

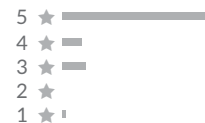
# FAMILY FEEDBACK START OF SCHOOL YEAR FALL 2022

## Shrewsbury School District

**Q1** SPS Parents & Caretakers: Now that we have started the new school year, please share 1) what is working well for your child(ren), and 2) any questions or concerns you have for the year ahead. Thank you for your feedback!

So glad school is back in person and clubs and activities are back!

4.4 ★★★★★ (46 👤)  
Ranked #1 of 518



Being back in person is working very well.

4.4 ★★★★★ (35 👤)  
Ranked #2 of 518



My kids are both comfortable at the start of the school year. After the past couple of years it is important that the kids transition at the start of the school year is happy and stress free.

4.4 ★★★★★ (34 👤)  
Ranked #3 of 518



that school and all that is connected with it is back our children need to be in class and learning, they also need to have school events back and sports to bring some normalcy back

4.4 ★★★★★ (34 👤)  
Ranked #4 of 518



My 3 children are happy to be back at school with no masks and no social distancing. They are happy being able to socialize and play sports. It is very important for their mental health to have the school days be as normal as possible.

4.4 ★★★★★ (31 👤)  
Ranked #5 of 518



**The clear communication from the school.**  
Keeps the parents informed

4.4  (30 )  
Ranked #6 of 518



**Thanks for everything you do!**

4.4  (28 )  
Ranked #7 of 518



**Glad that school and all extra-curricular activities are back in full swing this year! This is so important for students to feel a sense of belonging as part of the school community.**

4.3  (48 )  
Ranked #8 of 518



**Being back with friends and teachers.** It has been enormously beneficial to both their learning experience and their emotional well-being

4.3  (47 )  
Ranked #9 of 518



**Strong communication** Home to school connection is extremely important to us

4.3  (47 )  
Ranked #10 of 518



**Communication between school and home is vital for all students to meet with success.** It is important for parents, teachers, administrators, etc. to work as a team.

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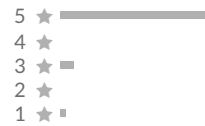
**The positive energy that the administration and teaching staff bring to the school day makes the schools a welcoming place for my children.** School is a friendly-appearing place for my children to start their day and feel comfortable to seek guidance from the adults in their environment.

4.3  (23 )  
Ranked #12 of 518



**Please make separate thought exchange links to separate elementary, sherwood, oak & shs. Too many to skip when not pertaining to your kids school** It would also encourage school specific thoughts, issues, concerns or praise for feedback the district is looking for.

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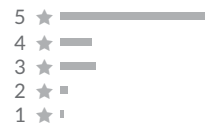
**Kids need more time for lunch** They should not have to rush through without having enough time to finish eating

4.3  (19 )  
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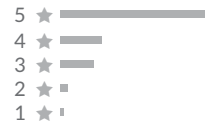
**Being back in a normal year is awesome!!!** Students can get comfortable again.

4.2  (49 )  
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**Going back to normal post Covid is great** State of Normalcy feels good

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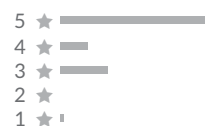
**I would like to see healthier school lunch options.** I appreciate that school lunches are free this year. However, I would like to see healthier options (not chocolate muffins and sugary cereal).

4.2  (47 )  
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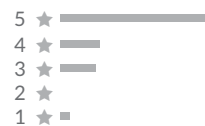
**The structure and routine of the day is good for the kids.** It seems to keep them feeling in control and knowing what to expect

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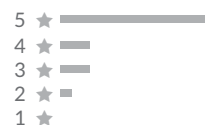
**I really appreciate the emails from teachers keeping parents up-to-date on what's going on in classrooms.** This allows parents to keep up on what's happening in our child's curriculum and knowing what's important.

4.2  (45 )  
Ranked #19 of 518



**We are happy that school has returned to "normal."** It is important for them socially and academically.



4.2  (36 )  
Ranked #20 of 518



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**Consistent communication with Parents is Awesome, helps to be in sync with the school happenings** Becomes easy to put Kids schedule on schedule at home and plan around routines based on the communications

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4.2  (35 )  
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**My child's transition to high school was a success** It was important for my child's mental health to be able to tour the school ,Meet mentors, get his schedule and identify friends in his classes.

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4.2  (35 )  
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**Now that Covid is behind us and we are back to normal school scheduling and activities most things are working very well.** Having a consistent routine for our kids is very important given other responsibilities and commitments we have.

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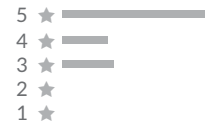


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**Kids are back to routine.** Routine is very important for success

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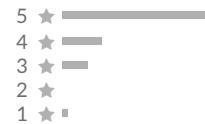


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**My children seem really content to be back in school in a more normal way.**

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4.2  (32 )  
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**The overall schedule and academic processes are very organized, and teachers and administrators do a good job.** It removes a lot of uncertainty and confusion at the beginning of the school year.

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**they are glad to be back at school and with socializing** for childrens social skills

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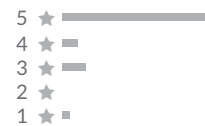
**In person learning continue to move in the right direction, kids are now almost back pre-Covid in terms going to school every day.**

4.2  (26 )  
Ranked #28 of 518



**Glad the kids are back in person and loved meeting the SHS teachers at family night**

4.2  (23 )  
Ranked #29 of 518



**Structured class schedule** This helps my child have a system on planned activity by day and is therefore prepared mentally.

4.2  (23 )  
Ranked #30 of 518




**The transition to middle school has been excellent!** The staff are amazing, and we are so thankful for the hard work that went into a seamless shift from elementary to middle school.

4.2  (23 )  
Ranked #31 of 518



**Both of my boys have a great interaction with their teachers and a great relationship is forming.** They need this connection to learn and trust their teachers.

4.2  (18 )  
Ranked #32 of 518



**The emphasis on kindness and community is fantastic and makes our children feel at home.** Children need to have a sense of community and security.

4.2  (18 )  
Ranked #33 of 518



**Classroom learning** In a good ,structured, kind and encouraging environment children learnt the best

4.2  (17 )  
Ranked #34 of 518





**Social interaction and acceptance.** It's important for every child to feel happy, safe and confident in the environment they spend time to learn new skills and grow.

4.2  (16 )  
Ranked #35 of 518





**Just happy kids are back in school without any COVID restrictions, back to normalcy.** The last couple of years has been tough on the kids. I think they are behind academically and socially.

4.1  (50 )  
Ranked #36 of 518



**Teachers are very friendly** Positive atmosphere for kids

4.1  (50 )  
Ranked #37 of 518



**No masks, it's been a wonderful transition to no masks**

4.1  (49 )  
Ranked #38 of 518



**Clear and frequent communication directly from teachers about my child(ren).** It's important to understand what support(s) my child(ren) are requiring within the classroom, and how we can partner with teachers for home carryover

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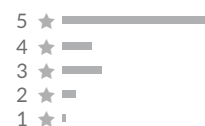
**Communication with families** To support our children at home

4.1  (48 )  
Ranked #40 of 518



**In school full time with no restrictions** Critical for education, social & emotional we'll being

4.1  (47 )  
Ranked #41 of 518





**Shrewsbury did not look ahead to find out an alternative for Vocational Schools** We need to be proactive not reactive, not all students learn the same.

4.1  (47 )  
Ranked #42 of 518



**Lots of communication with staff** Helps us support at home

4.1  (36 )  
Ranked #43 of 518



**I like that I can track my child's grades and progress in real time through PowerSchool and Schoology.** Because some times they need accountability with their school work.

4.1  (35 )  
Ranked #44 of 518



**Our children are reporting to us that lunch periods are too short, barely enough time to eat after going through the line.** Having time to eat without rushing is a healthier approach. And a midday break to socialize helps recharge the batteries.

4.1  (35 )  
Ranked #45 of 518



**School feels normal again and my kids are not carrying extra stress.** The pandemic was rough for a lot of us.

4.1  (35 )  
Ranked #46 of 518



**The staff were welcoming and warm to start the year. Communication seems to be a strength amongst the staff and I really appreciate that as a parent.** Builds rapport, trust and strengthens communication and functioning.

4.1  (35 )  
Ranked #47 of 518



**Good weekly communication from the principal via email and teacher via seesaw** As a parent i want to know what's happening not only in my child's classroom but the overall school and community

4.1  (33 )  
Ranked #48 of 518



**I would like to see other forms of teaching instead of everything being done on the iPad.** Technology is great but the kids need to also know how to use books and write on paper. Some kids can't write their signature, or read cursive.

