

**ARKANSAS SUCCEED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:  
SURVEY FOR CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING/FORMERLY PARTICIPATING PARENTS<sup>1</sup>**

The Reform Alliance is conducting a survey of families participating in the Succeed Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities.

S.1. Is your child currently participating in the Succeed Scholarship Program?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Never attended a private school with a Succeed Scholarship

S2. What school does your child currently attend?

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Q1. What did you experienced when your student was enrolled in public school, before [he/she] participated in the Succeed Scholarship Program. For each of the following items, please tell me how satisfied you were.

a. Would you say you were very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the individual attention given to your child while they were in public school?

- 4 Very satisfied
- 3 Somewhat satisfied
- 2 Somewhat dissatisfied
- 1 Very dissatisfied
- & DK
- Ref

b. Would you say you were very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the quality of services addressing your child's disability while they were in public school?

- 4 Very satisfied
- 3 Somewhat satisfied
- 2 Somewhat dissatisfied
- 1 Very dissatisfied
- & DK
- Ref

c. Would you say you were very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the academic progress your child was making they were in public school?

- 4 Very satisfied
- 3 Somewhat satisfied
- 2 Somewhat dissatisfied
- 1 Very dissatisfied
- & DK
- Ref

d. Would you say you were very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the class size while they were in public school?

- 4 Very satisfied
- 3 Somewhat satisfied
- 2 Somewhat dissatisfied
- 1 Very dissatisfied

& DK  
- Ref

e. Would you say you were very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the quality of the school's facilities & equipment while they were in public school?

4 Very satisfied  
3 Somewhat satisfied  
2 Somewhat dissatisfied  
1 Very dissatisfied  
& DK  
- Ref

f. Would you say you were very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the quality of your child's teacher while they were in public school?

4 Very satisfied  
3 Somewhat satisfied  
2 Somewhat dissatisfied  
1 Very dissatisfied  
& DK  
- Ref

g. Would you say you were very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the quality of communication with school staff while your child was in public school?

4 Very satisfied  
3 Somewhat satisfied  
2 Somewhat dissatisfied  
1 Very dissatisfied  
& DK  
- Ref

h. Would you say you were very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the process for developing your child's IEP (Individualized education program) while in public school?

4 Very satisfied  
3 Somewhat satisfied  
2 Somewhat dissatisfied  
1 Very dissatisfied  
& DK  
- Ref

i. Would you say you were very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the school's responsiveness to your needs while they were in public school?

4 Very satisfied  
3 Somewhat satisfied  
2 Somewhat dissatisfied  
1 Very dissatisfied  
& DK  
- Ref

Q2. Did you ever come into conflict with the school over your child's IEP?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No (Skip to Q.4)
- & DK (Skip to Q.4)
- REF (Skip to Q.4)

Q3. How serious was this conflict? Would you say it was ...?

- 4 Very serious
- 3. Somewhat serious
- 2. Not too serious
- 1. Not at all serious
- & DK
- REF

Q4. Did your child have behavior problems at that school?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No (Skip to Q.6)
- & DK (Skip to Q.6)
- Ref (Skip to Q.6)

Q5. How serious were these problems? Would you say they were ...?

- 4 Very serious
- 3. Somewhat serious
- 2. Not too serious
- 1. Not at all serious
- & DK
- Ref

Q6. Did you feel that the public school provided all the services it was required to provide?

- 1. Yes (Skip to Q.8)
- 2. No
  - & Don't Know (Skip to Q.8)
  - Refuse to answer (Skip to Q.8)

Q7. How serious was this shortfall in services? Would you say it was ?

- 4 Very serious
- 3. Somewhat serious
- 2. Not too serious
- 1. Not at all serious
- & Don't know
- Refuse to answer

Q8. How often was your child bothered by other students at that public school because of [his / her] disability? Would you say ...?

