

## Highlands Elementary

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

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

### SPECIFIC COMMENTS:

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

My son's OT Mrs. Karen Mandy has been a wonderful source of support for my son and has made it clear to us that she wants to see my son succeed and progress. She is a wonderful asset to my son's team.

We don't like it.

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

Mr. Livingston, our principal, did not respond to any emails that have been sent to him regarding the mistreatment of my son by a paraprofessional at his school that was witnessed by another parent and brought to my attention. I emailed him regarding it and have never heard a response.

Too much politics and not enough supports for the students with special needs. IEP's were a joke.

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

I would like to see the paraprofessionals as well as the Special Education teacher have more training in how to properly assist and educate children on the spectrum, instead of labeling my child a "behavior problem" I would like to see them have the wisdom and experience in dealing with "typical autistic behaviors" rather than punish my child for these behaviors.

Removal of the principal who has basically become an outcast puppet. The staff refer to him as if he doesn't exist.

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

My son was paired with Ms. Nance a paraprofessional whose personality is very loud and abrasive. I would see him with her and I could see him "shut down" or "shut her out" when she would address him. She spoke very negatively about my son openly to teachers and therapists and labeled him a "behavior issue" very early on. She decided she'd had enough with him one day and brought him to my car in the car line 30 minutes before school got out because he "yelled at her when he was told to wait his turn" also she complained to a parent (who happened to be my neighbor) that he was "having his 20th meltdown of the day and she was about tired of it." I addressed this with Ms. Burton his Special Ed. teacher directly and through email to the principal (to which I received NO response) as well as Ms. Helen Scott (head of elementary education) Ms. Scott contacted me the next morning apologetic and promising to address this issue immediately. Shortly after this situation Ms. Nance was removed as his "aide" however since there is only one other aide for the entire school he now goes without an aide at all.

My child's IEP was not processed or implemented appropriately. We suffered the loss of time and he is further behind. The special needs coordinator only confounded the problem because of a desire to look good on paper at the end of the school year.

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

Don't expect much. :(

Stay away...homeschooling is an option.