

Compass Charter Schools  
Parent Advisory Council Survey 2021-22 Parent Survey

Options Learning - If you were given one thing you could change about Compass, what would that be?

- Nothing
- More assistance for needy families
- Not sure yet
- not sure
- Less places to find everything. I miss stuff or can't find stuff in all the various emails, newsletters, webpages, etc.
- Nothing it's great
- Expand providers
- PLP's should be very basic except for children with special needs. Requiring every student to do such details plps just steals valuable time from us the teachers who are usually running a household at the same time as homeschooling and a lot of us have younger children to take care of as well. Requiring such detailed plps steals valuable time from my family and I don't feel it is necessary.
- More vendors: Barnes and Noble, more vendors for Art supplies, not make us feel bad about trying to order on Amazon
- provide more vendors in person in los Angeles area for sports ,teams
- More ways to connect between the school and all members.
- Less bureaucracy. Less of doing the same thing as public schools. We have chosen a different path for our families for solid reasons. Please stop trying to make us into their mold.
- More vendors--felt limited.
- Find ways to make it easier for vendors to be approved-- I've spoken to several who find it such a hassle and they can't get a hold of anyone to ask questions
- Don't change EFs
- No zooms
- Separate STs by elementary, middle and high school. Allow STs who are strong in each of those grade levels to teach those levels. Every teacher has a strength when it comes to working with a certain grade. I believe it's a disservice to put a high school teacher to teach a kindergartener and vice versa.
- Reimbursement for funds instead of using the very LIMITED vendor list
- In person tutoring from Compass tutors, as I feel my children pay more attention in a in person setting
- More community providers
- Things we can order with our money particularly school supplies like ink pencils erasers etc.
- Adding more vendors
- Fewer platforms. It's quite confusing as a new parent
- Have in person math classes
- i dont know

- Attaching learning goals to standards every month. Our chosen curriculum covers all the grade level standards/requirements, but it is a tedious task to pull out lessons to submit/highlight monthly, when 3 scholars are involved. I understand “checking boxes”, but it feels like redundant work for LCs who have busy schedules.
- Days where the options kids around the same age to meet up for field trips
- the lack of consistency and lack of communication
- I would like more field trips to the scholars in our area and if the students could get to meet their teachers personally twice or thrice in an year, that would make the learning a pleasant endeavor to scholars.
- More service vendors in my area. I’ve had 5 I’ve had apply, or re-apply and been denied.
- I would change the new rules and the new experience we have had and have it go back to how it was, there was enough issues then. Charters only real purpose is to facilitate the funding and put in orders, ordering- that’s it, they help in little other ways, as long as it’s educationally spent then that’s all the oversight that should be needed, instead they collect a huge amount of funding and act and behave like they are facilitating education when that is the parents job who is now more inundated in other tasks to appease the school’s pretend role of being an educational benefactor and even driver instead of the parents attention being more focused on the heavy role they perform ALONE as the educator and school. Gone are the days of the charter just being there to help out the homeschooler, which was very poorly done as it was, now they are just trying to get proof of something that it is not, that being that the school operates as an actual school which it does not, the real school and teachers are the homeschoolers.
- Have scholars meet together in person more often as part of school work or service projects
- More in-person vendors in my area
- A better outreach in place with more incentives to add local community service providers as vendors for students.
- Fewer emails
- Mandatory testing (I was a teacher for over 25 years and testing always had the option for a student to opt out)
- nothing
- nothing
- Unsure .it works well for us
- Daily attendance is a horrible requirement for busy parents who are working and trying to educate their children at home. I would remove the daily attendance requirement.
- I would love more tutoring options. If you had a homework virtual room where students could go to get help from someone other than their parents, that would be amazing.
- A math day a few times a week
- A review week before assessment
- Library time where stories are read
- I would somehow combine all the websites the parents need to have in one area. I would allow Amazon orders so families can save on shipping.
- Accountability
- Choosing your child’s teacher