4.1  (33 )  
Ranked #49 of 518



**Small class size is working well for my children** More direct interaction with teachers. Less distraction from too much going on.

4.1  (33 )  
Ranked #50 of 518



everything seems to be off to a strong start this year - logistics are successful, teachers seem ready, facilities are open

4.1  (33 )  
Ranked #51 of 518



my children learn and focus better with consistency and routine it helps with responsibility

4.1  (33 )  
Ranked #52 of 518



Getting back to the school routine and making new friends is wonderful! Social interaction has been so limited, Students have some catching up to do. Learning to accept differences in opinion and culture with open minds.

4.1  (31 )  
Ranked #53 of 518



The early start time for high school is tough High schoolers need more sleep

4.1  (31 )  
Ranked #54 of 518



the start of the year has gone well sets the tone for the whole school year

4.1  (31 )  
Ranked #55 of 518



My children are Excited to be in school and attending activities outside of school with their friends. It feels good to have a start of the school year back to "normal."

4.1  (26 )  
Ranked #56 of 518



Kids are more social, confident and emotionally comforted by the wonderful staffs and teachers. Makes it easier on parents knowing that they are taken care well!

4.1  (23 )  
Ranked #57 of 518



Love the communication of school and everyone Help us feel connected and as we are a communtuy

4.1  (21 )  
Ranked #58 of 518





**My child loves school, classmates, and all the staff. The communication from school and teacher has been great since the start. A fun and inviting atmosphere is necessary for all and I believe that has been the goal for this school and the staff.**

4.1 ★★★★★ (21 👤)  
Ranked #59 of 518



**My kids are enjoying their classrooms and their teachers.**

4.1 ★★★★★ (21 👤)  
Ranked #60 of 518



**Teachers are creating relationships with my kids. It is important to develop trusting relationships so students feel heard.**

4.1 ★★★★★ (20 👤)  
Ranked #61 of 518



**Seesaw has been working fairly well so far as a means of communication. Parent-teacher communication is important, but it shouldn't become a burden for teachers. The Seesaw usage so far seems to strike the right balance.**

4.1 ★★★★★ (18 👤)  
Ranked #62 of 518



**Great communication from teachers and staff  
We feel connected**

4.1 ★★★★★ (17 👤)  
Ranked #63 of 518



**Kids are back in a more normal feeling routine. After the upheaval & insecurities of the last couple of years it is great the kids can shift their focus back to academics and extracurriculars.**

4.1 ★★★★★ (13 👤)  
Ranked #64 of 518



**My kids are loving school Great teachers, staff.**

4.1 ★★★★★ (13 👤)  
Ranked #65 of 518





**I love the emphasis on mindfulness and emotional regulation. This is extremely important as primary prevention for mental health issues.**

4.0 ★★★★★ (50 👤)  
Ranked #66 of 518



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**Social media** I would like to see some initiative that educates children on social media/ cell phone use /cyber bullying.

4.0  (50 )  
Ranked #67 of 518



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**The year is going really well. It feels like before COVID.** Students are benefiting from the sense of normalcy.

4.0  (49 )  
Ranked #68 of 518



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**Parent teacher interaction is always great** Gets to know more about your child

4.0  (48 )  
Ranked #69 of 518



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**Being able to advocate for himself.** This is important as it helps with building those skills needed to become that strong young man he aspires to be

4.0  (47 )  
Ranked #70 of 518



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**Class choices** Good experience to not just do run of the mill subjects exposes them to find interest in film art computer science etc.

4.0  (47 )  
Ranked #71 of 518



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**Things are going smoothly, with good communication from the teachers and principal** This is important for the school year to be happy and productive for the kids

4.0  (47 )  
Ranked #72 of 518



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**Drug free school & quality education** We moved to Shrewsbury just for this reason

4.0  (45 )  
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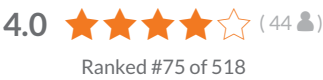
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**It good to know the teachers** Parents get to know how to access the resources

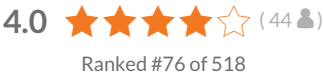
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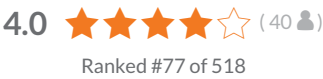
**Great teachers who make the classroom  
engaging and comfortable**



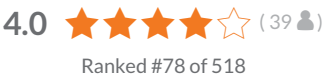
**I was impressed by the teachers and  
appreciated hearing their presentations  
during curriculum night. This allows parents  
to understand what their children are doing at  
school.**



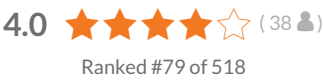
**Good communication Keeps things organized**



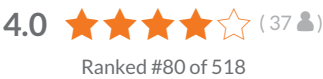
**Fantastic teachers Good teachers are  
everything**



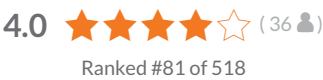
**97% positive experiences. K-12 so far. Kids  
need positive role models and clear  
expectations from teachers regarding learning  
and behavior. Consistentcy and fairness goes  
along way.**



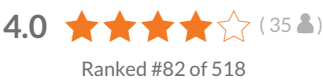
**Love the continued free lunch Helps the  
family with additional expenses**



**Wonderful teachers and community In a  
country with diverse backgrounds teaching  
kids early on to embrace diversity is important.  
I was humbled to hear my kid say everyone has  
a voice**



**Being back at school without restrictions  
More social, more opportunities**



**Working well - Teachers are involved in the lives of their students and work along side them instead of lecturing.** It's working well because the students feel like teachers are their partners and are invested in their success.

4.0 ★★★★★ (35 👤)  
Ranked #83 of 518



**everything seems to be going smoothly at this moment, communication at the schools through the newsletters are helpful** I enjoy reading the newsletters as they offer insight into what's happening at the school when my children aren't so forthcoming with information.

4.0 ★★★★★ (34 👤)  
Ranked #84 of 518



**My child is on a team that provides a positive learning environment with clear, high expectations.** It's important for my child's social /emotional well being which also lends toward success in other areas (eg. Academics, peer interactions).

4.0 ★★★★★ (33 👤)  
Ranked #85 of 518



**No homework weekends are a positive move!** Our kids should have the opportunity to relax and unwind during the weekends. My family appreciates this initiative.

4.0 ★★★★★ (33 👤)  
Ranked #86 of 518



**Evening bus service is helpful**

4.0 ★★★★★ (32 👤)  
Ranked #87 of 518



**Things are heavily weighted on electronics and there is not enough practice with writing** Children still need to learn to write and not just type

4.0 ★★★★★ (32 👤)  
Ranked #88 of 518





**Well organized** For smoothly running schools

4.0 ★★★★★ (32 👤)  
Ranked #89 of 518



**Mrs. Hoey has started a "running club" for students who could use some physical stimulation before class** Helps my (and other) kids have more successful school days

4.0  (30 )  
Ranked #90 of 518



**Teacher is great** My child feels happy and comfortable to go to school.

4.0  (29 )  
Ranked #91 of 518



**The drop off line is working very well. My child also loves her teacher and the class** I'm happy that my child is happy

4.0  (29 )  
Ranked #92 of 518



**My son is on an amazing team with teachers that are both kind and consistent with teaching. It's so important to have that balance!** My daughter is leaning more responsibility at the high school. doing a sport has made her happier and more disciplined. Love all the clubs offered

4.0  (28 )  
Ranked #93 of 518



**Desire more info on H.S. Sports webages to have clarity of practice/competition expectations (# of days of wk, weekends), coach name/contact info.** Esp important for incoming freshman families who want to get involved but have no prior knowledge of coaches/schedule, etc. Hard to get this info.

4.0  (26 )  
Ranked #94 of 518



**No homework weekend idea is very much appreciated** Kids have a lot on their pates with school and extra-curriculars, having a break to celebrate holidays with the family and/or catch a breath is needed

4.0  (23 )  
Ranked #95 of 518





**Social emotional support seems stronger this year** It has given kids better feeling of safety and comfort

4.0  (23 )  
Ranked #96 of 518



**The teens need outdoor time to play and to relax.** My son's class gets no recess. The teen need it to decompress.

4.0  (23 )  
Ranked #97 of 518



**School tour open house was helpful for new students.** Students and caregivers are able to get comfortable before the school year starts.

