East Allen County Schools
Transportation Survey

LEO AND CEDARVILLE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ONLY

Final Report
January 28, 2013
Transportation Survey Goals

Leo and Cedarville El 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 and Cedarville El 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
• 282 surveys returned indicating children currently attending a Leo and Cedarville El school
Leo and Cedarville El: What is your preference for STARTING times for ELEMENTARY students (grades K-6)?

- Does not matter, 15, 5%
- 7:30:00 AM, 8, 3%
- 7:45:00 AM, 2, 1%
- 7:50:00 AM, 1, 0%
- 8:00:00 AM, 135, 48%
- 8:30:00 AM, 81, 29%
- 9:00:00 AM, 37, 13%
- Other, 3, 1%

282 responses to this question
Leo and Cedarville EI: What is your preference for ENDING times for ELEMENTARY students (grades K-6)?

282 responses to this question

- 3:10:00 PM, 97, 34%
- 2:40:00 PM, 106, 38%
- 3:40:00 PM, 38, 13%
- Does not matter, 31, 11%
- 2:10:00 PM, 7, 3%
- 2:30:00 PM, 1, 0%
- Other, 2, 1%
Leo and Cedarville EL: What is your preference for STARTING times for SECONDARY students (grades 7-12)?

282 responses to this question

- **7:30:00 AM**: 43 responses (15%)
- **8:00:00 AM**: 123 responses (44%)
- **8:30:00 AM**: 51 responses (18%)
- **9:00:00 AM**: 18 responses (6%)
- **7:45:00 AM**: 3 responses (1%)
- **7:50:00 AM**: 1 response (0%)
- **7:50:00 AM**: 1 response (0%)
- **Does not matter**: 31 responses (11%)
- **Don't know**: 10 responses (4%)
- **Other**: 2 responses (1%)
Leo and Cedarville El: What is your preference for ENDING times for SECONDARY students (grades 7-12)?

282 responses to this question

- Does not matter: 46, 16%
- Don't know: 10, 4%
- Other: 1, 0%
- 2:40:00 PM: 79, 28%
- 3:10:00 PM: 95, 34%
- 2:10:00 PM: 19, 7%
- 3:00:00 PM: 1, 0%
- 3:40:00 PM: 29, 10%
- 3:45:00 PM: 2, 1%
- 2:55:00 PM: 2, 1%
Leo and Cedarville El: Which statement best describes your belief?

Elementary (K-6) versus Secondary (7-12) start and end times

279 responses to this question

- All grades start and end their school day at the same time, 78, 28%
- The secondary grades (7-12) start and end their school day before the elementary grades (K-6), 107, 38%
- The elementary grades (K-6) start and end their school day before the secondary grades (7-12), 47, 17%
- Does not matter, 24, 9%
- Don’t know, 13, 5%
- Elementary (K-6) start after and end before secondary (7-12), 1, 0%
- Other, 4, 1%
- The secondary grades (7-12) start earlier but end the same time as the primary grades (K-6.), 1, 0%

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Leo and Cedarville El: Which statement best describes your belief?
Primary (K-2 or K-3) versus Intermediate (3-5 or 4-6) start and end times

279 responses to this question

- **Does not matter**, 44, 16%
- **Don't know**, 21, 8%
- **Grades K-2 or K-3 (primary) start and end their school day before grades 3-5 or 4-6 (intermediate)**, 51, 18%
- **Grades 3-5 or 4-6 (intermediate) start and end their school day before grades K-2 or K-3 (primary)**, 20, 7%
- **Grades K-5 or K-6 (primary and intermediate) start and end their school day at the same time**, 142, 51%
- **Other**, 1, 0%
Leo and Cedarville El: What grade levels are appropriate to ride on the same bus at the same time?

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

- Ride separate buses being picked up at different times, 18, 8%
- Ride the same bus at the same time, 68, 29%
- Ride separate buses being picked up about the same time, 139, 59%
- Does Not Matter, 4, 2%
- Other, 6, 2%

235 responses to this question
Leo and Cedarville El: Is it acceptable for my child to transfer buses to get to and from school?

235 responses to this question

- Agree, 28, 12%
- Disagree, 70, 30%
- Neither agree nor disagree, 40, 17%
- Strongly agree, 6, 2%
- Strongly disagree, 91, 39%
Leo and Cedarville El: How do your children get to school?

- Bus rider, 133, 47%
- Bus rider and car rider, 87, 31%
- Carpool, 5, 2%
- Walks or bikes, car rider, 2, 1%
- Driven by parent/adult/student, 54, 19%

281 responses to this question
Leo and Cedarville El: How do your children get FROM school?

281 responses to this question

- Bus rider: 173, 62%
- Bus rider and car rider: 62, 22%
- Carpool: 4, 1%
- Driven by parent/adult/student: 42, 15%
Leo and Cedarville EI: If you do not use the bus service, what are the reasons?

197 responses to this question, people may select more than one response

- **Before or after school activities**: 22, 11%
- **Bus Behavior**: 16, 8%
- **Bus safety concerns**: 6, 3%
- **Ride too long**: 40, 20%
- **Personal preference**: 29, 15%
- **AM pickup time does not fit schedule**: 36, 18%
- **PM drop off time does not fit schedule**: 18, 9%
- **Bus arrival time inconsistent**: 5, 3%
- **Not eligible to ride**: 24, 12%
- **Other**: 1, 1%
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 and Cedarville El: Do You Consider Your Child’s Bus Arrival to Be On Time?

237 responses to this question

- On Time: 215 (91%)
- Late: 10 (4%)
- Unpredictable: 12 (5%)
Leo and Cedarville El: Was the letter you received before the start of the school year with bus information accurate?

236 responses to this question

- Agree, 122, 52%
- Strongly agree, 57, 24%
- Disagree, 28, 12%
- Neither agree nor disagree, 17, 7%
- Strongly disagree, 8, 3%

Did not receive one, 4, 2%
Leo and Cedarville El: My student's bus drivers are safe.

235 responses to this question

- Agree, 116, 49%
- Strongly agree, 83, 35%
- Neither agree nor disagree, 30, 13%
- Disagree, 5, 2%
- Strongly disagree, 1, 1%
Leo and Cedarville El: My student's bus drivers are courteous.

- Strongly agree, 88, 37%
- Agree, 111, 47%
- Neither agree nor disagree, 29, 12%
- Disagree, 9, 4%

237 responses to this question
Leo and Cedarville El: I feel my child is safe on the bus.

238 responses to this question

- Agree, 142, 60%
- Strongly agree, 57, 24%
- Neither agree nor disagree, 31, 13%
- Disagree, 7, 3%
- Strongly disagree, 1, 0%
Leo and Cedarville EI: The transportation staff enforces disciplinary rules appropriately

232 responses to this question

- Agree, 107, 46%
- Neither agree nor disagree, 67, 29%
- Strongly agree, 41, 18%
- Disagree, 14, 6%
- Strongly disagree, 3, 1%
Leo and Cedarville El: When I contact the transportation office, I receive accurate information.

231 responses to this question

- Strongly agree, 32, 14%
- Agree, 68, 29%
- Neither agree nor disagree, 117, 51%
- Disagree, 11, 5%
- Strongly disagree, 3, 1%
Leo and Cedarville El: Overall, I am satisfied with my student's school bus transportation.

237 responses to this question

- Agree, 135, 57%
- Disagree, 15, 6%
- Neither agree nor disagree, 31, 13%
- Strongly agree, 53, 23%
- Strongly disagree, 3, 1%