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Canyon Meadows School Planning Survey 2025 Online Survey Comments

Below you will find all comments provided in the survey as they were written. Comments have not been edited for spelling, grammar, sentence structure, truncation or otherwise. Comments have been edited to ensure anonymity. We also edited or omitted abusive, discriminatory and otherwise inappropriate comments.

- Please share any other thoughts you may have about our SDP.

I like how the Indigenous Education residency is spread out through the year. It emphasizes the importance of the culture and learning from the land. I've heard some "chatter" from other parents about how it's too much, but wonder if they know it's part of the SDP. The focus on writing skills is great, especially in this day and age of technology. Our children need to be taught how to organize and write down their thoughts in complete sentences, not texting/messaging lingo. My child is in Kindergarten this year, so the only experience we have with the SDP is having a teacher switch.

I appreciate the SDP and the effort to improve the school as a whole. The reason I disagree that the learning supports all students question, is that it focuses on the areas where the majority need extra support but does not provide those excelling in the area with additional challenges to keep them engaged.

Grade 5 students are going into grade 6 without important skills they are expected to have. 1. Understanding homework 2. Do not know how to study 3. Do not know how to take notes. These are foreign concepts going into grade 6. The communication between grad 5 and 6 teachers about the transition should be more often and much more collaborative. The admin should also be collaborative on transitions to support the kids better.

I have learned that students will get support and assistance if they fit within the scope of the curriculum, anything outside of this, there is little to no support. For example, the children who are above average or may be more advanced in certain subjects, struggle to get the education and support they need to continue to grow. Giving extra work of the same activities does not foster and encourage a child's talents or strengths.

Seeing that over 50% of students do not meet the basics of the Spanish grammatical accuracy category seems very alarming and is appalling. This issue must be seriously addressed. While homework is usually not given in Elementary school maybe worksheets that can be completed voluntarily can help improve the situation. Many times students are proud to be working on exercises provided by school especially when they are prepared in a fun way. Maybe it is also possible to include parents in more regular ways besides the parent/teacher conferences. Monthly check-ins and feedback might help.



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- Please share any other thoughts you may have about our school budget and fees.

We appreciate the lower fees and are ok paying a bit more for certain field trips.

My child benefits from physical education programs as they support development in confidence, resilience, and community/team work.

I appreciate the added benefits and think the fees are reasonable.

Bussing is horrible. My children's bus stop is 10 minutes away by car, the school is away 15 minutes. So taking the bus is not a feasible option. We would be willing to pay more to have the bus stop in our community, but this isn't even offered by CBE. And for our new school there isn't a bussing option at all. This is very poor and also not the safest options for our children.