

Compass Charter Schools
Parent Advisory Council Survey 2021-22 Parent Survey
Options Learning - As a seasoned parent, what is one piece of advice you would give a new parent starting with Compass?

- Keep at it
- Takes time to understand and know how to do it.
- try many things and find what works for your children
- I'd just reassure them that everything is there for them to succeed and the EF can be a huge support, not just academically
- Unschool yourself because homeschool is way easier to teach than brick and mortar classroom teaching
- Take the time to know your child's learning style
- Be kind to yourself as the teacher, and extend grace to yourself and your scholars as you both find your way.
- create plan that works for your student and slowly adjust if needed and stay organized
- This a partnership which requires time, focus, dedication, and unconditional love.
- Research different educational philosophies, decide which one fits your children and family needs best. Then learn about each of your child's learning styles. This will shape your foundation and give you confidence. Do not try and emulate at home what they are doing at public institutions.
- Try a few different curricula and don't feel bad if one doesn't work. Give yourself permission to stop what's not working and try something else.
- Be patient, allow for periods of horizontal learning, make it fun and enjoyable for everyone
- Read the handbook and advocate for an ST whose strengths match your child's needs.
- You don't have to do it all. Meet your child where they are not where they "should" be.
- check the vendor list before enrolling
- Take one day at a time. It is not a race and your day may not go as you planned. Also, take time to learn along side your child, they are our future.
- Definitely base the learning way and material depending on Scholar.
- Is the best option
- Your Supervising Teacher is your lifeline.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help.
- Don't take on too much when you first start.
- Plan your curriculum and make a schedule
- N/A
- Do your research, get help with math.
- start earlier than I did! so much to research and decide on.
- Give yourself grace. Don't be afraid to ask questions.
- Start small and slow and build as you go. Learning is a process, and adjustments can be made daily, weekly, or monthly.
- Program is really easy to follow
- Document everything

- Parenting is so underrated. In this modern world, with several possibilities (fast paced life style, TV, video games, social media, smart phones) of children becoming unhealthy both in mind and body, the present day parents' role can alleviate the world with several problems we have. On the other hand, homeschooling is an opportunity to tailor a child's needs of learning and an instrument of self growth to parents as well.
- Not sure. I'm considering leaving due to the difficulty of adding new vendors for in person services.
- I would probably tell them to be very mindful of issues with ordering and the poor communication regarding everything within the school based on the fact that one ef will have a totally different set of instructions from another, and ultimately that if it became more of a hinderence in their child's educational journey or their journey as the educator, then they should probably just sign an affidavit with the state and do homeschooling alone with no charter obstruct their real progress.
- Use the resources offered as much as possible.
- Communicate with your ST, experiment until you find the resources that work for your child
- Ask tons of questions
- Too many rules and regulations
- it helps you be involved in the child develoment and comfort from home
- Take advantage of everything Compass has to offer - Virtual Scholar workshops, field trips, contests, etc.
- Keep their interest by making it fun and what subject interest them
- Stay on top of all the software you need to learn and do so in advance in order to use all the compass software programs timely and effectively.
- Breathe deep and trust yourself. You can do this!
- To trust the process. We are all new to this in one way or another at some point. Things fall into place.. just keep going, you will get where you want to be in time. There is no "perfect" curriculum. You have to see what works and that can take time. Give yourself and your child time to adjust and that looks different for EVERYONE.
- Be prepared for all the multiple websites for each part of Compass. Also, know that every Compass teacher has their own way of doing things. Some teachers ask for simple things (one sample per subject), while other teachers ask for a lot more samples
- maybe try valley view instead.
- Reach out to your ST when you feel confused! They are there to help you, and if they do not know an answer to something, they will find out the answer or point you to the person who knows the answer. Compass is wonderful at partnering with you to provide an excellent education for your child.
- If you don't know a parent that's been with compass already, find one, so you have someone to whom you can ask questions when things aren't obvious.
- do not try to do all the things; you will get overwhelmed. one bad day will not ruin their education, everyone will learn from it and be better tomorrow.
- Take the Parent Coaching courses with Ashley Daughterty, they will rejuvenate you and make you feel excited to try new things. Try to make the coffees with the Principal.
- take notes of all activities your child does regarding school

