

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2016 COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY

DUAL-FRAME TELEPHONE SURVEY AMONG 603 APS PARENTS
70% LANDLINE / 30% CELL

TOPLINE REPORT¹

Field Dates: March 18 – April 10, 2016

Margin of Error: ±3.9%

1. FIRST, WHAT OVERALL GRADE WOULD YOU GIVE THE **PUBLIC SCHOOLS** IN ARLINGTON? ²

93%	TOTAL A/B (NET)
60%	A (OUTSTANDING)
34%	B (VERY GOOD)
3%	C (AVERAGE)
1%	TOTAL D/F (NET)
*	D (POOR)
*	F (FAILING)
3%	DON'T KNOW (VOL.)

2. WHAT OVERALL GRADE WOULD YOU GIVE [SELECTED CHILD'S] **SCHOOL**, [SELECTED CHILD'S SCHOOL]?

94%	TOTAL A/B (NET)
62%	A (OUTSTANDING)
33%	B (VERY GOOD)
4%	C (AVERAGE)
1%	TOTAL D/F (NET)
1%	D (POOR)
-	F (FAILING)
1%	DON'T KNOW (VOL.)
*	REFUSED (VOL.)

¹ Please note that percentages may not add to exactly 100% due to rounding.

² Responses categories in this series were rotated top-to-bottom and bottom-to-top.

3. WHAT ABOUT [SELECTED CHILD'S] **TEACHERS?**

92%	TOTAL A/B (NET)
64%	A (OUTSTANDING)
27%	B (VERY GOOD)
5%	C (AVERAGE)
1%	TOTAL D/F (NET)
1%	D (POOR)
-	F (FAILING)
2%	DON'T KNOW (VOL.)
*	REFUSED (VOL.)

4. AND WHAT ABOUT [HIS/HER] **PRINCIPAL?**

83%	TOTAL A/B (NET)
66%	A (OUTSTANDING)
18%	B (VERY GOOD)
4%	C (AVERAGE)
1%	TOTAL D/F (NET)
1%	D (POOR)
*	F (FAILING)
11%	DON'T KNOW (VOL.)
*	REFUSED (VOL.)

5. AND WHAT ABOUT THE **APS SUPERINTENDENT?**

48%	TOTAL A/B (NET)
20%	A (OUTSTANDING)
28%	B (VERY GOOD)
12%	C (AVERAGE)
5%	TOTAL D/F (NET)
3%	D (POOR)
2%	F (FAILING)
34%	DON'T KNOW (VOL.)
*	REFUSED (VOL.)

6. PLEASE RATE YOUR LEVEL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

“ MY TAX DOLLARS ARE BEING WELL SPENT BY THE ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.”

84%	TOTAL AGREE (NET)
48%	STRONGLY AGREE
36%	SOMEWHAT AGREE
4%	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
10%	TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)
7%	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
3%	STRONGLY DISAGREE
2%	DON'T KNOW (VOL.)
*	REFUSED (VOL.)

7. IN YOUR OPINION, HOW CHALLENGING IS THE OVERALL LEVEL OF INSTRUCTION THAT [SELECTED CHILD] IS RECEIVING? WOULD YOU SAY IT IS...

83%	TOTAL VERY/SOMEWHAT CHALLENGING (NET)
36%	VERY CHALLENGING
47%	SOMEWHAT CHALLENGING
15%	TOTAL JUST A LITTLE BIT/NOT AT ALL CHALLENGING
11%	JUST A LITTLE BIT CHALLENGING
4%	NOT AT ALL CHALLENGING
2%	DON'T KNOW (VOL.)
-	REFUSED (VOL.)

8. HOW SATISFIED ARE YOU WITH THE DEGREE TO WHICH PARENTS ARE INVOLVED IN THE SCHOOL BOARD'S DECISION-MAKING? WOULD YOU SAY YOU ARE...?

74%	TOTAL SATISFIED (net)
28%	VERY SATISFIED
46%	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED
12%	TOTAL DISSATISFIED (NET)
9%	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED
3%	VERY DISSATISFIED
13%	DON'T KNOW (VOL.)
1%	REFUSED (VOL.)

For the next series of questions, I'm going to ask you to what extent you agree or disagree with certain statements. Please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree.³

9. "MY CHILD FEELS SAFE AT SCHOOL." WOULD YOU SAY YOU ...

97%	TOTAL AGREE (NET)
78%	STRONGLY AGREE
19%	SOMEWHAT AGREE
*	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
2%	TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)
1%	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
1%	STRONGLY DISAGREE
*	DON'T KNOW (VOL.)
-	REFUSED (VOL.)

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10. "MY CHILD LIKES TO GO TO SCHOOL."

92%	TOTAL AGREE (NET)
63%	STRONGLY AGREE
29%	SOMEWHAT AGREE
2%	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
6%	TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)
4%	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
2%	STRONGLY DISAGREE
-	DON'T KNOW (VOL.)
-	REFUSED (VOL.)

