

Central City School District No. 133
NEEDS ASSESSMENT

RESULTS of the 2019 Needs Assessment:
77 completed
45 Completed and Returned; 32 Online

***Bold, underlined numbers indicate number of responses.**

Date: 05-10-2019

I am the child's:

12 father 62 mother 1 grandparent 2 guardian or other caring person

1. How often do you visit the school? 31 daily 21 weekly 18 monthly 5 yearly 1 never
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2. When you hear the words, "Central City School," what do you think?
See attached sheet for comments.

3. Please circle your overall rating for the following staff members of Central City School #133:

<u>Teachers</u>	<u>56</u> Excellent	<u>10</u> Good	<u>3</u> Average	<u>0</u> Fair	<u>1</u> Poor	<u>7</u> Blank
<u>Administrator</u>	<u>63</u> Excellent	<u>10</u> Good	<u>3</u> Average	<u>0</u> Fair	<u>1</u> Poor	<u>0</u> Blank
<u>Office Secretaries</u>	<u>61</u> Excellent	<u>14</u> Good	<u>2</u> Average	<u>0</u> Fair	<u>0</u> Poor	<u>0</u> Blank
<u>Aides (Paraprofessionals)</u>	<u>52</u> Excellent	<u>19</u> Good	<u>2</u> Average	<u>0</u> Fair	<u>2</u> Poor	<u>2</u> Blank
<u>Nurse</u>	<u>42</u> Excellent	<u>18</u> Good	<u>10</u> Average	<u>2</u> Fair	<u>3</u> Poor	<u>2</u> Blank
<u>Cooks</u>	<u>48</u> Excellent	<u>21</u> Good	<u>3</u> Average	<u>1</u> Fair	<u>0</u> Poor	<u>6</u> Blank
<u>Custodians</u>	<u>54</u> Excellent	<u>16</u> Good	<u>6</u> Average	<u>0</u> Fair	<u>0</u> Poor	<u>1</u> Blank
<u>Bus Drivers</u>	<u>50</u> Excellent	<u>17</u> Good	<u>4</u> Average	<u>1</u> Fair	<u>0</u> Poor	<u>5</u> Blank
<u>Crossing Guards</u>	<u>51</u> Excellent	<u>16</u> Good	<u>2</u> Average	<u>0</u> Fair	<u>0</u> Poor	<u>8</u> Blank
<u>School Board Members</u>	<u>44</u> Excellent	<u>20</u> Good	<u>5</u> Average	<u>2</u> Fair	<u>2</u> Poor	<u>4</u> Blank

4. Do you read the Home & School Connection newsletter (for early childhood through fifth grade) each month that is provided to you courtesy of Title 1 at C.C.S.? 34 Yes 26 No 17 NA 0 Blank

5. Do you feel that the Accelerated Reader program has been beneficial to your child(ren)? 67 Yes 4 No
6 Blank Explain: **See attached sheet for comments.**

6. Do you think that the AR Store is an effective reward system for AR participants? 66 Yes 3 No
1 Blank 7 NA

7. This is the second year for the Title I After-School Program, ASK (After-School Knowledge) for Kdg. – 8th Grade students. Did your child(ren) attend any days of this new program?
20 Yes 56 No

If "Yes", do you have any comments, or have any suggestions for improvement?

See attached sheet for comments/suggestions.

8. What is your rating of the amount of homework that your child received this school year?
6 Too Much 64 Just Right 7 Not Enough

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9. Did your child (Grades 3-8) make any comments to you about the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR), formerly the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Tests in March?

29 Yes 35 No

10. In your opinion, was the information (curriculum) that was taught to your child during this school year appropriate for his/her grade level? 74 Yes 1 No 1 Maybe 1 Blank

11. What changes would you make to the CCS curriculum?

See attached sheet for comments

12. Do you think that the C.C.S. discipline plan is effective? 72 Yes 5 No 0 Blank

Do you think that the discipline plan has proven to be fair and consistent for all students? 69 Yes 8 No

Do you think the After-School Detention program is effective? 62 Yes 6 No 9 Blank

A. In your opinion, what is the greatest strength of the discipline plan?

See attached sheet for comments.

B. In your opinion, what is the greatest weakness of the discipline plan?

See attached sheet for comments.

13. Do you feel that your child(ren) receive(s) adequate exposure to technology at school? 75 Yes 1 No

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14. Did your child(ren) (Grades 4-8) make any comments about the newly-purchased Chromebooks?