- 4. Very often
- 3. Often
- 2. Sometimes
- 1 Never
- & DK

- Ref

Q9. Was your child ever physically assaulted by other students at that school because of [his/her] disability?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- & DK
- Ref

Q10. On a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 is the least satisfied and 10 is the most satisfied, how would you rate your overall satisfaction with that public school?

Rating: \_\_\_\_\_

Q11. What was the most important reason you decided to participate in the Succeed Scholarship Program ?

- 01 = Ability to attend private school
- 02 = Dissatisfied with prior public school
- 03 = Child not truly disabled
- 04 = Wanted more individual attention
- 05 = Problems with other students at other school
- 06 = Wanted smaller classes
- 07 = Wanted religious school
- 08 = Wanted improved morals / values instruction
- 09 = Private school specialized in child's disability
- 10 = Wanted better discipline
- 11 = Wanted more academic progress (general)
- 12 = Wanted more academic progress (inappropriate grouping of students)
- 13 = Wanted more academic progress (student not challenged)
- 14 = Problems with teachers / administrator at prior public school
- 95 = None
- 97 = Misc. other
- 98 = Don't know
- 99 = Refused

Q12 What have you experienced while participating in the Succeed Scholarship Program. How difficult was it for you to find an acceptable school for your child under the Succeed Scholarship Program? Would you say it was ...?

- 4. Very difficult
- 3. Somewhat difficult
- 2. Not too difficult
- 1. Not at all difficult
- & DK
- Ref

a. Would you say you were very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the individual attention given to your child while they have been in a private school through the Succeed Scholarship Program?

- 4 Very satisfied
- 3 Somewhat satisfied
- 2 Somewhat dissatisfied
- 1 Very dissatisfied
- & DK

- Ref
- b. Would you say you were very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the quality of services addressing your child's disability while they have been in a private school through the Succeed Scholarship Program?
  - 4 Very satisfied
  - 3 Somewhat satisfied
  - 2 Somewhat dissatisfied
  - 1 Very dissatisfied
  - & DK
  - Ref
- c. Would you say you were very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the academic progress your child was making while they have been in a private school through the Succeed Scholarship Program?
  - 4 Very satisfied
  - 3 Somewhat satisfied
  - 2 Somewhat dissatisfied
  - 1 Very dissatisfied
  - & DK
  - Ref
- d. Would you say you were very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the class size while your child has been in a private school through the Succeed Scholarship Program?
  - 4 Very satisfied
  - 3 Somewhat satisfied
  - 2 Somewhat dissatisfied
  - 1 Very dissatisfied
  - & DK
  - Ref
- e. Would you say you were very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the quality of the school's facilities & equipment while your child has been in a private school through the Succeed Scholarship Program?
  - 4 Very satisfied
  - 3 Somewhat satisfied
  - 2 Somewhat dissatisfied
  - 1 Very dissatisfied
  - & DK
  - Ref
- f. Would you say you were very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the quality of your child's teacher while they have been in a private school through the Succeed Scholarship Program?
  - 4 Very satisfied
  - 3 Somewhat satisfied
  - 2 Somewhat dissatisfied
  - 1 Very dissatisfied
  - & DK
  - Ref

g. Would you say you were very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the quality of communication with school staff while they have been in a private school through the Succeed Scholarship Program?

- 4 Very satisfied
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- 1 Very dissatisfied
- & DK
- Ref

h. Would you say you were very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the process for developing your child's IEP (Individualized education program) while they have been in a private school through the Succeed Scholarship Program?

- 4 Very satisfied
- 3 Somewhat satisfied
- 2 Somewhat dissatisfied
- 1 Very dissatisfied
- & DK
- Ref

i. Would you say you were very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the school's responsiveness to your needs while they have been in a private school through the Succeed Scholarship Program?

- 4 Very satisfied
- 3 Somewhat satisfied
- 2 Somewhat dissatisfied
- 1 Very dissatisfied
- & DK
- Ref

Q13. (Does/Did) You child have an IEP at [his/her] private school?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No (SKIP TO Q.16)
- & DK (Skip to Q.18)
- Ref (Skip to Q.18)

Q14. Did you ever come into conflict with the private school over your child's IEP?