11. "MY CHILD IS WORRIED ABOUT BULLYING IN THE SCHOOL."

23%	TOTAL AGREE (NET)
5%	STRONGLY AGREE
18%	SOMEWHAT AGREE
7%	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
69%	TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)
25%	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
44%	STRONGLY DISAGREE
*	DON'T KNOW (VOL.)
*	REFUSED (VOL.)

12. "I FEEL WELCOMED AT [SELECTED CHILD'S] SCHOOL."

93%	TOTAL AGREE (NET)
75%	STRONGLY AGREE
18%	SOMEWHAT AGREE
2%	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
4%	TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)
2%	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
1%	STRONGLY DISAGREE
1%	DON'T KNOW (VOL.)
-	REFUSED (VOL.)

13. "MY CHILD IS EXPERIENCING SCHOOL-RELATED STRESS."

50%	TOTAL AGREE (NET)
17%	STRONGLY AGREE
33%	SOMEWHAT AGREE
6%	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
43%	TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)
15%	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
28%	STRONGLY DISAGREE
*	DON'T KNOW (VOL.)
*	REFUSED (VOL.)

14. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF TIME YOUR CHILD SPENDS ON HOMEWORK?

65%	MY CHILD SPENDS AN APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF HIS OR HER AFTER-SCHOOL TIME ON HOMEWORK.
23%	MY CHILD SPENDS TOO MUCH OF HIS OR HER AFTER-SCHOOL TIME ON HOMEWORK.
10%	MY CHILD SPENDS TOO LITTLE OF HIS OR HER AFTER-SCHOOL TIME ON HOMEWORK.
1%	DON'T KNOW (VOL.)
1%	REFUSED (VOL.)

15. PLEASE RATE YOUR LEVEL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

“ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS HELPS STUDENTS LIVE HEALTHY LIVES THROUGH PHYSICAL EDUCATION, NUTRITIOUS SCHOOL LUNCHESES, AND LIMITING JUNK FOOD ON SCHOOL PROPERTY.”

70%	<u>TOTAL AGREE (NET)</u>
32%	STRONGLY AGREE
38%	SOMEWHAT AGREE
10%	<u>NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE</u>
16%	<u>TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)</u>
10%	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
5%	STRONGLY DISAGREE
4%	DON'T KNOW (VOL.)
1%	REFUSED (VOL.)

FAMILIARITY AND PERCEPTIONS OF CTE PROGRAM

I'm going to ask some questions about what parents know about the Career and Technical Education Program, also known as the C-T-E program. We want to hear from elementary parents as well as middle and high school parents.

To be clear, the following questions refer to the existing program at middle schools, high schools, and the Career Center, and not the new Arlington Tech high school opening this fall.

First, I'll give you some background information on the CTE program.

The CTE Program offers middle school and high school credit-bearing courses in business and information technology, computer science, technology education, trade and industrial education, and family and consumer sciences. These courses are offered at the comprehensive middle and high schools, as well as at the Career Center.

Typical middle school CTE courses include Inventions and Innovations, Digital Input Technologies, Exploring Family and Consumer Sciences, and Teen Living. Typical high school CTE courses include Engineering, Introduction to Business and Marketing, Computer-aided design, Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine, Entrepreneurship, EMT, Automotive, and TV Production.

[ONLY ASKED Q16 TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PUPILS IN GRADES 6-12 – PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PUPILS IN GRADES 1-5 SKIPPED TO Q17]

16. Has your child ever enrolled in a middle and/or high school CTE credit-bearing course in APS?

22%	YES (SKIPPED AHEAD TO NEXT SECTION)
72%	NO (CONTINUED)
5%	DO NOT KNOW/NOT SURE (CONTINUED)
*	REFUSED (CONTINUED)

17. **[ASKED AMONG PARENTS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND PARENTS SECONDARY SCHOOL PUPILS THAT DO NOT HAVE CHILDREN ENROLLED IN CTE COURSES]** How familiar are you with courses/opportunities offered through the career and technical education program?

22%	<u>TOTAL FAMILIAR (NET)</u>
6%	VERY FAMILIAR
16%	SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR
69%	<u>TOTAL NOT FAMILIAR (NET)</u>
20%	A LITTLE FAMILIAR
48%	NOT AT ALL FAMILIAR
6%	DO NOT KNOW/NOT SURE (VOL.)
3%	REFUSED (VOL.)

18. Which of these descriptions of the CTE program best matches your understanding of the program?

N=524	
39%	IT BENEFITS BOTH COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS AND STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT ON A PATH TO COLLEGE EQUALLY.
26%	IT PRIMARILY BENEFITS STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT ON A PATH TO COLLEGE, BUT COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS MAY BENEFIT AS WELL.
5%	IT PRIMARILY BENEFITS COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS.
5%	IT PRIMARILY BENEFITS STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT ON A PATH TO COLLEGE.
24%	DO NOT KNOW/NOT SURE (VOL.)
1%	REFUSED (VOL.)