4.0  (22 )  
Ranked #98 of 518



**Working well is the children having more opportunities to socialize via clubs & activities. Concern is children not completing homework being kept in** Socializing is important after dealing with quarantine & masking. This is also a big reason being kept inside as punishment for homework isn't ok

4.0  (22 )  
Ranked #99 of 518



**As a teacher (in another district), I know that it is hard to take the time to communicate with parents. There's no extra time.** Please give our teachers adequate time to grade papers so our students get lots of feedback and so that they can take time to communicate with us.

4.0  (21 )  
Ranked #100 of 518



**Definitely both my daughters are enjoying the school. School lunch is the best part that's working for us.** It reduces the everyday stress on parents .

4.0  (21 )  
Ranked #101 of 518



**Amazing Teachers! We have been so lucky to experience teachers that are invested in my children's learning.** Seeing their commitment and creative ways to make learning fun at curriculum night was impressive.

4.0  (19 )  
Ranked #102 of 518



**It is great to see positive change in the curriculum at Sherwood. eg., Gym is now year round and new allied arts have been added** We want our kids to look forward to coming to school each day

4.0  (18 )  
Ranked #103 of 518





**So far, I have heard my Sherwood student discuss several instances of bullying that have gone unnoticed by the teachers.** It would be really good to have more paraprofessionals available to help with students who are acting out / having behavior problems during classes.

4.0  (18 )  
Ranked #104 of 518





**So far, my children have enjoyed taking the bus . The teachers and principal have been communicating very well.** It's comforting to know that the bus system is dependable. It's also nice to hear what's going on and be informed on curriculum in the classroom.

4.0  (18 )  
Ranked #105 of 518





**Glad to have parental access to school Return of field trips and other activities**

4.0  (17 )  
Ranked #106 of 518





**I am very thankful that it seems very well staffed ! And that they are starting the year talking about emotional regulation and helping fill buckets** It is important that our kids have these skills and tools

4.0  (17 )  
Ranked #107 of 518




**All 3 of my children have talked about how their teachers are really friendly and care about them.**

4.0  (16 )  
Ranked #108 of 518



**Kids love to be back in School. 1) I wish the iPad usage is minimal. 2) would like to see no HW during weekends - still happening.**

4.0  (15 )  
Ranked #109 of 518



**Wonderful teachers** It's the most important piece of the puzzle

4.0  (15 )  
Ranked #110 of 518



**1.Great communication so far and you can feel the excitement this year as we get back into more social norms**

**3.9** ★★★★★ (49)   
Ranked #111 of 518



**SHS limits the number of science classes a student can take in a given semester; that should clearly be changed. There should be as few barriers as possible preventing students from learning what interests them.**

**3.9** ★★★★★ (49)   
Ranked #112 of 518



**School year has gotten off to a great start!**  
Feels like a “normal” start to school which is great!

**3.9** ★★★★★ (49)   
Ranked #113 of 518



**teachers and administrators are excellent my children feel challenged and supported**

**3.9** ★★★★★ (49)   
Ranked #114 of 518



**Teachers & administrators been awesome communicating to parents** Important to feel that you can reach out to those teaching your children

**3.9** ★★★★★ (48)   
Ranked #115 of 518



**Efficient communication** Clear expectations

**3.9** ★★★★★ (46)   
Ranked #116 of 518



**Great start!**

**3.9** ★★★★★ (40)   
Ranked #117 of 518



**Lunch area so small and such a short lunch period** They need to have Time to eat and a spot to eat comfortably and not so rushed

**3.9** ★★★★★ (37)   
Ranked #118 of 518





**I pad use** the kids need to learn from books and teachers, yes iPad are useful but should not be the only way to learn and submit work.

3.9  (36 )  
Ranked #119 of 518



**Paraprofessionals deserve better pay**

3.9  (36 )  
Ranked #120 of 518



**My children both love their teachers. The teachers are so creative and are always finding ways to make learning fun.** It is really important that my kids love school. This has set the stage for that.

3.9  (35 )  
Ranked #121 of 518



**My kids at Spring street feel cared for. my son at Sherwood does not feel the same. He does not feel supported as my other boys do.**

Acknowledging that a child may need some extra support and care. That is what ALL our Shrewsbury students need. Not just in elementary.

3.9  (35 )  
Ranked #122 of 518



**control/limit phone usage at campus, even/especially at high school** Focus at class, be present, in-person social

3.9  (35 )  
Ranked #123 of 518



**I feel that the learning has moved away from hands on and towards 100% ipad learning, especially in the middle school grades. There is so much focus** on using the ipads that children can barely write neatly. Writing is still an important skill to have in life after school is done.

3.9  (34 )  
Ranked #124 of 518



**Happy to be back to normal.** My children are very happy to have no more Covid restrictions. They are much less stressed this year.

3.9  (33 )  
Ranked #125 of 518



**Healthy school lunches are a serious concern**

As a vegetarian family, our daughter has very few options at school. Vegetables, fruits, grains.. these all appear to be lacking from school lunch

3.9  (33 )  
Ranked #126 of 518



**Love the systematic communication from**

**teachers and principals.** Would love another parent/teacher conference during second half of year. Many other districts do this.

3.9  (33 )  
Ranked #127 of 518



**My daughter's 3rd grade teacher called me**

**after the first day of school to touch base.** It was such a great way to feel connected and it made her feel so special when I told her her teacher called

3.9  (33 )  
Ranked #128 of 518



**The number of opportunities for after school activities are working well. Most students will find something that they are interested.** This helps build relationships among children in various districts throughout Shrewsbury.

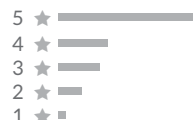
3.9  (33 )  
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**Great not to have homework so far in grade 1!**

Kids have enough activities to do these days, don't think homework this young is very important.

3.9  (32 )  
Ranked #130 of 518



**Mr, Kelly and the new Oak principal, Mrs.**

**Burak are amazing! Super warm, enthusiastic and engaging - exactly what our middle schoolers need.** Making meaningful connections with staff/faculty and feeling truly connected to the school community are essential for our children's mental health

3.9  (32 )  
Ranked #131 of 518



**The available programs that have been added and at no cost is allowing our children to be involved.** Its important for our children to give back, be involved and ultimately good for Shrewsbury to have so much involvement when it comes to their alumni.

3.9  (32 )  
Ranked #132 of 518



**This is the first time that my son started going to school in US. So far, proper communication on the teaching plan is present. As a parent, that will help to understand the level of knowledge in that subject taken in the class.**

**3.9** ★★★★★ (32 👤)  
Ranked #133 of 518



**Feeling good to see my kid going to school happily and is excited everyday. It will be great if we can share more pictures and videos on Seesaw. Will help to see our kids doing all the activities and see their progress.**

**3.9** ★★★★★ (30 👤)  
Ranked #134 of 518



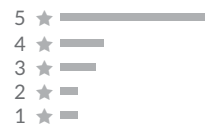
**What is not working this year, the same as last year 5 & 6th graders have to bring home all their school supplies. Can they make use of the locker? The weight of the supplies is substantial. Very heavy for growing bodies. We went through this last year. Let's lighten the load for these students.**

**3.9** ★★★★★ (30 👤)  
Ranked #135 of 518



**Early Start times - Getting kids out the door for highschool at 6 am is so early Many schools have adjusted start times and seen positive impacts**

**3.9** ★★★★★ (29 👤)  
Ranked #136 of 518



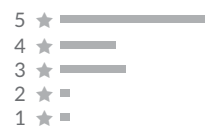
**Back to school Fun with friends and learning**

**3.9** ★★★★★ (28 👤)  
Ranked #137 of 518



**Could Physical Education for middle school students be given round the school year, may be on weekly basis instead of a month of it as allied art ? good for the kids to have some routine physical activities for their physical development and well being, and since that also helps in personality etc**

**3.9** ★★★★★ (26 👤)  
Ranked #138 of 518



**Very happy with Beal and how well they rolled out the new school last year. Smooth transition going into the 22/23 school year. These are critical years that will mold our children into becoming adults.**

**3.9** ★★★★★ (25 👤)  
Ranked #139 of 518



**Initially class activity is focused on task followed by a fun activity.** This ensures my child has fun at school while still learning subject that he needs to grow.

3.9  (23 )  
Ranked #140 of 518



**My student tells me he has very little time to eat his lunch. Waiting in line to pick up lunch seems to take too long.** School lunches are convenient! Thank you. Having enough time to eat lunch and socialize is important.

3.9  (23 )  
Ranked #141 of 518



**I hope academic support is more than last year** I have a child who struggles to meet grade level and last year they didn't get enough help

3.9  (22 )  
Ranked #142 of 518



**I love how the school is using social emotional learning with my child and she has already showed more confidence in her reading skills.** It is important she feels safe, comfortable and confident while learning to build that positive relationship with school. She is doing great!

