 39, 15%

261 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
Leo Area: Do You Consider Your Child’s Bus Arrival to Be On Time?

272 responses to this question

- On Time, 247, 91%
- Late, 11, 4%
- Unpredictable, 14, 5%
Leo Area: Was the letter you received before the start of the school year with bus information accurate?

271 responses to this question

- **Agree**: 145, 54%
- **Strongly agree**: 65, 24%
- **Did not receive one**: 5, 2%
- **Disagree**: 28, 10%
- **Strongly disagree**: 8, 3%
- **Neither agree nor disagree**: 20, 7%
Leo Area: My student's bus drivers are safe.

269 responses to this question

- Agree, 140, 52%
- Strongly agree, 87, 32%
- Neither agree nor disagree, 35, 13%
- Disagree, 6, 2%
- Strongly disagree, 1, 1%
Leo Area: My student's bus drivers are courteous.

271 responses to this question

- Agree, 131 (48%)
- Strongly agree, 93 (34%)
- Neither agree nor disagree, 37 (14%)
- Disagree, 10 (4%)
Leo Area: I feel my child is safe on the bus.

272 responses to this question

- Agree, 165, 61%
- Strongly agree, 59, 22%
- Neither agree nor disagree, 38, 14%
- Disagree, 9, 3%
- Strongly disagree, 1, 0%
Leo Area: The transportation staff enforces disciplinary rules appropriately

265 responses to this question

- Agree, 119, 45%
- Disagree, 20, 8%
- Neither agree nor disagree, 81, 31%
- Strongly agree, 41, 15%
- Strongly disagree, 4, 1%
Leo Area: When I contact the transportation office, I receive accurate information.

263 responses to this question

- Agree, 82, 31%
- Neither agree nor disagree, 130, 49%
- Disagree, 13, 5%
- Strongly agree, 33, 13%
- Strongly disagree, 5, 2%
Leo Area: Overall, I am satisfied with my student's school bus transportation.

271 responses to this question

- Agree, 157, 58%
- Strongly agree, 56, 21%
- Neither agree nor disagree, 37, 14%
- Disagree, 18, 6%
- Strongly disagree, 3, 1%