19. Which of the following most closely matches advice you have received from staff at your child's school about taking CTE courses?

N=524	
8%	YOUR CHILD SHOULD TAKE CTE COURSES - IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PERSONAL ENRICHMENT OR CAREER EXPLORATION.
5%	YOUR CHILD SHOULD TAKE CTE COURSES – HAVING THEM ON YOUR TRANSCRIPT MAY BE APPEALING TO COLLEGE ADMISSIONS OFFICES.
4%	YOUR CHILD SHOULD NOT TAKE CTE COURSES – NOTHING AGAINST THEM BUT YOU DON'T HAVE ROOM IN YOUR SCHEDULE FOR THEM.
1%	YOUR CHILD SHOULD NOT TAKE CTE COURSES – HAVING THEM ON YOUR TRANSCRIPT MAY LOOK BAD TO COLLEGE ADMISSIONS OFFICES.
73%	N/A – I HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANY ADVICE ABOUT CTE COURSES FROM STAFF AT MY CHILD'S SCHOOL.
9%	DO NOT KNOW/NOT SURE (VOL.)
1%	REFUSED (VOL.)

20. How likely are you to encourage your child to enroll in a CTE course?

53%	TOTAL VERY/SOMEWHAT LIKELY (NET)
28%	VERY LIKELY
25%	SOMEWHAT LIKELY
31%	TOTAL A LITTLE/NOT AT ALL LIKELY (NET)
16%	A LITTLE LIKELY
15%	NOT AT ALL LIKELY
15%	DO NOT KNOW/NOT SURE (VOL.)
1%	REFUSED (VOL.)

21. Why are you **[INSERTED RESPONSE FROM PREVIOUS Q: VERY/SOMEWHAT/A LITTLE/NOT AT ALL]** likely to encourage your child to enroll in a CTE course? (OPEN-ENDED. RECORD VERBATIM) PROBED: Any other reasons?

AMONG PARENTS THAT ARE "VERY" or "SOMEWHAT" LIKELY TO ENCOURAGE THEIR CHILD TO ENROLL IN A CTE COURSE (n=280)
All good skills and more exposure to new things
Already enrolled
An exceptional education experience
Anything around physical therapy would help her decide if she wants to do that as she's expressed an interest in doing that
Anything that will help in his life will be better
At the high school level, children would be able to explore opportunities for a career
At this time, I have no idea. He is in second grade
Based on what you read it sounds like they have real world technical skills and opportunities for exploring potential jobs
Because digital learning and access is important
Because he's a hands-on learner, he will love it
Because I encourage all types of involvement and this seems very useful
Because I have never been to college and I would like her to be the first
Because I hope my child goes to college and becomes a professional. Success comes from education and for me education is number one
Because I like this program, like courses in technology, business and computers. I want my daughter to be independent and successful
Because I need to learn more about the program
Because I think he would benefit by learning other skills
Because I think it opens his eyes to different possibilities and helps him to think about what he will take in high school and college.
Because I think it would be beneficial for him
Because I think it's a fantastic opportunity
Because I think it's very important for students to learn skills that are good for the real world
Because I think they will open up their horizons and they could learn more and it gives them more options.
Because if college doesn't work, he needs a trade and skills
Because if they are doing good it will help them with college
Because is something he's truly interested in and if he has room in his day then we would do it I've got no problem with it all

Because it could prepare them for a college or non-college route
Because it helps them find out what he wants to do later on
Because it is a good program
Because it is good for the future and to learn more things.
Because it is practical knowledge and it grounds them. It is hands-on learning and I feel it will benefit them in the future nicely
Because it opens them up to other opportunities and ideas
Because it seems like it balances out the crazy, rigorous courses and gives them a real world view of what is out there
Because it will be to his benefit
Because it would be good for her.
Because it would enrich their experience and might give them an idea of what they want to do in college
Because it's not just preparing for college but he could learn skills for a summer job and get experience
Because it's a special program and is good for my child and I would be happy to
Because of opportunities.
Because of the computer stuff, it can't hurt to learn about that
Because she is interested in those areas for a career
Because the kind of more practical, apprentice-type things are good. Life skill things and if he could fit it in. I would encourage him
Because there is not enough time
Because there's things there that would interest a male or female student, like computer technology, TV, and things like cosmetology
Because we talk with our children about their futures and they have studies they can use
Benefit from it and be better-rounded
Depending on what she would like to do because it would help her get in the job market better
Depends on his profession
Did the program last year know more about the CTE program than my child, I think that the students should have more info and maybe field trips about the program
Education is good. It is the path to the career of your choice
Enriches experience and knowledge
Enrolled already
Everybody needs some of it. I wish they would bring it to the level in other elementary schools
Expose them to better careers
First, because she's already in some classes, and she really likes them and it's something that can help her in her career path, and this is very useful apart from the classes she takes in school
For the challenge
For their help
Getting a general introduction to basic business skills
Had we been here at that time but she came into the system as a senior and we had moved from overseas
He can explore his interests
He can get more hands-on experience in other subjects
He had a very good experience at Swanson, but the engineering course at Yorktown was very poor. However, he is going to try it again with a different teacher next year.
He has an interest in the engineering courses. We will look into that next year
He might be interested in the courses because my older son took the courses

