

Northfield Nursery School Evaluation Results 2007-2008
by Parents

(25 evaluations returned; 37% return rate)

- 1** extremely dissatisfied
- 2** dissatisfied
- 3** no opinion
- 4** satisfied
- 5** extremely satisfied

1. The Board has operated the school in a responsible manner.

1 (0) 2 (0) 3 (0) 4 (4) 5 (21)

Comments: none listed

2. The Board communicates adequately concerning policies such as payments and refunds, hours of operation, rules about attendance of sick children, and school closings.

1 (0) 2 (0) 3 (0) 4 (8) 5 (17)

Comments: none listed

3. The director is available, willing to help children and parents, and effectively communicates information to parents.

1 (0) 2 (0) 3 (0) 4 (6) 5 (19)

Comments: none listed

4. The teachers understand child development and provide a nurturing, caring classroom.

1 (0) 2 (0) 3 (0) 4 (2) 5 (23)

Comments: "Exceptional!"

"This one, to me, really stands out – I'm so appreciative of the nurturing environment and the level to which I see the teachers demonstrating their understanding of my child and appropriate behaviors."

5. The teachers work with parents to establish and maintain regular, ongoing, two-way communication.

1 (0) 2 (0) 3 (0) 4 (5) 5 (20)

Comments: "Pat is awesome!"

"But I would really love it if teachers has NNS e-mail addresses for more convenient communication that way..."

"Communication is not easy and I wish I had more time to talk with the teachers more often, but I know it's available and I appreciate the honest feedback."

6. The classroom materials and environment are child oriented and inviting.

1 (0) 2 (0) 3 (0) 4 (2) 5 (23)

Comments: "and varied"

7. Family members feel welcome when they step into the classroom.

1 (0) 2 (0) 3 (0) 4 (3) 5 (22)

Comments: none listed

8. Family members have adequate opportunities to be involved in their child's nursery school experience.

1 (0) 2 (1) 3 (1) 4 (4) 5 (19)

Comments: "wish there were more opportunities for parent participation in class besides 1 visitor's day and a field trip"

9. Staff members inform families about special events such as field trips and classroom visitors.

1 (0) 2 (0) 3 (0) 4 (5) 5 (20)

Comments: "Do sometimes wish events were planned a little farther in advance for planning purposes"
"very timely"

10. Field trips are appropriate and well organized.

1 (1) 2 (0) 3 (1) 4 (4) 5 (17)

Comments: "N/A yet"
"N/A Haven't gone on field trip yet"

11. The school pictures were good quality, competitive price, and delivered in a timely manner.

1 (2) 2 (6) 3 (4) 4 (6) 5 (6)

Comments: "Good quality, OK price, not delivered in a timely manner. I understand there was an issue with the frame, but that could've been communicated better to us."
"could have been delivered a little quicker but were fun!"
"More pricey than others we have had in the past (other preschool and kindergarten), but very good quality."
"Did not purchase"
"I've seen the ones that Open Door has – the frames are so much cuter!"
"Communication was not there with photographer. Calls to him would not be returned and if he did return call it was weeks later."
"I felt they were expensive."
"More expensive than other school photos."
"slightly out of focus! Seemed expensive & package options were limited compared with previous preschool experiences"

“pretty expensive this year”

12. The fundraisers (coffee sales, family fun nights) was well organized and the procedures communicated effectively.

1 (0) 2 (1) 3 (1) 4 (10) 5 (13)

Comments: “Do sometimes wish events were planned a little farther in advance for planning purposes”
“We loved the dinner with music. The 1st family night was not so great.”

13. I am pleased with my child's experience.

1 (0) 2 (0) 3 (1) 4 (3) 5 (21)

Comments: “Absolutely!!!”

Northfield Nursery School's strengths:

Comments: “wonderful learning environment!”
“Teachers, activities, variety of experiences my child has been exposed to”
“love that the teachers seem to get to know each child so well: makes each feel so important to them and the class. GREAT for kids that are a bit on the shy side. Also have been extremely happy with curriculum and teaching methods – appreciate all the hard work from all teachers! We really appreciate this program and what it has done for our child.”
“Nurturing and caring!”
“GREAT teachers, GREAT philosophy, open-minded, child-centered”
“Great staff, friendly/involved board, reasonable tuition, creative activities/curriculum, stimulating environment, caring teachers who take an interest in my child and make her feel good about herself”
“We love the teachers, the routine, the curriculum, the philosophy. We love that our child feels safe and we feel safe with our child there.”
“Everything”
“I value the consistency and organization of classrooms and teachers.”
“wonderful teachers, great environment”
“Pat is fantastic!”
“small class size, good variety of art/crafts”
“great overall preschool experience”
“Fabulous teachers who understand young children and their learning! We are thrilled with our child's experience at NNS!”
“wonderful school!”

Northfield Nursery School's areas for improvement:

Comments: “not enough outdoor play when the weather is nice. Add another field trip for 4/5 year-olds. Add additional day to teachers' contracts so that school goes thru end of May.”
“The photo service the last two years was expensive, slow, and not that good.”
“None needed”
“We miss the 2 classes as opposed to 3. Last year had a much more family atmosphere and I knew all 20 kids and their parents right away in the fall. This year I don't know kids and parents in the other 2 classes – even now at the end of the year. I miss that and was so impressed with that small school feel.”

"I would love to see a healthier/more health-explicit snack policy that stressed no sweets/junk food and therefore forebade chocolate milk, 'fruit snacks,' chocolate chip granola bars, etc. Those are sweets! And how about water instead of juice? (like the ECFE policy)"

"More opportunities for parent involvement."

"Would just like to see fundraisers planned a little further in advance – if possible."

"prices too high, field trips are boring and repetitive."

"more fieldtrips?"

"Wish there were more opportunities for parent participation in class besides 1 visitor's day and a field trip."