3.9  (21 )  
Ranked #143 of 518



**Update school times similar to the proposals in CA and other places** By changing school open time late by 30 minutes gives students a bit more sleep

3.9  (21 )  
Ranked #144 of 518



**Learning and playing with friends** Learning new things

3.9  (18 )  
Ranked #145 of 518



**In person classes is working well for the children.** More interaction and development of social skills

3.9  (14 )  
Ranked #146 of 518



**iPad usage should be limited.** Although the devices can be useful tools, we are working to limit screen time at home.

3.9  (14 )  
Ranked #147 of 518



**Organization and homework schedule so they know what's expected for the upcoming week**  
My kids understand what they need to do and when which eliminates fighting at home and I can schedule time to help them

3.9 ★★★★★ (13 👤)  
Ranked #148 of 518



**This year is off to a great start! Thank you teachers, admin, and staff!**

3.9 ★★★★★ (10 👤)  
Ranked #149 of 518



**Teaching quality Academic achievement**

3.9 ★★★★★ (8 👤)  
Ranked #150 of 518



**Things are going well. Feels like back to normal**

3.8 ★★★★★ (50 👤)  
Ranked #151 of 518



**Cell phones need to be off put in a phone home upon entering a class, every class. Way too disruptive. They are a privilege not a right.**  
My student shares teachers spend more time telling students to stay off phones than teaching. No wonder staff is stressed out, they can't teach

3.8 ★★★★★ (49 👤)  
Ranked #152 of 518



**I really wish the start times could be adjusted so that the high school had a later start. Early mornings are really a struggle for teenagers**  
Studies show that kids learn better when they have a schedule that more closely matches their natural internal clock

3.8 ★★★★★ (49 👤)  
Ranked #153 of 518



**My child does well in school and is welcomed by her peers which makes me one of the fortunate parents - I did nothing to deserve this privilege.** I would like SHS admins to acknowledge there are students who are bullied and ostracized at SHS - we cannot improve a situation if we deny it exists.

3.8 ★★★★★ (49 👤)  
Ranked #154 of 518



**Things are going well** Wish high school starts little late in the morning as high school kids end up with less sleep after staying up for homework.

3.8  (49 )  
Ranked #155 of 518



**Ability to refill water bottle** They don't have to worry about carrying extra water..the backpack is heavy enough

3.8  (48 )  
Ranked #156 of 518



**The principals Mr. Kelly and Mr. Bazydlo are fantastic! Their calm, confident, and positive demeanor is just what our district needs !** They both are deeply invested in the school community and the students and families that they serve.

3.8  (48 )  
Ranked #157 of 518



**A grading system out of 100 instead of 4** It shows my son immediate progress or missing items

3.8  (47 )  
Ranked #158 of 518



**My children both feel at home within their school. The culture is welcoming and they are both thriving.** My children feel safe and love to learn. It is never a struggle to get them to go to school. As a parent, this means so much!

3.8  (47 )  
Ranked #159 of 518



**Teachers are warm and accepting.** Students are anxious about starting school and meeting new teachers. It is better to be accepting.

3.8  (47 )  
Ranked #160 of 518



**Work Study** Excellent program for Seniors to get credit for working

3.8  (47 )  
Ranked #161 of 518



**They love school and their teachers.**

3.8  (46 )  
Ranked #162 of 518



We are fairly new to the area and are overall very pleased with the way everything has gone. Please keep up the great work!! I think it's equally important to recognize the accomplishments as it is to offer constructive feedback.

3.8  (46 )  
Ranked #163 of 518



While routines and expectations are important, kids should be given a little room for error the first few weeks of school. It is important that children are excited to go to school, if they are reprimanded for something trivial in the first weeks, that is not helpful.

3.8  (46 )  
Ranked #164 of 518



Great intro—both boys feel comfortable and happy!

3.8  (45 )  
Ranked #165 of 518



Homework Policy- hoping for specific information regarding the updated District homework policy, including data collected from the Homework Committee. Looking for info derived by the HW Comm to be shared out (members, surveys, etc) Concern with guidelines that support SHS students & not elementary...

3.8  (45 )  
Ranked #166 of 518



Adjusting to new principal has been smooth. No issues yet. Important to keep the consistency between administration's.

3.8  (43 )  
Ranked #167 of 518



My child feels safe and valued in school. This is important because I know how important her mental health is.

3.8  (40 )  
Ranked #168 of 518



**The lunch periods are so short they barely leave enough time for the kids to learn how to sit politely and make conversation with peers, or even eat!** This is a skill kids need as adults, and many don't get to practice at home because they do lots of activities after school and don't eat as a family

3.8  (37 )  
Ranked #169 of 518



**Bus facility and free lunch is working very well. Kids happy with class teacher and peers in class.** Academically will have to wait for curriculum night to give a comment on kids ability to do well

3.8  (36 )  
Ranked #170 of 518



**I am disappointed that the iPads are used so much in school. It's bad for children's eyes, and many of them get too much screen time at home anyway** This is important for their eye health and to learn how to communicate with people in person rather than an app

3.8  (36 )  
Ranked #171 of 518



**I'm thankful when my elementary aged child comes home with an almost fully charged iPad.** I question whether iPad use at school is healthy, particularly for our elementary school children. We need more longterm data re: risk/reward.

3.8  (35 )  
Ranked #172 of 518



**Communication** kids and parents are on the same page as the teachers and administrators- really helpful!

3.8  (34 )  
Ranked #173 of 518



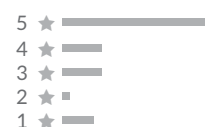
**Bus Arrival:** If you can use an app to notify the bus location via text/app notification, it will help us a lot, mainly during snow/rain/cold seasons. Helps to know how long it will take for the bus to arrive. Also, during cold seasons, we can plan to send the kids just few mins ahead of time.

3.8  (33 )  
Ranked #174 of 518





**The older kids need more sleep and we need to really examine the starting times of our public schools.** This is the benefit of our tweens/teens mental and physical health.

3.8  (33 )  
Ranked #175 of 518







**The school year is going great so far! My 3 boys don't complain about school, they are happy when they get on the bus and happy when they get off the bus!**

3.8  (33 )  
Ranked #176 of 518





**Mindfulness is so important and helps ground kids and helps them focus** Doing mindfulness for 5 minutes at the start of class helps put kids in a positive mindset. This helps decrease mental health and boost productivity

3.8  (32 )  
Ranked #177 of 518



**The early start times for school can be a struggle for my child.** Research has shown that teenagers do better academically when they are well rested.

3.8  (30 )  
Ranked #178 of 518



**The school district should do more to address and prevent racist attacks such as the targeted vandalism that happened at SHS last year.** Everyone should feel welcome and valued in the school community.

3.8  (30 )  
Ranked #179 of 518



**After School enrichment opportunities** Allows my child the ability to try new activities without a long commitment

3.8  (29 )  
Ranked #180 of 518



**Focus on academics** Important for their future

3.8  (29 )  
Ranked #181 of 518



**Getting to know a new team** Each year teams are different and it's important to build team spirit right from the start of the year

3.8  (29 )  
Ranked #182 of 518



**SHS Teachers are INCREDIBLE!** they give the children the very best environment to learn and be happy.

3.8  (29 )  
Ranked #183 of 518



**Please make Parent Forum/PTO and other school meetings that request parent involvement available to access via Zoom or by recording at a later time.** In-person mtngs are great but sometimes, not feasible. Ability to access a mtng from home/work would make mtgs accessible to many who wish to join.

3.8  (28 )  
Ranked #184 of 518



**I love the gradual transition from elementary to high school.**

3.8  (27 )  
Ranked #185 of 518



**SeeSaw app** allows for real time communion

3.8  (27 )  
Ranked #186 of 518



**Separate ThoughtExchange for each level** It is hard to understand, relate to, and rate what parents/students at other levels are experiencing when it doesn't connect to my experience

3.8  (27 )  
Ranked #187 of 518



**Support via Adjustment Counselor** The social/emotional world for students must be in order before academic demands can be met. For some, their needs are far more complicated

3.8  (26 )  
Ranked #188 of 518



**Absolutely agree with the post about making ALL meetings (PTO, etc.) available via Zoom just like the school committee meetings are.** I would actually attend them! We have a lot of evening commitments, and it would be nice to feel like we are keeping up to date.

3.8  (24 )  
Ranked #189 of 518



**Early start time at the high school- My student's bus picks him up at 6:30am, leading to a 5:30am wake-up. I am concerned for the students' health!** Humans need at least 8 hours of sleep for good health and emotional regulation. Students need more for optimal engagement in academics & activities.