He took forensics there and loved it
He wants to go to college and do graphic design and I feel the course would help him to decide what he wants to do with that
He was interested in pursuing a particular topic, but it affected his schedule and I also had some hesitation at the start, but I was okay in letting him decide
He's already taking CTE courses
He's busy already but he can benefit from the courses.
Higher learning and to prepare for college
I am an IT professional and I would say it is useful in this field
I am not aware of this course. I need to find out more information from my son
I attended myself.
I believe in training and I think that it would better for his education
I compare it to industrial arts and I took classes like that when I was in school, I think it is a benefit for my child
I do not know of a benefit for him.
I don't know what she wants to do and it's up to my child
I don't have enough info about these courses and they don't apply to elementary school students
I don't think we have CTE
I encourage science and technology
I encouraged my child but it didn't fit in her schedule
I guess in order to have a better understanding of knowledge and to get high school credits
I have a Master's in Technology, so it would be important
I have heard good things about the program
I have heard very good things about it from other parents
I have now a lack of understanding and I just need to know more
I just did not want to say I would not. It depends on the child.
I just think it might give her an idea of something she might like to do and build some interest in different areas and give her some exposure
I just think it's another form of education. It could be beneficial to a child who is not sure of what they are going to do.
I just think life's experience would be beneficial
I like for her to have some knowledge of other things
I like for him to be involved in everything he can be
I like her to be better prepared for life after her education
I like my child to be educated in other areas
I need more information and I would like to know how and what ways would it benefit her
I need to find out more about it
I really think it might help her for college studies.
I think I would ask him what he would want to do, but at the end of the day, he would have to make the decision
I think it is a great opportunity.
I think it is good for his future
I think it is good.
I think it makes the student well-rounded
I think it offers practical life skills and helps students get involved in fields of their interest
I think it will help her explore her options and gain knowledge about things before going to college.
I think it would be like taking college prep courses and give him a head start into getting into a

college and if it interests him it may encourage him to do better in high school
I think it would benefit them. My brother is a physical therapist and any technical training would benefit them
I think it would help for college
I think it would help him to get into college
I think it would help with college
I think it would be very practical and helpful in job seeking
I think it's a great program, but I think Arlington overwhelmingly tracks people to college
I think it's a great opportunity to see if she likes computer science or engineering.
I think it's a great way to get skills
I think it's a nice supplement to the theoretical classes. They have to do on-line applications
I think it's an excellent opportunity to gain skill sets. I would encourage her if she was interested in it. I also think it's a great opportunity with the transfer of credits
I think it's going to help her transcript
I think it's good practical experience and it will help him to get career-focused.
I think practical skills help all people to apply what they are learning academically. It helps them to hone in on what they are going to do in the future.
I think she would learn new skills
I think some of the courses would help a lot in the future and regardless of the field of what the student chooses, it will always be helpful
I think technical courses would help them in the future
I think that he is exposed to everything and he can pick a career path of his choosing
I think that programs like that are important for all kids to learn from at some point
I think that the program sounds great. I would need more information though
I think that's important when she gets to that grade level
I think the courses could be very valuable, but I would imagine he would be taking other courses and be involved in the arts
I think they are important courses
I think they broaden the education
I took them
I try to have my child to learn about things that will be better for her future
I want her to be challenged
I want her to go to college and do well
I want her to learn a lot and be more independent and I want her to have a bright future and I know she can be whatever she wants if she gets the help she needs
I want him to pursue higher education, not in this.
I want my child to know about career options that he intends to do in future and what he would like to do to explore his possibilities
I went through similar courses and had my license prior to graduating so I could work before I graduated
I would always try to do anything to help him advance in this world
I would encourage it if there is room in her schedule
I would like for him to have a bright future, but right now this program is not applicable to him
I would like for him to have a higher learning
I would like her to have the opportunity to choose
I would need more details about the courses
I would not discourage him and if he wants to take one of these courses I would encourage him
If he has an interest in the subjects