30 Yes 19 No 28 N/A **See attached sheet for comments.**

15. Are there any ways you'd like to see the technology in our school improved? **See attached sheet for comments**

16. Do you and/or your child(ren) have daily access to the Internet at home? 72 Yes 4 No 1 Blank

17. Have you used the TeacherEase online program to check your child's grades, discipline logs, etc.?

46 Yes 31 No

18. Have you or your child visited the Central City School website at www.ccs133.com? 71 Yes 6 No

19. How could the website be improved? **See attached sheet for comments.**

20. What pages on the school's website have you visited this year? (please mark **all** that apply)

<p><u>52</u> To find out what's going on in the school.</p> <p><u>34</u> Menus</p> <p><u>58</u> School Calendars</p> <p><u>24</u> To visit classroom page</p> <p><u>11</u> Useful links</p> <p><u>40</u> Sports information</p> <p>Other: <u>1</u> look up phone number <u>1</u> pictures of kids <u>1</u> grades</p>

21. Did you find Central City School's "One Call Now" parent notification system helpful this year?

70 Yes 5 No 2 Blank

22. Do you regularly check your child's school planner for homework assignments, teacher notes, or school information? (Please circle the answer that **best** applies) 6 N/A

2 Never 1 Rarely 8 Sometimes 13 Frequently 47 Always

23. Craft Night and Crazy Cultural Night are both Title I parent-involvement events. Did you attend this year?
44 Craft Night 47 Crazy Cultural Night.

Do you enjoy attending these events or would you like to see something else planned next year?
See attached sheet for suggestions.

24. What functions did you attend or do you plan to attend at Central City School in the 2018-2019 school year?
(please mark **all** that apply)

<u>56</u> Open House/Book Fair	<u>44</u> School Carnival/Coronation	<u>33</u> Spring Concert/Academic Honors
<u>69</u> Parent/Teacher Conferences	<u>2</u> Scholar Bowl Meets	<u>34</u> Athletics Awards Night
<u>42</u> Title 1 Craft Night	<u>49</u> Title 1 Crazy Cultural Night	<u>56</u> Class Field Trips
<u>67</u> Holiday Program	<u>0</u> School Board Meetings	<u>28</u> Graduation
<u>47</u> Sporting Events	<u>4</u> P.T.O. Meetings	

25. Is there an activity for parents and/or students that you would like to see started at Central City School?
0 Blank 0 No 0 NA **See attached sheet for comments.**

26. Did you like that evening hours were offered for parent-teacher conferences?
46 Yes 0 No

27. Do you have any suggestions on how to attract more participants to P.T.O.?
See attached sheet for suggestions.

28. Would you be interested in volunteering at C.C.S. for any of the following: (please mark **all** that apply)

<u>4</u> tutoring during school	<u>14</u> classroom volunteer	<u>1</u> other- Field trip
<u>8</u> recess supervision	<u>8</u> AR Store volunteer	
<u>2</u> lunchroom supervision	<u>10</u> P.T.O.	

29. How safe from serious threats do you feel your child is when he/she is at school during regular school hours? Please rate your answer on a scale of 1- 5, with 1 being **not safe at all** and 5 being **very safe**.

<u>Not Safe</u>	<u>Moderately Safe</u>	<u>Very Safe</u>
<u>0</u> 1	<u>6</u> 3	<u>10</u> 4
<u>0</u> 2		<u>61</u> 5

30. What are the reasons you feel keep parents from being involved? (Please mark **all** that apply) 0 Blank

<u>42</u> work full-time	<u>4</u> sickness
<u>61</u> work part-time	<u>13</u> transportation problems
<u>29</u> small child with no one to watch him/her	<u>3</u> apathy
<u>4</u> elderly person to care for in the home	<u>4</u> other (please list): parenting styles, co-parenting, Sports, social issues

31. Please rate your overall satisfaction with Central City School as a place to send your child(ren) to school?

<u>Low</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>High</u>
<u>0</u> 1	<u>4</u> 3	<u>15</u> 4
<u>0</u> 2		<u>58</u> 5

See attached sheet for comments.

The opinions of parents, grandparents, and guardians of ALL students at Central City School are essential for the planning process for the 2019-2020 school year. Please write any additional comments below or on a separate piece of paper. **See attached sheet for "additional" comments.**

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2 Comments:

When you hear the words, "Central City School," what do you think?