- Add more providers in Ventura county
- I wish there was a way for the OCLC to not take up so much of our budget ( I wish I could afford subscriptions for my kids), however the OCLC is worth every penny as my students adore going there and are disappointed if they find out there is no school on a particular day.
- For a brand new parent, the communication about what things are and how things work and when to do everything is lacking tremendously. Now that we're doing it, it's fine. But the beginning was rough, even though I consider myself to be someone who picks up on things pretty easily and quickly. Perhaps the ST is supposed to largely play this role and ours didn't do a great job? Or maybe it wasn't her fault at all.
- more peer engagement in-person (non-pandemic world)
- I loved the "Family Teacher" model. was sorry to see it go. We have had three teachers already this year and it's hard. We think the third time's the charm! We love her to pieces and hope she'll be here for years!!
- easier material ordering system
- more one on one
- The option to impute P.E. as a group.
- Ability to change ST the first week of school.
- Streamline and make things easier for parents. Lots and lots of rules. I feel like I can't keep up.
- This is my first year with Compass and so far I'm happy with everything that's being offered by your school. The teachers are amazing !
- More friendly to those that are using paper and pencil and offline resources. Seems like a lot of things are geared towards online learning.
- Allow funding for curriculum and therefore ordering of curriculum at least one month prior to start of school so scholars can not be behind from the start.
- Make assignments due consistent across every teacher.
- Open ordering for 1 sem earlier, closer to the start of school or even before.
- n/a
- More vendors/vendor flexibility
- I haven't loved the tutoring sessions or synchronous meetings. I feel like it gets them off track of their books curriculum and pulls out topics out of order "just to do it" they would leave the meeting feeling like it wasn't helpful at all
- Easier way to navigate vendor options - hard to know what is available
- Maybe a little more time with ST's; she really looks forward to that time!
- I would change the process and timing that curriculum and materials are ordered by giving a lot more time in advance to order and purchase them. Often, materials come after we've already begun the school year/semester. This doesn't leave very much time for lesson planning, and in a sense, we end up starting the semester already behind. Receiving materials is just part of the planning, it takes a lot more time to actually develop the lessons and prepare for them. This is probably unique to the Options program, since the Online program has teachers planning and preparing the materials. Undoubtedly, these instructors have access to their materials with enough time in advance to prepare their lessons.

- Vendor restrictions- item limits with certain vendors, or dollar amount with certain vendors, keep good vendors that serve our students well. (Scholastic, Oriental Trading)
- More field trips
- Having to mark attendance every day
- Eliminate the need to match the I can statements with the work samples. It is a lot of work on top of already teaching two students.
- More approved providers in my county and easier processing for finding new ones.
- Have other book vendors for recent publications so, I am not only supporting amazon.
- I'm not sure right now
- Have more zoom classes for kids that need more support
- The STs to be more in union with requirements instead of each one doing there own thing.
- More freedom with standards
- I would say that we need more providers in the LA county area. There just isn't enough selection and it shouldn't be so difficult to onboard new ones.
- Introduce more vendor options
- Go back to how you did things 2 years ago.
- More field trips in my area
- Easier ordering process
- Mandatory testing- I was a classroom teacher for over 27 years and have NEVER heard of a student not being able to opt out of testing!
- Ease of ordering/ POs
- make it 3 days a week :) for more social for the kids. also NO masks :)
- I would prefer if there didn't always seem to be an assumption that all scholars engaged in this program are learning virtually, or have the tools to do so. We have no devices in my home besides a shared laptop, and my kids don't spend any time online, so things like having separate emails for my kids is frustrating. Even this week we are struggling to figure out how they can participate in the Spelling Bee, as there is one computer and two scholars, and each is supposed to log in with their Compass email.
- Less oversight and hoops to jump through
- No masks, back to live field trips and accept more vendors
- More fieldtrips, no club overlapping times (he can't attend what he wants to because there is too much overlap in day/times), more providers in my immediate areas
- An easier way to enter attendance!!!!
- I would like to see more service vendors for students who live in Northern California.
- I would bring back annual family passes to things like Monterey Bay Aquarium. We had wonderful learning experiences there, and great conversations with the trainers. We used the passes many times. And you never stop learning new things each time you go.