If he is interested I don't want to deny the chance
If it can expand his learning experience I am all for it
If it fits my child's schedule and if it is going to benefit him
If it's going to benefit him, then yes
If my child has an interest in something practical like this, and I like that it would give her an advantage, then I would highly recommend it
If she's interested in doing it, I would allow her to do so. The computer course seems very helpful
If that's what he is interested in. I want him to be successful
If the school advised it, I would tend to go along with their advice
I'm not familiar with the program
I'm not sure as I have never heard of it
I'm not sure yet
I'm not very practical in what I do and I would like my children to be well-prepared with technical things
In his junior and senior year he will have time to do it
In practical fields it is important.
In this world you need things like this
It could be a broadening experience
It could benefit them to increase knowledge of things they're interested in
It could provide growth
It depends on her interest
It depends on my child's interests and the courses they provide.
It depends on the courses offered
It depends on the level of instruction of those courses and if it would benefit him in the future
It depends on what other classes he has to take and if he has room for it, sure
It gives him a wider variety of choices
It is a good opportunity to learn more. Multiple skills are important
It is a great opportunity
It is an extra challenge and new opportunity to gain credit for college
It is good for her education
It is good they know the computer, but my son needs to use his brain also.
It is still a ways away but it could be an extra help for college from my perspective and to make her aware of different career options
It is to expand her horizons
It is up to her.
It seems like a program to do well in general and in college
It seems like they may be useful topics
It seems to have beneficial opportunities, need more info
It seems to have many benefits
It sounds interesting and will help her with her future
It sounds interesting but I need more information
It sounds like a good program and he would benefit and learn a lot about technology
It sounds like it could be helpful, something he could be interested in
It sounds like it includes computer programming which could be valuable
It sounds like there is a real life approach to tech skills and it would be a compliment to what I expect of the general program
It usually benefits the child in the long run

It will benefit him in the future
It will help in the future for more education
It will help my child in the future and I would want her to do extracurricular activities
It would be for additional educational benefits
It would benefit her future and her life
It would help the student academically and it is useful for college
It's a great time to spend time learning
It's a higher learning opportunity. I'll let him decide when the time comes.
It's a more extensive part of education
It's all learning
It's because it broadens her life experiences
It's good to know and he is learning these things at home so I guess he's not interested in it through CTE courses
Just for the benefit and extra help and possibilities and to add another notch on his belt
Just for the benefit of it and if it complements their field of study
Just from the brief description, I'm not sure if any would catch her attention
Just to make her aware of the different options available and not having to wait to go to college to experience them. Early hands-on training
Life experience
Likes math
Mainly for the career opportunity
Maybe. I'm not sure now.
My child appears to be interested in media production and CTE offers this instruction but he's only 10 years old so I'm not sure if he will want to pursue them. As parents we value hands-on education.
My child is interested in some courses and; took courses on weekends
My child like the types of things the program teaches
My fourth grader took TV Production already
My son who is older, he had some skill making things and that was the one thing he was excited about in school, so I think it's for kids like him who is a different type of student.
No answer
One of my daughters has taken a class during the summer
Only if there's an interest
Only in first grade now
Provide them with a well-rounded background and lets them have a choice
Right now she is too young, but as she gets older if it is her desire
She can have more assistance and knowledge to choose.
She has to fit it in with all her other course work,
She loves courses where she gets to make and use things
She may not be mature enough to take a high school credit class
So he can stay on top of things for college and career
So that they can enrich his learning
Some of my other kids have done it and I will push this one to do it as well
Some of the curriculum sounded interesting.
Some of the ones you listed would be in areas of his interest
Some of these courses are things I think she should study
Some sound like a good way for our child to be exposed to career fields

Sounds interesting
Sounds like a good program
Sounds like it couldn't work into their schedules
Sounds like it offers some specific career choices
Sounds like it will be good for him
Sounds like it would be helpful
Technical experience
That will give him the level of today's education that he needs
The computer and business sciences courses offer more skills to getting a job
The courses apply to life experiences
The courses are more practical for getting a job
The courses offer technology training
The courses offered are an important part of an education
The courses on computers would be beneficial
The CTE courses should be mandatory for both business, computer careers, home economics, and almost everything else.
The more she can do, the better it is. Anything to better her future
The offerings you just described to teens like computers and technology
The reason is it's a college necessity.
There are very interesting options. It's a great way to expose themselves to college courses.
They are good start-up courses before he starts college.
They are really good skill sets
They need it
They offers training on areas of interest and careers like pet grooming. He does better in academics. Sometimes they have video production. He has autism but I will sign him up and he knows them. I would love to see the video of what they offer.
They seem very interesting and they can help him make his decisions on his profession
Think he would be interested.
Think it would be a good experience
To acquire skills in higher learning
To be exposed to new things
To explore a little more
To get him into high school or college
To get more idea about future jobs
To get ready for college
To get real world skills
To give her challenge and more knowledge
To help fill any gap between vocation and the future
To help her get ahead earlier
To prepare for college and just the knowledge
To see if they find interest in something
Very interesting courses
We are looking for opportunities beyond traditional academics for him to explore
We signed her up for a class on cosmetology, and she had mixed feelings there.
We will see when she gets there
Well, I think maybe he would be exposed to other stuff that he normally wouldn't be
Well, I would encourage him because he needs all kinds of skills and he would be interested in

economics, marketing and engineering, and would be interested in digital production
Well, the reason is it will help for now and later for college
Well, we try to do everything for our kid to help him out and it sounds like something good for him, in a few years.
When I was in school I went and I really liked them
When you have a significant developmental delay any help in a CT area is beneficial