3.8  (20 )  
Ranked #190 of 518



**High school students not getting enough sleep due to changes in bus schedules** To help them grow mentally and emotionally. Based on the recent research they need a minimum of 8-9 hours of sleep.



**My daughter is adapting well to Jr. Year** It appears there is disappointment as to how GYM class is being graded for the year. Please look into the guidelines to achieve an A-Grade



**Oak pick up needs to be further addressed ~ Montessori school forms a second pick up line, cars come from left/right to enter Oak, Buses flying past.** Safety of the community. Montessori children crossing from tennis court through pick up line. Buses can't get by or when they do are going very fast



**Academic work was better and going on well compared to the loss they had for the past 2 years.** My kids are better focused and keen on finishing up the days work.



**Excited to learn that Engineering Design is being offered at Sherwood now.** Love that the kids are being exposed to more STEM!



**He likes his school, his teacher and his classmates.** This makes a good environment for him to thrive at school. Also we don't need to worry about him while at work.



**It's hard to help my child with homework when parents don't know HOW our child is being taught a concept.** If my child is stuck, I'd like to be able to help them in a way that reinforces how they are learning in school



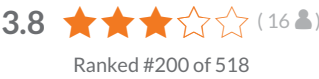
**My kids love going to school** To learn and socialize



**The teachers are awesome and I really like the curriculum for both kids and the approach at this time** Structure is very important for the kids and I see that working well



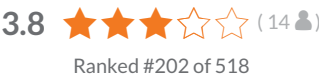
**Teachers are taking good care of my child** It's important because she feels loved and that's why she is comfortable



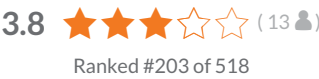
**Working as a team as a group** To be more social out and share



**Kids loved the school environment and happy to see their excitement while getting ready to leave for school** Children's are happy that's most important



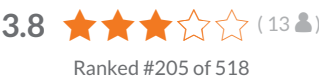
**Increased mental health care in the schools.** All children seem to be dealing with some sort of mental health issue making it very important to be addressed in our schools and in our community.



**Social activities at school** In person class



**The quality of lunches and time to eat them needs to be significantly improved. Undercooked meat is not acceptable.** Without proper nourishment and /or time to eat, they cannot focus on their work and puts their health and immune system at risk.



**We really need an elementary health teacher**

Safety in a world where there are dangerous people and drugs like fentanyl requires that kids have knowledge.

3.8  (13 )  
Ranked #206 of 518



**I would like to thank Dr.Mulcahy for his efforts in making Paton a united community and my kids felt very happy with the school environment.** I think being inclusive is an important part of school.

3.8  (12 )  
Ranked #207 of 518



**The schedule ,communication with the teachers The principals communication weekly..everything works for us** Our kids education is topmost priority „we want the best for them

3.8  (12 )  
Ranked #208 of 518



**It is wonderful that general music is now offered at Sherwood.** Plus, the curriculum looks so exciting that they study American popular genres and then compose in GarageBand - fantastic idea.

3.8  (11 )  
Ranked #209 of 518



**My children have both had successful starts to their school year. They have friends on their team or in class and the teachers are a good match.** It's important to have a friendly face in class that you can connect with while also making new friends. Their teachers have also been very welcoming

3.8  (11 )  
Ranked #210 of 518



**Gym should be used year round at Oak (and all schools) rather than just everyday for a couple months, could be similar to the music rotation schedule.** Give students the message of the importance of exercise for good health given the prevalence of obesity and poor health in the US.

3.8  (10 )  
Ranked #211 of 518

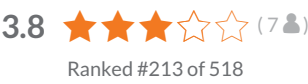


**Finding a balance with technology and social life is vital. My kids get on ipad any minute they are not busy and it worries me.** Technology is important but so is social skills

3.8  (9 )  
Ranked #212 of 518



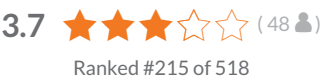
**At least one teacher should attend each PTO meeting** Put the T back in pTo to get their input and feedback



**I noticed the Internet in the cafeteria is not good** I'm hoping that can be improved. Sometimes children may need to stay later after extracurriculars to be picked up by parents and if this is needed for homework it would be helpful.



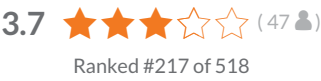
**My child is enjoying the club offerings.** He is making social connections.



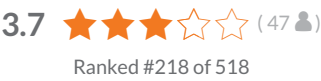
**Inclusion!**



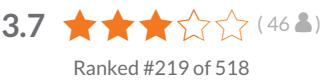
**Inclusive**



**My daughter really likes one of her teachers** retake and grading policy where small quizzes worth 15-20 points can have any number of retakes This is important because it helps really tone down the stress of the class so she can focus on understanding not on just wanting a good grade.



**So far so good!** Kids seem happy with teachers and classes



There should be an opportunity for parents to review class selection for the upcoming year. Our upcoming juniors schedule required adjustments before the start of school. We are grateful they were made but it was stressful to fix it.

3.7 ★★★★★ (43)

Ranked #220 of 518



1) having a good time with friends, 2) not eating lunch in time; struggling making new friends in new grade; not ideal that she uses more iPad now 2) is important for good social-emotional development. Teaching should be done by teacher, not ipad

3.7 ★★★★★ (42)

Ranked #221 of 518



Importance of SEL You can not learn to your fullest if you are not in the right mindset.

3.7 ★★★★★ (42)

Ranked #222 of 518



So far everything is going well

3.7 ★★★★★ (38)

Ranked #223 of 518



School provides iPad for studying purpose at school. What is the need to bring iPad to home. Paper homework is better than iPad for early elementary years up to 3rd grade.

3.7 ★★★★★ (36)

Ranked #224 of 518



My children are happy in the school and they like the school environment. They love the variety of the clubs.

3.7 ★★★★★ (35)

Ranked #225 of 518



My middle school student now has access to YouTube on his Ipad. That was a little disappointing. It appears tech access only has negative consequences at that age.

3.7 ★★★★★ (35)

Ranked #226 of 518



Good routine

3.7 ★★★★★ (34)

Ranked #227 of 518



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**I wish there was a tutorial or one night class to explain how to best use schoology. In the past it has been very frustrating using this system. It's the only way to track what my child is learning about or has for assignments.**

**3.7** ★★★★★ (33 👤)  
Ranked #228 of 518



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**PJ o connol is a great Suport to all students and he is als ways welcoming and thoughtful in addressing all students as they come through. Kids need a role model who is kind empathetic and cares**

**3.7** ★★★★★ (31 👤)  
Ranked #229 of 518



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**Grading in high school is very variable among teachers standardization is key**

**3.7** ★★★★★ (30 👤)  
Ranked #230 of 518



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**My son in Grade 9 has very little homework, and this is good. He has some but not a lot so it's not a frustration Grinding away at a raft of problems doesn't help, but a "little" HW can maintain engagement. I'm sure there are studies, but it's working for him.**

**3.7** ★★★★★ (30 👤)  
Ranked #231 of 518



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**Students should be encouraged to stay home if sick or take a personal day at home if they are sad. Illnesses and depression are already spreading among students.**

**3.7** ★★★★★ (29 👤)  
Ranked #232 of 518



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**New Oak Principal seems wonderful so far! Very happy with the increase in communication to parents with the weekly newsletter. Love seeing pictures of the students in class too!**

**3.7** ★★★★★ (28 👤)  
Ranked #233 of 518



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**Beal was prepared with an amazing team to help my second grader transition to 2nd grade and had that team in place for extra learning support. My child needs extra support to create a positive atmosphere for success at school.**

**3.7** ★★★★★ (26 👤)  
Ranked #234 of 518





Communications from teachers To stay connected

3.7  (26 )  
Ranked #235 of 518



My daughter is in her second year at Little Colonials and the familiarity and comfortability she is experiencing is astounding. She has gained so much social and academic confidence and learned leadership skills in just a few weeks!

3.7  (26 )  
Ranked #236 of 518



hope school/class will provide work according to the student's level providing the same work will be difficult for some students to catch up, but boring for students who are advanced

3.7  (25 )  
Ranked #237 of 518



Sherwood teachers and staff made the transition from elementary school to middle school easy by providing help and support to the kids at every step.

3.7  (21 )  
Ranked #238 of 518



Great atmosphere @ the HS. My dtr that has struggled w/ depression/anxiety is doing better at the HS, & is very positive about her experience there.