12 Great school. **7** good school/education **3** K-8 **3** best school in town
3 Amazing school/ caring staff

Other comments:

1. Pride
2. Integrity and respect
3. A wonderful school with a great administrator and teaching staff
4. What a great school we have & I'm glad my kids are able to go.
5. Community based
6. The school that lets kids not in the district attend.
7. Great school with a positive atmosphere!
8. My children have enjoyed their experience there so far..
9. Excellent school
10. Community and pride
11. Good people who care
12. Great school & staff.
13. That's a good school to have your kids in.
14. Best Elementary K-8 school
15. Family
16. Safe, caring and many opportunities for many interests.
17. my kids school
18. k-8, community, active involvement
19. as a school I want my child to go to
20. excellence
21. I had heard from others that it is a very good school.
22. Great academic program. Just a well rounded school that encourages their students to succeed.
23. Good education system, teachers whom care, a school I'm grateful my child attends
24. Definitely one of the best grade schools in the area.
25. Awesome teachers!
26. great school, kind staff and teachers, awesome with on on one help to help kids excel in trouble areas
27. My son's school.
28. my children's school and awesome teachers
29. a k-8 school with smaller sized classrooms

#5 Comments:

Do you feel that the Accelerated Reader program has been beneficial to your child(ren)?

4 Motivates them to read. **5** They become better readers

Other comments:

1. My child doesn't like to find opportunities to read in general, the AR program gives him more reason to read while presenting more probability for him to enjoy reading for his own pleasure. Our children have challenged themselves to read more because of this program.
2. Helps hold them accountable

3. I have a difficult relationship with AR. It is beneficial for our oldest. It has helped him be competitive but he is a reader and will read no matter what.
4. My boys have a passion for reading and they love the fact they benefit from it to
5. My kids love to read now.
6. The program encourages them to read. However, above 4th grade, I do not feel it is necessary.
7. My daughter seems like she can read better in this school than the last school any opportunity to help promote reading I feel is needed.
8. My son is eager to buy new books and reads a lot at home.
9. It has helped with English vocabulary and getting my child to set goals for reading
10. I'm not really sure on this. My child never really brings books home.
11. Gives the child more drive to read when they don't have it.
12. It's good for kids because it teaches them to keep pushing.
13. My daughter has picked up reading and pronouncing words very well and loves it!
14. She seems to be reading pretty good, has a little trouble but not much. She looks forward to going to the AR store.
15. It fosters a wonderful love of reading in a student and a continuous curiosity to explore different topics. The STAR program helps them to realize their reading potential which encourages reading.
16. Help them to want to read more, gets them ready for the future. Helps them learn more . Great idea!
17. It reminds me of my childhood. It makes the children want to read.
18. She would not have progressed in her reading skills which was lacking greatly without it.
19. I could definitely tell when she started doing AR; she learned to read so quickly.
20. It helps both my kids read more so they can get points for certain things in the store.
21. It has helped my daughter a lot. She gets to be challenged with more advanced reading, and enjoys moving forward. She is always excited to tell me that she only has a certain number of books to read before her flower opens up and she gets a prize!
22. My child went from reading very little to reading everything he can and always learning more words
23. Helps my child explore different authors and genres
24. Good for my daughter, not my son
25. He enjoys the program. He learns from each book.
26. I feel like my child is too young (K) to benefit.
27. The rewards are interesting. The kids compete within their class as well. Helps them to focus on appropriate book level.
28. Noticed better grades all the way around

#7 Comments/Suggestions:

This is the first year for the Title I After-School Program, ASK (After-School Knowledge) for Kdg. – 8th Grade students. Did your child(ren) attend any days of this new program? If “Yes”, do you have any comments, or have any suggestions for improvement?

1. I think it should offered every day after school.
2. MY KIDS LOVE IT!! It's also nice to have homework completed!!
3. I love this program. it is a huge help considering I am a student myself and work full time.
4. Very helpful for the child and a busy working single parent.
5. Mondays, Wednesdays?
6. No, Jenna learned a lot and got the extra help she needed in understanding subjects she may have needed more clarity on.
7. I would like to have it M-F; it's great!
8. It helped my child understand the importance of asking for help if you don't understand.
9. More oversight. Lots of goof off

9 Comments:

Did your child (Grades 3-8) make any comments to you about the PARCC Tests in March?