AMONG PARENTS THAT ARE “A LITTLE” or “NOT AT ALL” LIKELY TO ENCOURAGE THEIR CHILD TO ENROLL IN A CTE COURSE (n=163)
Based on the fact that I don't know enough about it.
Based on what I know at this time but it's kind of too early
Because having taught at the career center, it is a place for students who are not academically inclined
Because he doesn't have space in his schedule
Because he has other obligations
Because he is doing well academically and he has no need for them
Because he is in the program and there is no room
Because he probably won't have the time to do
Because he says he's interested in computer technology so I would encourage these courses
Because I do not know if she has room in her schedule. If she did I would
Because I do not think it's for her.
Because I don't see room for it in the school schedule
Because I think it could be life-enhancing though they are not hardcore but are beneficial.
Because I want them to have an academic focus
Because I would like to rule it out with that information
Because it could be useful in something. Interesting.
Because it wouldn't fit in his schedule, maybe during the summer, but on other hand, if it was in summer I would definitely not want to take it
Because it's because he is in the IT program
Because it's so far away
Because of her schedule and other interests that she has at the moment
Because of technology playing an important part
Because of the school she is in. I'm not sure if they have it
Because Sabeen can take them if she wants.
Because she already has enough to do
Because she does not have time in her schedule.
Because she has only two months left and I didn't have awareness about it.
Because she is still in the third grade and she is not ready for this
Because she will be in the IB program and won't have time
Because she's going to be in APs next year
Because there is not enough room in her schedule
Because there is not enough time in her schedule
Because they don't represent what he needs to be educated in; we're more interested in academics
Because we are going back to our home country soon
Because we are military and will be moving at the end of school year
Because we are not staying longer than two or three years here. We are going back to our country.

Because we live next to the career center and I see them hanging out using skateboards. I'm not encouraged to send him there and that's not the path my child will be on. He's going to college.
Because we're just not interested
Because what they offer has nothing to do with what he wants to study in the future
Child is too young to think about it
Don't know anything about it
He doesn't have enough time
He doesn't have room in his schedule
He is already taking other courses and has no room for electives in his schedule right now
He is in an IB program and he is getting the credits he already needs
He is just not on that track. He's college-bound.
He is not on a track to college and I don't know anything about them
He is on a university track and has very little options to do CTE courses
He needs to take courses like this
He's a diploma student.
He's more on a college path and I feel this is more of a vocational thing
He's too young to say for sure
His current courses do not leave room for more
I am not familiar if it directs children to college
I am unaware of offerings at this time
I do not do much to steer my child to particular classes. I worry about the level of challenge but not particular classes
I do not have enough knowledge of them
I do not know anything about this program and I would have to research it
I do not know enough about it
I do not know how they expect these kids to have time for this unless they make it part of the school day
I do not know much about the program
I do not know that much about this program and I need to find more about it and I actually have never been told about from anyone in my daughter's school
I do not like answering all these questions
I don't know
I don't know anything about it
I don't know enough about it
I don't know enough at this time to completely disregard but I would not support it
I don't know that much
I don't think he has enough room in his schedule
I don't think she will have time
I don't want to rule anything out
I don't know
I don't know about it and some of it overlaps with his interest.
I don't know anything about this and she's in kindergarten
I don't know too much about the courses. If there was something she was interested in, I would say go for it
I don't really know.
I don't think he would like it
I don't think it would benefit him because of his schedule

I feel they need their standard prep sources more
I got a mailer about a Saturday course in pet care
I haven't found one I think my child needs
I just do not know a lot about it
I need to learn more about the program
I think he might find the computer technology course interesting, he is interested in woodworking, but he's planning to go to college
I think I need to learn more about them but I think colleges look at vigorous course work and to my understanding is that kids school days are filled with more courses applicable to college courses.
I think it would depend on the time and the course
I think it's a good program
I think she has plenty of education going on and activities she doesn't have time
I want her in the most advanced courses possible
I want to see Arlington tech change the program but I don't know about the other schools
I would have to know more about the program and if she is interested
I would like to let her decide on what courses she is interested in
I would probably encourage my child with the business and marketing but I do not think she is interested in the other courses
I would want to give him every opportunity that others are getting but I would need to see his schedule to see if he has room
If he shows interest but he's never talked about it
If my child was interested in the courses
If there was something of interest to her. It is difficult for children to meet all those requirements.
I'm not sure if there would be enough time
In case it seems like a good opportunity and if there is room in her schedule and an interest in the subject matter
It does not sound like something my daughter would lean towards.
It does too much time from her schedule
It is very difficult to enroll, especially when he is a college-bound student
It just doesn't sound like her field of interest
It primarily sounds technical, but it could benefit the college bound
It sounds like their courses are geared to kids who are not going to college instead of kids who are attending college
It sounds like there could be some benefit like improvement in high school
It sounds to me like he is college bound and a few courses might be helpful, but most of those courses I do not think would be useful to him.
It won't apply to my child
It would be scheduling. He is on a heavy college track so I do not know if he has time
It would benefit him in the future
It's basically that there is not enough time in her schedule, she is in IB
It's just that she's full with her courses to get ready for college and has no room in her schedule
It's just unlikely to fit in with her schedule
Just because he is in elementary school
Just because he is so busy with his curriculum, as it is
Just because of scheduling
Mostly because I feel that most of the courses he is instructed in are already offered in electives and he has limited time.