3.7  (20 )  
Ranked #239 of 518



Having a great year None

3.7  (18 )  
Ranked #240 of 518



Absolutely agree with the post that students should be able to do both band and chorus in Gr. 5-12. These are two different skillsets. Other local districts have figured this scheduling out. Would be great if our students had the same opportunity.

3.7  (17 )  
Ranked #241 of 518





I want my child to overcome hard challenges throughout the year I want my child to learn more in this curriculum

3.7  (17 )  
Ranked #242 of 518



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**The new principal is great! Will the kids re-adapt well to a normal society?**

3.7  (17 )  
Ranked #243 of 518



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**Communication To keep home and school connected**

3.7  (16 )  
Ranked #244 of 518



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**Consistent routine from teachers. This is important for my young child to transition and feel comfortable at school.**

3.7  (16 )  
Ranked #245 of 518



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**Middle school students provided with keyboards for ipad or Chromebooks. Using the ipads only limit their ability to complete the task longer screen. Having great academic, provide academic and non academic after school camps to improve their overall skills. Necessary tools to have child succeed.**

3.7  (14 )  
Ranked #246 of 518



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**Younger children need an outdoor playground that is fully fenced for safety A fully fenced playground keeps younger kids safe**

3.7  (12 )  
Ranked #247 of 518



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**My kids are excited to go to school everyday. And this is a testament to the welcoming environment their teachers have created. This makes everyone happy and creates a good frame of mind for them to learn.**

3.7  (11 )  
Ranked #248 of 518



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**It would be more beneficial to both the students and parents to refrain from giving out homeworks or activities over the weekend. It defeats the purpose of sharing quality family time especially that weekend is the only opportune time to do so.**

3.6  (50 )  
Ranked #249 of 518



**Need more check ins with teacher beyond conferences in nov** So many disruptions in previous two years, need to know better how kids are doing



**Meeting teachers** I would love to meet my child's teacher more frequently.



**Schedules** Sets expectations



**basic life support** in case of emergency they know what to do



**It's better to have heightened security with at least one Police officer or a Security guard in the school premises all the time.** With current gun culture situation & the bullet that was found in Oak middle school, Its always better to be in preventive mode.



**Just wondering that what are the measures done by SHS to ensure the safety of the children on a regular school day?** Kids safety is no 1 considering the school shootings that have happened all around the country.



**Is low quality food provided to students because it is government sponsored?** Student health and nutrition



**The amount of disruptions/outbursts of students in class that are not addressed by the teachers** All kids should have the same opportunity to learn, however if students are allowed to disrupt the class consistently it makes it difficult.

3.6 ★★★★★ (46 👤)  
Ranked #257 of 518



**The iPad is working well for my child as he feels like it is keeping him on track with assignments** . In the past and currently he has been/is disorganized at times.

3.6 ★★★★★ (46 👤)  
Ranked #258 of 518



**She loves her teacher** She feels connected

3.6 ★★★★★ (45 👤)  
Ranked #259 of 518



**Too early to tell** Really, the kids have spent the first two weeks setting up and getting acclimated.

3.6 ★★★★★ (45 👤)  
Ranked #260 of 518



**IPad use is more than in previous grades. Atleast three times/day according to my child (2 times ST math and the third time for leisure).** The reason school is in-person is for face-to-face teaching, not e-learning.

3.6 ★★★★★ (40 👤)  
Ranked #261 of 518



**Schools courses offered are very traditional and not forward looking. Compared to other states Like PA- no courses such as biomedical engineering, Limited spots for debate etc and spots recoded by students and not teachers**

3.6 ★★★★★ (40 👤)  
Ranked #262 of 518



**I would love it if the students would spend more time outside, even when it is cold or rainy.** Fresh air and open spaces are better for minds and bodies than indoor recess.

3.6 ★★★★★ (37 👤)  
Ranked #263 of 518



**Please keep the motivated students challenged while homework is generally reduced.** The reasons about reducing homework is well understood, but some motivated students need challenges (from school) to keep them improving.

3.6  (37 )  
Ranked #264 of 518



**school curriculum builds future**

3.6  (37 )  
Ranked #265 of 518



**As someone who grew up in Westboro, I was able to do orchestra, band, and chorus all through high school. It stinks that kids have to pick just one** Music helps brain health. Also, lessons were free for string instruments and band in school.

3.6  (36 )  
Ranked #266 of 518



**I am concerned that the avenues of communication are primarily pushing information from the district, rather than more interactive channels.** While it's important not to overload teachers with minor issues, it is difficult to build a relationship with a teacher in just a handful of meetings

3.6  (36 )  
Ranked #267 of 518



**I'm glad my son is in class with his good friend** He has anxiety and this helps a bit

3.6  (36 )  
Ranked #268 of 518





**Homework has not been proven to make a meaningful difference in children's education** Our kids need to learn healthy school/life balance. Excessive homework is barrier to achieving that

3.6  (35 )  
Ranked #269 of 518





**Private music lessons at school are so expensive . Not all people are able to afford - does that mean we no longer have an opportunity to learn music** It is unfair to expect parents to be spending hundreds of dollars in just private lessons . We never thought taking up music will be so discouraging

3.6  (35 )  
Ranked #270 of 518





**We need more acknowledgement and celebration of the diversity we have in our school- more discussion on different backgrounds, sensitizing teachers** Diversity is here to stay - we need to acknowledge the strength it can bring and form healthy working relationships and a sense of belonging& respect

3.6  (35 )  
Ranked #271 of 518





**social emotional lens and lessons for learning** Highlights importance of what it takes for positive interactions and life skills

3.6  (35 )  
Ranked #272 of 518



**the new district hw policy is absolutely ridiculous. i will not force my young children to do 50-90 minutes a night.** at home time is important. if they can't get it done in school, they arent doing it at home. they need time for rest, sports, family and activities.

3.6  (35 )  
Ranked #273 of 518



**I've read a few thoughts about "disruptions" in class and know some kids with IEPs would probably prefer more welcoming and accepting classrooms.** Not everyone in the world learns and moves through the world in the same way. Teach all kids to focus on their stuff and let others do the same.

3.6  (34 )  
Ranked #274 of 518



**Home room teachers should be available on open house days - parents do not get opportunities to meet with them unless there is a specific need** It is important to put a name to a face . Either there needs to be a virtual introductory conference with each parent or in person , but it is needed

3.6  (33 )  
Ranked #275 of 518



**I'd like to see more teacher education and consideration in school life of the neurodiversity concept.** Properly informed teachers who understand how neurodiversity can be supported would benefit all children.

3.6  (33 )  
Ranked #276 of 518



**It is RIDICULOUS that our children are not allowed to utilize lockers with locks on them to keep their items.** My child takes home all their items every day like a pack rat.

3.6  (33 )  
Ranked #277 of 518



**Teachers need to be more friendly with students** Middle school is a big jump from elementary and it does not help if teachers are not giving time to kids to understand and practice school rules.

3.6  (33 )  
Ranked #278 of 518



**There seems to be no consistent policy for homework in middle schools. Some teachers give tons of homework while others do not.** We need a consistent policy across each grade and appropriate amount of hw given.

3.6  (33 )  
Ranked #279 of 518



**Team of counselor, BRYTE director, academic support teacher have been very supportive.** My son has had significant mental health issues impacting his education.

3.6  (32 )  
Ranked #280 of 518



**We love the Seesaw pictures.** We feel connected to our children when they are away.

3.6  (32 )  
Ranked #281 of 518



**Looping line has been very efficient** Smooth drop offs and pick ups

3.6  (31 )  
Ranked #282 of 518



**Please do highlight areas of opportunity in your survey** It is important to share honest feedback coming from parents . Important for teachers & school staff to see & other parents to identify themselves with

3.6  (31 )  
Ranked #283 of 518



high school grading needs to be standardized  
different teacher uses different standards

3.6  (30 )  
Ranked #284 of 518



The high school is doing a good (but not perfect) job of creating an inclusive environment and focusing on social and emotional health. Our kids are still struggling with the after effects of the pandemic. Bullying and isolation are major concerns in general.

3.6  (29 )  
Ranked #285 of 518



I love Shrewsbury middle school I love math at school

3.6  (26 )  
Ranked #286 of 518



Teacher communication Too much screen use already in K

3.6  (23 )  
Ranked #287 of 518



Two kids at the HS, both very happy, but particularly my freshman is delighted with her school experience this year. We are big fans of SHS.

3.6  (23 )  
Ranked #288 of 518



It would be nice to tell parents what workbook(s) their children will be using for their work throughout the schoolyear. It would give the parent an option to know HOW their child is learning so they could reinforce at home and help with homework if they get stuck.