- 1 Yes
- 2. No (Skip to Q.18)
- & DK (Skip to Q.18)
- Ref (Skip to Q.18)

Q15. How serious was this conflict? Would you say it was ...?

- 4. Very serious (Skip to Q.18)
- 3. Somewhat Serious (Skip to Q.18)
- 2 Not too serious (Skip to Q.18)
- 1. Not at all serious (Skip to Q.18)
- & DK (Skip to Q.18)

Ref (Skip to Q.18)

Q16. (Has it been / Was it ever) a problem for you that your child does not have an IEP?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No (Skip to Q.18)
- & DK (Skip to Q.18)

Ref (Skip to Q.18)

Q17. How serious a problem is this? Would you say it is ... ?

- 4. Very serious
- 3. Somewhat Serious
- 2. Not too serious
- 1. Not at all serious
- & DK
- Ref

Q18. (Does / Did) Your child's have behavior problems at the private school?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No (Skip to Q.20)
- & DK (Skip to Q.20)
- Ref (Skip to Q.20)

Q19. How serious (are / were) these problems? Would you say they are ...?

- 4. Very serious
- 3. Somewhat Serious
- 2. Not too serious
- 1. Not at all serious
- & DK
- Ref

Q20. Do you feel that the private school has provided all the services that it promised?

- 1. Yes (Skip to Q.22)
- 2. No
- & DK (Skip to Q.22)
- Ref (Skip to Q.22)

Q21. How serious (is /was) this shortfall in services? Would you say it (is / was) ...?

- 4. Very serious
- 3. Somewhat Serious
- 2. Not too serious
- 1. Not at all serious
- & DK
- Ref

Q22. How often (is / was) your child bothered by other students at the private school because of [his / her] disability? Would you say ?

- 4. Very often
- 3. Often
- 2. Sometimes
- 1. Never
- & DK
- Ref

Q23. Was your child ever physically assaulted by other students at the private school because of [his / her] disability?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- & DK
- Ref

Q24. On a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 is the least satisfied and 10 is the most satisfied, how would you rate your overall satisfaction with the private school is attending now?

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

Rating: \_\_\_\_\_

(IF S.1 = 1 ASK Q25, ELSE SKIP TO Q26)

Q25. How likely is it that you might remove your child from the Succeed Scholarship Program and enroll [him / her] in public school again, either this year or next year? Would you say it is ?

- 5. Very likely (Skip to Q.27)
- 4. Somewhat likely (Skip to Q.27)
- 3. Neither likely nor unlikely (Skip to Q.27)
- 2. Somewhat unlikely (Skip to Q.27)
- 1. Very unlikely (Skip to Q.27)
- & DK (Skip to Q.27)
- Ref (Skip to Q.27)

Q26. What would you say is the main reason your child no longer participates in the Succeed Scholarship Program is ...?

- 01 = Dissatisfied with private school
- 02 = Inadequate facilities
- 03 = Inadequate services / academics at private school
- 04 = Dissatisfied with private school's practices
- 05 = Expelled or counseled out of a private school
- 06 = Personal problem
- 07 = Transportation to private school too burdensome
- 08 = Problems paying for private school
- 09 = Chose more attractive option (non-public or not specified)
- 10 = Chose more attractive option (public)
- 11 = Private school no longer available
- 12 = Student graduated
- 95 = None
- 97 = Other specify

98 = Don't know

99 = Refused

Q27. Do you think the Succeed Scholarship Program should continue to be available to children with disabilities in Arkansas or do you think it should be ended?

1. Continue to be available

2. Ended

& DK

- Ref

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from Jay P. Greene and Greg Forster, *Vouchers for Special Education Students: An Evaluation of Florida's McKay Scholarship Program*, Civic Report No. 38 (New York: Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, June 2003), Appendix B.