My child is too young right now and I do not have enough information about it
My husband wants more academics.
My son has some disabilities, but he will probably go to the career center
Need to know more
Never heard of it.
No interest
Not enough room in her schedule
Not sure they have the courses to meet my child's interests
Ophelia is in a gifted program and very motivated and it addresses her issues.
Right now, it is too early as she is only in the second grade
She does not have not room in her schedule. I wish they could make it easier. I only found out this year and it was too late for her to benefit. There's a perception problem with the career center
She has no room in her schedule.
She has shown interest in it and has a pretty full schedule
She is a second semester senior. Given her career interest and level of college interests it does not support her.
She is in a IB program and she does not have time
She is still too young and I am not sure how things will be as she gets older
She is still very little and now is not the time for me to discuss this with her
She is studying a lot more and is doing better in high school
She is too little
She's going to college and doesn't need these courses
Some good and valuable courses, but little room in her schedule
Some of the things my son will be interested in, like computers, but others he wouldn't.
Sounds like the classes may be useful
The basic courses that he needs and electives leave no room on his schedule.
The flyers I received seem to indicate they are expensive and not in my daughter's interests.
The inconveniences getting to the center. It takes two periods instead of one period in class
There are no courses that seem to fit with his course of study
There is just no time with all the homework and after school programs
There is no room in her schedule
There is not enough information and it is hard to fit into the schedule
There might be something of interest to her.
There seems to be no room for extras in the day
They are very strong on academics, not CTE courses
They don't have any interest in it.
Time and scheduling
Too early to say
We are moving because of the schools in Arlington.
We are still at the elementary level
We have other activities so time would be an issue
We have services on Saturday because we are Jewish and she does not have time in her schedule to commit
We just do not have time for that
We will not be here for high school
Well, I don't have enough information
We're not interested in the program

[RESUMED AMONG ALL]

The next three questions address the level of respect for students with different backgrounds attending Arlington Public Schools. Please answer each question with one of the following choices: very respectful, somewhat respectful, or not at all respectful.

22. IN YOUR OPINION, HOW RESPECTFUL IS YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL OF CULTURAL DIFFERENCES? WOULD YOU SAY...

79%	VERY RESPECTFUL
16%	SOMEWHAT RESPECTFUL
1%	NOT AT ALL RESPECTFUL
4%	DON'T KNOW (VOL.)
-	REFUSED (VOL.)

23. IN YOUR OPINION, HOW RESPECTFUL IS YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL OF LANGUAGE DIFFERENCES? WOULD YOU SAY...

72%	VERY RESPECTFUL
14%	SOMEWHAT RESPECTFUL
2%	NOT AT ALL RESPECTFUL
12%	DON'T KNOW (VOL.)
*	REFUSED (VOL.)

24. IN YOUR OPINION, HOW RESPECTFUL IS YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL OF RACIAL OR ETHNIC DIFFERENCES? WOULD YOU SAY...

79%	VERY RESPECTFUL
15%	SOMEWHAT RESPECTFUL
2%	NOT AT ALL RESPECTFUL
4%	DON'T KNOW (VOL.)
-	REFUSED (VOL.)

25. In your opinion, is it the responsibility of the public schools to close the achievement gap between white students and black and Hispanic students?

73%	YES
15%	NO
12%	DON'T KNOW (VOL.)

26. IN YOUR OPINION, HOW SUCCESSFUL DO YOU THINK ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS HAS BEEN IN NARROWING THE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT GAP? [ACCEPTED ONE RESPONSE. ROTATED TOP TO BOTTOM AND BOTTOM TO TOP.]

67%	TOTAL VERY/SOMEWHAT SUCCESSFUL (NET)
20%	VERY SUCCESSFUL
47%	SOMEWHAT SUCCESSFUL
7%	TOTAL VERY/SOMEWHAT UNSUCCESSFUL (NET)
5%	SOMEWHAT UNSUCCESSFUL
2%	VERY UNSUCCESSFUL
9%	NEED MORE INFORMATION/NO BASIS TO JUDGE (VOL.)
16%	DON'T KNOW (VOL.)
*	REFUSED (VOL.)

For the next series of questions, I'm going to ask you to what extent you agree or disagree with certain statements. Please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree.

27. "THERE IS AN ATMOSPHERE OF OPEN COMMUNICATION AT MY CHILD'S SCHOOL."

89%	TOTAL AGREE (NET)
60%	STRONGLY AGREE
29%	SOMEWHAT AGREE
4%	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
6%	TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)
5%	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
1%	STRONGLY DISAGREE
1%	DON'T KNOW (VOL.)
-	REFUSED (VOL.)