1. they hate them 2
2. It took forever
3. he liked cause it was all on computer
4. Just usual complaint....another test lol
5. They discussed the class preparations and the "new" name
6. it was hard
7. I don't know if I can do it. I don't know if I did good.
8. doing tests in class
9. My child loved the testing (crazy, huh?)
10. 3rd graders were nervous but teachers provided EXCELLENT preparations and helped the kids understand the outcome will be ok.

#11 Comments:

What changes would you make to the CCS curriculum?

4 None

1. So far I have not seen any problems with the current curriculum for my child. I have noticed that he's learning advanced ideas in math, reading, and spelling that are keeping him on his toes. What I haven't observed, yet, is deep thinking questions that challenge him into thinking more critically.
2. 1st grade has a lot of homework.
3. Cursive writing
4. At this time I'm very happy...staff is amazing and my son loves central city
5. Less homework more hands on learning
6. No more common core math !!
7. I think it's great for parents to have an idea of what homework is each day. So something making sure they know.
8. A little more homework to help study in different ways for upcoming tests in all studies.
9. less homework
10. Nothing, that I can think of. _____ learned a lot and we're very happy.
11. 7th hour study hall for all students for homework and tutoring.
12. Math could be more current
13. 4 days staying after school for homework help even if Mom and Dad have to pay \$20 a month.
14. More hands on experiments and projects would be fun.
15. The curriculum is above grade level which is awesome and the teachers are doing an amazing job to make sure the kids understand. In higher math, I feel the teacher goes too fast and doesn't completely explain all of the way.
16. More for students who excel to keep them making progress.
17. I would like a small worksheet sent home to complete during the week or over weekends. (K)
18. Get rid of common core math - return to phonics instead of sight words - teach writing/cursive

#12 Comments:

A. In your opinion, what is the greatest strength of the discipline plan? 5 Fair and consistent

1. The plan follows an objective, tiered system.
2. The way the staff talks to the children like their own
3. It does deter some children from acting inappropriately.
4. If each student were treated equally, it would be great. Some get away with doing things because they're on the basketball team etc. The plan is great. If it was used for each behavior that took place to the given student.

5. Holds your child accountable
6. Have not seen one
7. The principal commands authority
8. Modify behaviors
9. Mr. Branon does a great job talking to the kids prior to imposing discipline.
10. The 1,2, 3, step Branon
11. learning consequences
12. To earn respect and consequences
13. Children are held accountable for their actions.
14. It shows kids there are consequences to all actions.
15. shows consequences for negative behavior
16. missing school activities

B. In your opinion, what is the greatest weakness of the discipline plan?

1. Kids are punished differently depending on their parents. There is so much bullying in the school and nothing being done about it.
2. Not getting something done when somebody is bullying my child then it happens over and over
3. I haven't ran across any at this time
4. It doesn't seem to correct the behavior of some children
5. It's not followed correctly. Not everyone is treated equal.
6. Children whose parents are staffed at the school do not get the same discipline as other students.
7. Not evenly applied
8. It's made to be a one size fits all and in today's world unfortunately that just doesn't work. The school has a discipline policy in general and then each teacher has their own as well, can be confusing for children.
9. The teachers don't have more leeway.

Additional comments:

1. My children have never needed discipline so I'm unsure
2. I've reported couple different situations to the school and Mr. B. I don't feel the proper action was taken for the situation. One my daughter being pushed down a classmate male. Another she was being picked at and it was blown off and Mr. B called back and told me he felt maybe was my daughter making it up. That he talked to each student. That was upsetting.
3. My child has never been in trouble
4. "Punishment laps" is a term my child speaks of as she has had it a lot for talking. Five to six year olds being made to do punishment laps is wrong. They are just kids, not military cadets. Time outs/ sentences are more appropriate.

#13 Comments:

Do you feel your child(ren) have adequate exposure to technology at school?

1. My child is learning to use technology that he'll probably use in a future career now. Computer navigation and typing are essential for today's more modern careers.
2. They are becoming very familiar with it during their time in computer lab.
3. computer lab, testing
4. They should be leaning more towards math and computers
5. Had ample time in computer lab and also the chromebooks integrated into the classroom for specific projects.
6. Computers and tablets
7. My daughter loves computer class.
8. Noah likes computer days at school.
9. They have computer lab everyday and the school also provides programs and web pages parents can do at home.
10. My child's favorite class is computer lab.
11. In today's world technology plays a big role but the school also makes it educational exposure.

