

## **Brookwood Forest Elementary**

	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Somewhat Agree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Somewhat Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>
<b>The school provides my child with all services documented on the IEP.</b>	2/3	1/3					
<b>The teachers understand my child's specific needs.</b>	3/3						
<b>The teachers understand their roles in implementing the IEP.</b>	2/3	1/3					
<b>General education teachers implement accommodations as indicated on the IEP.</b>	2/3	1/3					
<b>Special education teachers implement accommodations as indicated on the IEP.</b>	2/3	1/3					
<b>The school is a positive and welcoming place for my child.</b>	3/3						
<b>The principal supports special education services for my child.</b>	3/3						
<b>I am considered an equal partner with teachers and other professionals in planning my child's program.</b>	3/3						
<b>The school communicates regularly with me regarding my child's IEP progress.</b>	2/3	1/3					
<b>My concerns and recommendations are considered by the team in the development of the IEP.</b>	3/3						
<b>My input and opinions are valued and respected.</b>	3/3						

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	<b>Very Satisfied</b>	<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat Satisfied</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Somewhat Dissatisfied</b>	<b>Dissatisfied</b>	<b>Very Dissatisfied</b>
<b>My overall satisfaction with the special education services my child receives.</b>	2/3	1/3					

### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS:**

#### **Please describe what you like best about the school/school district you are reviewing:**

The fact that the school does not feel threatened by having parents being active and present in the school. They welcome us into the school (within reason) and leave their minds open when accepting suggestions from us. If problems do occur they respond quickly to meet the needs of our child.

Last year my child did not do well behaviorally. His aids didn't know how to handle his outbursts. This year, when we went for our IEP they informed us they were hiring a behavioral aid for him. We did not have to ask for it, they saw the need and took care of it. If my child needs something, they make sure he gets it.

Mountain Brook Schools and Brookwood Forest Elementary in particular do a great job in educating children on the spectrum. I have received everything for which I have advocated. Most of all, my son is happy and nurtured and developing academically and socially.

#### **Please describe what you like least about the school/school district you are reviewing:**

PE—it is noisy and chaotic and not a very good environment for our particular child due to the overstimulation, acoustics, amount of kids in the gym at one time, etc. The math curriculum they are using is not meeting our specific child's needs. He is well ahead of this particular curriculum and unfortunately, they have not found a way to enrich his learning in math.

At this moment, I am very pleased with everything they are doing, but we are only in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

There is some variation amongst the four elementary schools regarding excellence of service but the differences are not extreme.

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### **What changes would you like to see made at the school/school district you are reviewing:**

We would like to see PE become more structured with kids learning more specific skills. We would like to see our teachers utilize movement breaks during periods of instruction to allow our children to get up and move about. We would like him to be grouped with other students of his own math level so that he may be allowed to progress at his own pace instead of only reviewing information he currently already knows.

None at the moment.

I would like to see a developed transition program for when my son is older, but this is being developed now so I hope it will be in place in the future.

### **What specific problems, if any, have you encountered with this school/school district:**

We are very fortunate to be at BWF, they are very open and willing to listen to our suggestions and listen to our concerns. Any concerns or problems that we have had have been addressed quickly and adequately to meet our child's particular needs.

None.

I have not had any problems.

### **Is there anything else you would like other parents to know about this school/school district:**

We feel that BWF is a wonderful school to meet the needs of children living with challenges and would highly recommend it to others.

They are very accommodating and they strive to teach the NT children compassion and acceptance.

If I was a parent in a system where I was unhappy, I might find a parent of a child the same age as my child in a system where parents are happy and go and visit the system. I might ask the parent of the other child to tell their school that I had permission to speak to the special ed team when convenient or email the special ed case manager or even visit the school if convenient.