28. "THE PRINCIPAL IS RESPONSIVE TO THE CONCERNS OF PARENTS AND THE COMMUNITY."

80%	TOTAL AGREE (NET)
59%	STRONGLY AGREE
21%	SOMEWHAT AGREE
7%	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
4%	TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)
3%	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
1%	STRONGLY DISAGREE
7%	DON'T KNOW (VOL.)
*	REFUSED (VOL.)

29. "MY CHILD'S SCHOOLWORK DEVELOPS LIFE SKILLS, SUCH AS TEAMWORK, COLLABORATION, TIME MANAGEMENT, GOAL SETTING, COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND ARTS APPRECIATION."

90%	TOTAL AGREE (NET)
56%	STRONGLY AGREE
34%	SOMEWHAT AGREE
4%	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
4%	TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)
3%	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
1%	STRONGLY DISAGREE
1%	DON'T KNOW (VOL.)
*	REFUSED (VOL.)

30. "I COLLABORATE WITH THE STAFF AT MY CHILD'S SCHOOL TO CONTINUE MY CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT AT HOME AS WELL AS AT SCHOOL."

83%	TOTAL AGREE (NET)
52%	STRONGLY AGREE
30%	SOMEWHAT AGREE
7%	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
9%	TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)
6%	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
3%	STRONGLY DISAGREE
1%	DON'T KNOW (VOL.)
*	REFUSED (VOL.)

31. "MY CHILD'S TEACHERS MAINTAIN CONSISTENT AND HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR MY CHILD."

92%	<u>TOTAL AGREE (NET)</u>
67%	STRONGLY AGREE
25%	SOMEWHAT AGREE
2%	<u>NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE</u>
4%	<u>TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)</u>
4%	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
1%	STRONGLY DISAGREE
2%	DON'T KNOW (VOL.)
-	REFUSED (VOL.)

32. "THE TEACHERS GIVE ADEQUATE FEEDBACK TO PARENTS ABOUT THEIR CHILD'S CLASSROOM PERFORMANCE."

78%	<u>TOTAL AGREE (NET)</u>
47%	STRONGLY AGREE
31%	SOMEWHAT AGREE
4%	<u>NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE</u>
17%	<u>TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)</u>
11%	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
7%	STRONGLY DISAGREE
*	DON'T KNOW (VOL.)
*	REFUSED (VOL.)

33. "MY CHILD HAS ENOUGH INFORMATION TO COMPLETE HIS/HER HOMEWORK BY HIMSELF/HERSELF."

88%	<u>TOTAL AGREE (NET)</u>
57%	STRONGLY AGREE
31%	SOMEWHAT AGREE
3%	<u>NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE</u>
8%	<u>TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)</u>
6%	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
3%	STRONGLY DISAGREE
*	DON'T KNOW (VOL.)
1%	REFUSED (VOL.)

34. "I AM AWARE OF THE HEALTHY CHOICES AVAILABLE FOR MY CHILD'S SNACKS, MEALS, AND BEVERAGES AT SCHOOL."

64%	TOTAL AGREE (NET)
39%	STRONGLY AGREE
25%	SOMEWHAT AGREE
9%	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
21%	TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)
12%	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
8%	STRONGLY DISAGREE
5%	DON'T KNOW (VOL.)
1%	REFUSED (VOL.)

35. "I HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE INPUT ON POLICIES, PRACTICES, AND PROGRAMS."

68%	TOTAL AGREE (NET)
29%	STRONGLY AGREE
39%	SOMEWHAT AGREE
11%	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
15%	TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)
10%	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
6%	STRONGLY DISAGREE
5%	DON'T KNOW (VOL.)
-	REFUSED (VOL.)

36. "MY PTA COLLABORATES WITH THE COMMUNITY TO EXPAND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES, COMMUNITY SERVICES, AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION."

76%	TOTAL AGREE (NET)
43%	STRONGLY AGREE
34%	SOMEWHAT AGREE
9%	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
7%	TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)
4%	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
2%	STRONGLY DISAGREE
7%	DON'T KNOW (VOL.)
*	REFUSED (VOL.)

37. "APS HAS THE TECHNOLOGY TO SUPPORT BOTH IN- AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL LEARNING FOR MY CHILD."

82%	TOTAL AGREE (NET)
53%	STRONGLY AGREE
29%	SOMEWHAT AGREE
6%	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
7%	TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)
5%	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
2%	STRONGLY DISAGREE
5%	DON'T KNOW (VOL.)
*	REFUSED (VOL.)

Finally, I would like to ask you a few confidential statistical questions for classification purposes only.

38. ARE YOU OF SPANISH OR HISPANIC ORIGIN OR DESCENT?

14%	YES
84%	NO
1%	REFUSED (VOL.)

39. ARE YOU:

65%	WHITE
9%	BLACK
12%	ASIAN
11%	OR ANOTHER RACE
2%	REFUSED (VOL.)

40. RESPONDENT'S GENDER [RECORDED BY OBSERVATION]

50%	MALE
50%	FEMALE