#14 Comments:

Did your child(ren) (Grades 5-8) make any comments about the newly-purchased Chromebooks?
7 liked/loved them

1. She said they are amazing.
2. Said they were a lot easier to use.
3. We got new books and they are big.
4. My child said she only used the Chromebooks once or twice also during testing she had big assignment due and didn't have access to the lab to do her assignment.

#15 Comments: Are there any ways you'd like to see technology at our school changed?

1. I would simply like for the computer lab to continue to be a part of their daily learning experience.
2. Utilize Google Classroom
3. I definitely think there is always room for improvement in this day and age everything is always progressing.
4. Coding should be a class robotics should be a class
5. I think teacher ease is a great tool to have, if only the teachers would use it consistently
6. Each student should get their own chromebook.
7. More time spent on computers and making sure computer assignments can only be completed at school with teacher's guidance.
8. Downsize technology; it is taking up too much school time.

#19 Comments:

How could the website be improved?

1. It's good. 2
2. Sports schedules to be updated at a decent time. 2
3. I'd like to see some of the teachers utilize it more and also an updated list of the accelerated reader top 10 list.
4. Too many clicks to get to basic info!
5. I wish the teachers would put more on their class's page
6. Kept up to date
7. Much more organized and less complexity (clicking on 2 tone tabs to get to the actual page your searching for)
Calendars both lunch and general not kept up to date.
8. Easier navigation
9. Navigating and where things are at is not easy to find

#23 Comments:

Did you enjoy attending these events (Crazy Cultural Night and Craft Night) or would you like to see something else planned next year?

1. Continue these events, please! 10
2. We didn't attend craft night this year because last year one of the crafts was nutter butters and our 5th grader is allergic so we were hesitant to go this year for fear it would happen again.
3. Craft night is a little chaotic due to the number of students we have. I'd like to keep it just set it up differently.
4. It was nice and I think everyone enjoyed it.
5. Mix it up
6. This year's crazy culture night was best I've seen!
7. Yes, please continue these events! They are so helpful for bonding our students with their teachers, classmates and parents. It's so nice to encourage relationships outside of the academic setting.

8. As my kids get older they are not really interested in Craft Night. You could do a relay night. Set up obstacles for each grade.
9. "Dine and Drive In" Movie night Kids host parents fun night Day @ the park
10. Enjoyed them both very much! Pretty crowded at Craft Night; maybe use the gym.
11. Love the craft night.

#25 Comments:

Is there an activity for parents and/or students that you would like to see started at Central City School?

1. Chorus/show choir 2
2. Earth day projects
3. Parent's/ Grandparent's Day
4. Camps
5. Field Day
6. More choices for nonathletic kids

#27 Comments:

Do you have suggestions on how we can get more parents involved in PTO?

1. Door prizes 2
2. different members to run PTO
3. I suggest nominating 1 parent per class as like a PTO coordinator to possibly send out reminder text/calls or asking for help.
4. Maybe give out more information as to what PTO means as far as what you discuss and the purpose of PTO especially for newer parents coming to CCS.
5. unique fundraisers
6. I can't make week night meetings
7. I think everything has been done; you are just lacking PARENT interest. PTO is great!

Additional Comments:

1. I have experienced many of schools over the past couple of centuries, both as a student, instructor, and parent. The more successful schools I've noticed are those that have both parents that care about the progression of their children and teachers that care about the well being of their students. Good teachers are gem stones and should be treated as such. I'd like to call attention to Ms. Schaubert in particular, she has proven to be both a caring human being and an excellent educator; please find and foster more teachers like her. Ask her how she does it, use her as a role model to teach others how to positively affect students, do not let this kind of opportunity go to teach and train teachers into being great role models.
2. The only complaint I have is there is some bullying that had been going on with my granddaughter and my son as well. I know kids will be kids but some kids go beyond being mean.
3. I feel that no matter what each student shall be given equal treatment...I've witnessed myself were this is not the case. Some children are favorites of certain teachers. Or because they play a sport and are really good at it, I've witnessed the student not being given proper discipline for an action.
4. It would be nice if Teacher Ease used text messages! Like an automated update text and then sometimes text with your child's grades, homework, etc.
5. A parent teacher conference beginning AND end of the year would be helpful.
6. Also, love that Mrs. Stewart uses class dojo app.
7. I like how the One Call Now reminds us that there is early dismissal.
8. DOJO is a great addition to the curriculum.
9. Mr. Smith and Mrs. Stewart are just great teachers, very grateful to have them both.
10. I do watch communications through the Facebook page.
11. I loved the use of the "Remind" app this year. This was very convenient.