

Survey Question #11 Results

Which group best describes your status?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Student	6.00%	6
Parent	55.00%	55
Staff	43.00%	43
Community Member	5.00%	5

2. It is more important to have additional classroom teachers with smaller class sizes, than it is to preserve the arts programs, such as music, art, theatre, and other programs such as library, computer, sports.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	13.00%	13
Partially Agree	25.00%	25
No Opinion or Don't Know	3.00%	3
Partially Disagree	18.00%	18
Strongly Disagree	41.00%	41

Comments:

Read the research. I teach Ed psych at Troy and arts far out weigh class size reductions by

The only reason I strongly agree is because there are ways we can add additional teachers & keep art programs. Alabama needs a lottery, r. casinos, etc. those funds would help support a better education for OUR kids versus people going to others states. Alabamians have to spend money in other states on lottery since our government will not utilize the lottery for what it can be used for

Arts, especially music programs should be preserved. See Wall Street Journal article, RESEARCH REPORT | NEW MEDICAL FINDINGS February 18, 2013, 4:25 p.m. ET Music Ability Helps Reading just one article, there is significant research supporting this. The question ward small class size response. Smaller than what? How much smaller, etc. Studies show children involved in music do much better in school.

teachers go in computer lab with their students why do we need comp teachers to just sit and talk? waste of time and money

You can put certified teachers in with classroom teachers as aids and let them co-teach and still keep the arts!

This is a difficult question to answer. The arts, sports, library, and computer are an essential part to a child's education.

However, if you have too large of a class it causes behavior problems and teachers spend most of their time on discipline and management.

If it were not for band and ROTC my child would not want to go to school at all.

The arts program such as music, art, theatre, and library, computer and sports are very important to my education as well as the education of other students. Not all of us will go into a field of job that has to do with subjects taught in classrooms. Some of us want to be an artist, such as myself, and there are many people who dream of being graphic arts designers or other jobs having to do with computers. Some students might feel like they want to be a professional basketball player one day, and by taking away the arts it is taking away the practice, learning and help they need for their future. I want to be an artist one day, and it is going to be very tough for me to achieve this if they take out art classes.

As a retired teacher, I know smaller classes help, but the arts help the child become a more rounded student! All children are not good in math or science, etc., but you can find an outlet with art, music, or drama all of the time! These help the child blossom into an all around better student!!

I feel that the art programs are important in the learning process of children of all ages. Sports I don't feel is that important to the school accademics because they are offered through leasure services. If more parents would to take more responsibility of how their children behave larger classrooms with qualified teachers would not be a problem. Classes uae to have 30 children in them, but the children were made to behave at home. .

Class size is very important, but the arts and other electives give students the opportunity to become well rounded.

Other band , arts , sports etc is a stress reliever for some students and it helps students become more as friends than enemies

Those classes are very important - but small classes are too!!

As much as I would like to have a smaller student to teacher ratio, I do not think that music or art should be cut from schools. I do think that some fine arts could be scaled back to the bones. Students need these cultural opportunities, because they are not readily available in the community.

false choice. Poor question.

Extra-curricula activities are important for the enrichment and socialization of our children.

both are equally important

I am a principal of a non-magnet elementary school. Including the appropriate programs for the school's grade configuration using the list above will help produce well-rounded students who have diverse talents and interests. I can only see it as a strong enhancement to the general curriculum as well as increase the ability to make connections so that learning will be relevant. .

I think they are equally important, but class size in an elementary school is very important because the students do not have the self control it requires for a class of 30.

Smaller classrooms are ideal for better instruction, but the arts is what can make a child a well rounded individual. My children were in the band @DHS & that had a profound effect on their life in teaching responsibility. That's a difficult question!

I feel these programs are very important for our children, and it will be a sad day when we start eliminating them from our schools.
use their brain to more of its capacity.

Statistics prove that children who are involved in an art or music program are more apt to succeed in life. They are very well rounded and learn to

I'm a band and choir student and music is my favorite thing about school. If you cut the music programs then you're choosing to cut out the dreams and futures of many students. Having these extra programs develops us into more rounded, society-ready students. It wouldn't be fair to take away the chance for us to get scholarships for colleges. Please give us the chance like the generations before us to pursue our happiness.

Band is my life with out it im lost in my other classes

Our art program and other things of that sort help provide a meaningful foundation for any student. It really does not matter what th classroom size is,

it is the discipline and respect towards the teacher from the students.

no because some people enjoy being in band. its 1 period where we can just be away from the whole school. One period where we are very professional .One period we dont have to be assoicated with the bad students. It means alot to some people.

We need smaller classroom sizes but we also need the fine arts, sports, and othe programs to keep the students interested in things besides academics. These are motivational tools.

If class sizes are so large that the learning process is hindered of what use are the other programs. We need foundation. the basics first. Let's crawl so we can run.

I am in the arts programs and I believe that the arts programs are excellent opportunities for scholarships for students. The classroom sizes are acceptable as they are.

The need is for both.

Im a student and the only reason i like school is because of the arts program. if you take that out you are gonna have a lot of high school drop outs. just in my opinion

Music is VERY important

While smaller class sizes may be more pleasant and easier for classroom management, not preserving the arts or othe enrichment activities keeps students from getting the opportunities to express themselves in various ways.

Students need all of these programs AND small class sizes. Should not have to choose between them.

Save the arts.

We must preserve the arts. Sometimes these are the only outlets for kids to creatively express themselves. You must preserve the arts programs. You will lose attention of the kids if they are only offered core classes.

Arts and sports should not be cut for smaller classrooms but perhaps the cuts could be found elsewhere

The arts and sports are what keeps my child in school.

The ideal situation would be to have smaller class sizes along with a strong arts program.

The arts are vitally important to produce well rounded students. It is also an outlet for those who may be gifted artistically but lacking in academic abilities.

We need to keep the arts in the schools!

that strongly depends on if you hire teachers that will do their job and not just collect a paycheck...my child has gotten much more out of band than her classes...

Where is Kevin James when you need him?

Life would be harder, even as an adult, with all work and no play.

As a senior, I can firmly say that the ONLY reason I have remained in public school is my LOVE for the arts. If arts programs are done away with, my family will place my siblings in private school.

I think we too often cater to low achievers rather than high achievers. It is important to remember the children that will be future doctors, lawyers, teachers, the one who finds a cure for cancer, the next president, etc. They have the ability to become very well rounded individuals when provided extra opportunities.

If we lower class sizes without offering extras, we are once again catering to low achievers. I do think it is important for all children learn, and I do think all children are capable of learning, but it is important to remember to educate ALL students and ensure ALL students are pushed as far as they can go. It is too frequent that the focus is on strugglers leaving the over achievers and gifted students to read a book or tutor their peers.

The Arts are a means for kids to learn and express themselves. More often than not, kids with access to arts classes have higher grades.

Northview PE is a JOKE. U CAN EASILY do away with that

It is a must that we keep most of these programs. Students would be limited otherwise. Also, they provide enrichment as well as an outlet for students who are not academically oriented.

There shouldn't be a reason to have to choose. Too much money is wasted in this state.