- Foster a partnership with your ST, they are your greatest resource.
- If something isn't working, don't be afraid to change it up.
- Make a strong liaison with your teacher
- Ask lots of questions
- Don't be too hard on yourself or your scholar. It takes time to find the right fit. Be patient, it will get easier and you will be sailing through it.
- Don't let the work intimidate you, work at your own pace.
- Figure out compass' systems fast. Processes and procedures seem to be overly complicated.
- I would advise them to try and create weekly lesson plans to help them stay on track. Also they should be prepared to accept that things won't always go as planned. Don't feel discouraged if it seems hard at first, we've all been there. Think of your child and what's best for them, the love you have for them will make the impossible seem possible. (This advice is coming from a mom with a kiddo in SPED)
- Learn the processes as quickly as possible - very complicated.
- Every teacher is different so no ones experiences are the same. Be prepared for unfairness across the school and that your teacher will not be local to you.
- Get to know your teaching supervisor. They're a wealth of information. Use 1 sem funds for books and curriculum and save sem 2 for classes.
- Just relax and have fun!
- It is what YOU make it.
- Trust yourself, give your child time to learn, this is a custom education and you chose this path for a reason.
- Communicate with your teacher and ask for support if you need it
- Be organized and set a timed schedule for them, consistency, hands on crafts & videos help
- You know your children best, so don't be afraid to tailor their education specifically to them. It's okay to adjust (i.e. switch curriculum) if it's not working out in order to use what is best for their education.
- Be flexible, patient, and understanding.
- Don't forget to mark your attendance
- Don't feel seasoned, but definitely would say communication is key! And don't be afraid to ask for suggestions/help with curriculum.
- Leave your child to their own creativity and curiosity. Let them learn on their own through their own intrinsic thirst for knowledge. Turn in work samples, and do attendance...no more, no less.
- don't let it intimidate you
- To remember that homeschool is a lot different and effective way for the kids to learn and more hands on.
- There is a lot of info you just have to take your time and give Grace to yourself because you can feel overwhelmed. We are luck because we have the best teacher that support us anytime of the day.
- Don't overload your child and really to just have fun.

- Have good communication with your ST. Your ST can make your experience good or bad
- We are learning as we go, so give yourself time to figure out what is best for your child.
- Enjoy the journey of learning
- Too many requirements. Less parent freedom.
- Craft the curriculum based on what your child loves in the early years
- Read the handbook to get the acronyms.
- Too many rules
- Ask questions.
- Don't get overwhelmed, pace yourself
- give yourself grace, it's ok to try something and then try something else if it doesn't work, read a lot of books with your kids even as they can read on their own and get older
- Take advantage of the field trips.
- Find a community of people with whom you can plan and share learning experience - the journey is much more fun and meaningful with others.
- Give yourself grace; don't try to replicate a classroom setting at home (find what works for your family--it is okay that it looks different); try to get involved in what is offered at the school (clubs, fieldtrips, live sessions) to feel connected and part of a community
- Eeek. Stay on top of your paperwork? Keep forging on if you really want to be able to have homeschool be a option for children and families.
- Do not blame the charter school for any school requirement changes for our scholar—this is still a public school which is affected by state legislation & government.
- Observe and listen to your child/children to find what learning method works best and to discover their interests, strengths, and weaknesses. Also, don't hesitate to ask questions or ask for help. Help is always available!
- Ask questions and utilize the assistance of your SE for guidance.
- There is TONS of WONDERFUL curriculum out there. Reach out to fellow parents, ST's, and others to learn what people loved. Then, use the material! Also, stay in good contact with your ST - they can be an invaluable resource!