3.6  (20 )  
Ranked #289 of 518





Access to info re: time commitment/schedule for H.S. electives (e.g.: band) and sports (daily sched/weekend expectations, etc) prior to sign-up. Kids/parents need to know the expectations in advance in order to make an wise choice about whether they can successfully commit to a class/activity.

3.6  (19 )  
Ranked #290 of 518







**New routine** They need stability and consistency

3.6  (19 )  
Ranked #291 of 518





**More discussion of health topics with young kids** Legalization of marijuana has made it more important than ever that young kids know how to recognize and avoid all forms of gateway drugs.

3.6  (18 )  
Ranked #292 of 518




**SHS lunch time is period 6, if you have 3rd lunch and had breakfast at 6:30 or earlier (if you're taking the bus) - you're starving by the lunch time why not move lunch to period 5 instead?**

3.6  (18 )  
Ranked #293 of 518



**adjusting and getting used to routine** makes day to day easier

3.6  (17 )  
Ranked #294 of 518



**Extended day is going well.**

3.6  (16 )  
Ranked #295 of 518



**Love seesaw and the way it makes it easy to communicate.** Easy communication is very important when you have multiple children in a school

3.6  (16 )  
Ranked #296 of 518



**Wish that there were non-competitive sport options for Sherwood students after school.** The only option through Shrewsbury soccer or baseball is travel teams. Would like a club team at the middle school level after school.

3.6  (16 )  
Ranked #297 of 518



**This year is going much better than we expected** Preschool was a difficult transition, this year has been different in many positive ways

3.6  (13 )  
Ranked #298 of 518



**I do not think I could have my child a better school. Self explanatory**

**3.6** ★★★★★ (12 👤)  
Ranked #299 of 518



**Pre school session time is very short , it would be nice to have at least 3 hours.**

**3.6** ★★★★★ (12 👤)  
Ranked #300 of 518



**School team is doing a good job helping students transition to new school year Helps everyone feel safe and supported so they are ready to learn**

**3.6** ★★★★★ (12 👤)  
Ranked #301 of 518



**The lunch menu is below average, average at best Pizza twice a week and fried breaded chicken in various forms?**

**3.6** ★★★★★ (12 👤)  
Ranked #302 of 518



**1) Outdoor recess, after school care 2) Quality of food during breakfast and lunch. A lot of highly processed items containing low quality ingredients and processed sugars**

**3.6** ★★★★★ (10 👤)  
Ranked #303 of 518



**No concerns currently**

**3.6** ★★★★★ (10 👤)  
Ranked #304 of 518



**As a parent of a Freshman, I have been impressed with teachers' flexibility with providing extra time for additional support. Thank you!! This has been very helpful with supporting good study habits and strategies while reinforcing instruction.**

**3.6** ★★★★★ (9 👤)  
Ranked #305 of 518



**The administration at Beal is very supportive and strength focused It helps students and parents feel they are all on the same team**

**3.6** ★★★★★ (9 👤)  
Ranked #306 of 518



**The lower homework load and lower academic expectations are appreciated.**  
School is WAY more than academic learning.

3.5  (50 )  
Ranked #307 of 518



**iPads stifle thought - kids don't have any idea how to use pencil and paper to brainstorm and scratch down ideas because "it won't fit into the form"** Should be teaching kids how to let their minds flow freely, not obedience.

3.5  (49 )  
Ranked #308 of 518



**Install air conditioning in the school and/or gym.** Student health and comfort.

3.5  (48 )  
Ranked #309 of 518



**The late buses from after school activities are very helpful.** I am concerned about the stem courses offered. I think there is insufficient emphasis on stem courses, robotics and biomedical sciences.

3.5  (48 )  
Ranked #310 of 518



**What works: clarity on curriculum and schedules; What doesn't: early start time is a major adjustment, and suboptimal for young learners** Clarity ameliorates uncertainty in wake of pandemic, enables focus on content and cadence; early start times muck up teen sleep cycles

3.5  (48 )  
Ranked #311 of 518



**Bring back cursive! Supply education on emotional intelligence, mindfulness and money management!** To survive in this world! EQ as important as IQ!

3.5  (47 )  
Ranked #312 of 518





**During mandatory athletics night, the coach stated that crew attendance was mandatory - even at the expense of academics. This is a bad message** I understand commitment but it should never be at the expense of academics

3.5  (47 )  
Ranked #313 of 518



**Swap the start time for SHS and the elementary schools.** There's lots of research showing that teens don't do well with super early school start times.

3.5  (47 )  
Ranked #314 of 518



**There's a difference between tough and just plain mean. We say we're concerned about mental health but we continue to employ adults who are just mean.** Whether its in the classroom or on the playing field, it makes the stated concern for mental health just empty words. Also makes for lousy role models

3.5  (46 )  
Ranked #315 of 518



**District does not communicate properly with low vision or blind parents** It is important for equality fairness and inclusion. Even this survey is not very accessible.

3.5  (44 )  
Ranked #316 of 518



**Slow ramp / additional time to adjust up has been working well**

3.5  (39 )  
Ranked #317 of 518



**Access to breakfast and lunch at school is amazing.** Will principle and teachers be engaging in implicit bias/ sensitivity training? How are active shooter protocols being addressed with children?

3.5  (38 )  
Ranked #318 of 518




**Communication from the teachers and principals have been consistent and frequent. Much more frequent than my previous 3 years involved with SPS.** Provides peace of mind that my children are in a stable and well organized environment.

3.5  (37 )  
Ranked #319 of 518



**I think we need to challenge the children who are excelling in school in addition focusing on children who need additional assistance.** I often feel the curriculum is focused on children struggling with their school work & provides very little challenge to children who are doing well.

3.5  (35 )  
Ranked #320 of 518



**They are excited to socialize.** How can inequity regarding funds, fundraising, resources and extracurriculars among the elementary schools be addressed and remedied?

3.5  (35 )  
Ranked #321 of 518



**We've had very positive experiences with school adjustment counselors in the past.** Was disappointed that the Oak adj counselors weren't available until the 1st day of school. Important for some families to be able to connect sooner.

3.5  (35 )  
Ranked #322 of 518



**In SHS chem students earn points for completing homework but no negative impact for not completing homework. Love this at the high school level.** I think a rewards vs a penalty system is much more motivating at this age. I wish more teachers did this.

3.5  (34 )  
Ranked #323 of 518



**It's unreasonable to expect our children to model compassion and empathy when school staff does not lead by example.** "Discipline" and "obedience" should no longer be objectives. No kid is a bad kid.

3.5  (34 )  
Ranked #324 of 518



**The use of technology to support learning allows my children to work at their own pace, whether they need help or more challenge. ST math is a hit!** Engagement is crucial and aptitude with technology is an important life skill.

3.5  (34 )  
Ranked #325 of 518



**Being unable to get an A in gym at SHS is ridiculous. No homework weekends, value of finals/midterms is less, late work is ok but you made gym harder?** What value does this add to their educational experience? Seems counter to every mental health presentation we've heard. Gym should be pass/fail

3.5  (33 )  
Ranked #326 of 518



**Each child deserves equal opportunity. There should be regular training for teachers to offer an env in which each child feels safe and valued** Kids will sometimes not share with parents and but we eventually get to know when a teacher is not sensitive to the kids

3.5  (33 )  
Ranked #327 of 518



**I think a lot of the homework assigned is busy work and not necessary** Sports, music, time for arts, etc should be what children focus on after school. Getting assigned busy work from teachers is totally unnecessary

3.5  (32 )  
Ranked #328 of 518



**My daughter loves to go to school. We are happy. She loves the bus ride even though we feel she gets pickup too early and dropped off too late.** I strongly feel kids do not need iPad to learn. Maybe I have not updated myself. But the old pen, paper and notebook way worked fine for me.

3.5  (31 )  
Ranked #329 of 518



**How can we improve our curriculum across middle and high school to demonstrate and prepare students with high standards?** Review highly rated schools across the state to find out what is working well and plan to accommodate in our schools

3.5  (30 )  
Ranked #330 of 518



**Cafeteria space was strained, my son wound up on the floor. His current solution is to get there early but it still seems strained** Leaves a bad impression on his confidence as an SHS citizen.

3.5  (29 )  
Ranked #331 of 518



**The learning platforms and the modes of teaching is working well for my children. My concern is really how to maintain and sustain their interests.** This is important because it's a year long and kids loose interests easily

3.5  (29 )  
Ranked #332 of 518



**Smaller Team** The children that are average don't get lost in the mix

3.5  (26 )  
Ranked #333 of 518



**The staff at SHS have been extremely helpful!**

Years ago, I had a child having extreme difficulties. Unfortunately, he did not get that same help from all staff.

3.5  (22 )  
Ranked #334 of 518



**My son was happy about starting Enrichment at Sherwood. He is disappointed that it is similar to a study hall w/out any structure.**

Seems like a missed opportunity. We wouldn't have chosen it if we knew. Sounds like each child has differing experience depending on teacher.

3.5  (21 )  
Ranked #335 of 518



**Not being able to get an A+ in gym at the high school is beyond ridiculous. Should be pass/fail** My student exceeded every measure on the initial tests which in any other class would be an a+ but not gym. Fix this asap please. Not right.

3.5  (20 )  
Ranked #336 of 518



**Having homework back in 4th grade has been a huge positive. My child loves reading every day.** It's great to be back in the routine of kids being responsible for homework completion and incorporating it into the afternoon/evening routine.

3.5  (19 )  
Ranked #337 of 518



**My daughter, although adapting well does get frustrated with the accepted behavior of others** My daughter has shared that students are not being held accountable with team projects while others do the majority of the work.

3.5  (19 )  
Ranked #338 of 518





**Kids learning in group team** To be more social

3.5  (18 )  
Ranked #339 of 518





high school start time is very early. it also does not help that buses bring kids to school 30mins before the lessons start. Many researches had pointed out the need for teenagers to start their school day later, it should help with the academic as well as mental health

3.5  (17 )  
Ranked #340 of 518



Consistent, specific and helpful communication from teacher through Seesaw, including pictures. This so helpful in finding out what my young child does at school each day and assists with our communication at home.

3.5  (15 )  
Ranked #341 of 518



Kids are learning new things and sometimes they feeling frustrated, so giving them sometime to adjust their thoughts and calm down can help. Some kids are more anxious than others so I believe it's beneficial to give them some time to adjust then they'll be able to show their true abilities

3.5  (15 )  
Ranked #342 of 518



We really need to work with Town to plan a healthier environment for teenagers and children. Lack of green space, overcrowding, proliferation of businesses that disrespect women is confusing and depressing for kids.

3.5  (15 )  
Ranked #343 of 518



Need children in elementary level to practice more in writing skills. Writing skills have diminished after the usage of iPads.

3.5  (14 )  
Ranked #344 of 518



Kids need to have less time on iPads in Elementary Schools

3.5  (12 )  
Ranked #345 of 518



The whole going to school process. It's important for my child to have a positive association with school early in her learning career.

3.5  (11 )  
Ranked #346 of 518





I want to credit the timely and thorough communication all the way from the sherwood and coolidge principals to the teachers who work with my kids. It keeps us abreast of what's happening and why and creates confidence and assurance.

3.5  (10 )  
Ranked #347 of 518



The start time of high school can be delayed just like neighboring towns, the buses come as early as 6:20 AM in some areas This helps high schoolers who stay up late night to finish homework get enough sleep and participate in school activities with 100% mental strength.

3.5  (10 )  
Ranked #348 of 518



They do not get enough recess time for socializing and recreation. This is important for their emotional development, which is especially important given the interruption to this from the pandemic.

3.5  (10 )  
Ranked #349 of 518



Shrewsbury high school -college planning  
Sherwood - Music programs

3.5  (7 )  
Ranked #350 of 518



Communication between parents and teachers are important. That is the major way for parents to know how kids are doing in school and their growth.

3.5  (6 )  
Ranked #351 of 518



High school starts too early. Séance of bus pick-up make so that some kids can sleep about 30minutes later. Wake up at 5h30. Teenagers need sleep to achieve in their education.

3.5  (6 )  
Ranked #352 of 518





I love seeing pictures of students at work and playing together! Thank you for all the communication!

3.5  (6 )  
Ranked #353 of 518



**Our kids sometimes come back from school without having understood the concepts. I feel it is difficult to understand what is expected from them. We need to be able to help our kids. Parents and teachers are a team.**

3.5  (6 )  
Ranked #354 of 518




**Please make all grades health curriculum easily accessible & what is the district's policy on discussing gender identity, lgbtq at different? Why are Pride flags hanging in classrooms? Teach to include all, everyone is a human being no matter of identity. From proud parent of gay young adult.**

3.5  (6 )  
Ranked #355 of 518





**Very happy and excited to have started school year for my kids, all teachers, principle and other staff has been very friendly and reachable.**

3.5  (6 )  
Ranked #356 of 518





**Too much on ipad Hard to actually keep track of what they are doing. Can't stand over shoulder watching. Can't double check.**

3.4  (49 )  
Ranked #357 of 518



**Adjusting to the high school has gone very smoothly. Administration, staff and upperclassmen have all been great. I don't like that kids are allowed to be on their phones at school. It leads to too many problems and distractions. They don't belong in school.**

3.4  (48 )  
Ranked #358 of 518



**I wish there was clear rules for putting grades in PowerSchool We are told that it's important our kids don't fall behind and seeing their performance is a very strong way to be able to help in time**

3.4  (48 )  
Ranked #359 of 518



**This is very minor--but can the SHS spirit shop be open more hours? I can never get there!**

3.4  (48 )  
Ranked #360 of 518



**Get back to reading, writing and arithmetic. Stop hiding social, emotional learning and CRT. Political flags and posters need to be removed.** Need Respect for all human beings no matter their views, opinions. And stop the bullying

3.4 ★★★★★ (46 👤)  
Ranked #361 of 518



**I would like to see more robust school security.** Many districts have recognized the obvious risks and have moved to make their schools completely secure during school hours.

3.4 ★★★★★ (45 👤)  
Ranked #362 of 518



**Some teachers seem less capable of actually being able to teach the students than others I expect the teachers in the school system to be above average since Shrewsbury is supposed to be a good school system**

3.4 ★★★★★ (45 👤)  
Ranked #363 of 518



**What is working well is keeping my child out of attendance and in private therapies.** It's important as school utilizes ABA and behavioral principles that studies show do not work lonterm and there is also now evidence of harm with use

3.4 ★★★★★ (39 👤)  
Ranked #364 of 518



**After school program needs to be more affordable. The reduce fee is too low and is putting a strain on families financially that just miss the cutoff** Because many families would benefit from being able to participate, not just the poor or rich.

3.4 ★★★★★ (37 👤)  
Ranked #365 of 518



**There needs to be wr least one fully fenced elementary school playground** It is a safety issue for the many kids who wander/elope. All kids should be given equal access explore the playground without being manhandled.

3.4 ★★★★★ (37 👤)  
Ranked #366 of 518



**New Gym Grading Rubric Makes It Impossible For Students To Get 100%** Gym should be a class students have to work in and try to get an A in, but they should not be stripped of the opportunity to get a 100%.

3.4 ★★★★★ (34 👤)  
Ranked #367 of 518



**Very disappointed to see my child using school iPad to access YouTube and social media.** It would help if students were reminded that iPads are for school use only and told they can be checked by teachers at any time to discourage this.

3.4 ★★★★★ (33 👤)  
Ranked #368 of 518



**My kids have the hardest time getting to see their counselor.** Because then they Can't get anything fixed or taken care of with their classes

3.4 ★★★★★ (29 👤)  
Ranked #369 of 518



**ELA English classes - daughter is really behind on her level of English because of "COVID era". She is 7th grade but English level is 5 GRADE !!!** My daughter needs a tutor to help out with her English assignments and essays! I am so worry that She will be behind forever and she will never catch

3.4 ★★★★★ (26 👤)  
Ranked #370 of 518



**The teaching staff at the middle and high school are terrific. They communicate well with families. I find Curriculum Night to be helpful.** I am not clear about the Homework Policy. It was referenced at Curriculum Night, but not in depth about the expectations.

3.4 ★★★★★ (21 👤)  
Ranked #371 of 518



**The consistent schedule/routine of the day is working out great! She is also enjoying a shorter school day compared to daycare :)**  
None

3.4 ★★★★★ (15 👤)  
Ranked #372 of 518



**Too many kids per lunch** There are not enough seats

3.4 ★★★★★ (15 👤)  
Ranked #373 of 518



**My child is loving her preschool time. She loves the time she spends there. She likes the activities at the school and is learning from it.** I don't have any questions or concerns at this point of time as it's too early to comment.

3.4 ★★★★★ (13 👤)  
Ranked #374 of 518



Have a sophomore and senior. They spend 5plus hours of homework a night. Way too much. They are not getting enough sleep.

3.4  (12 )  
Ranked #375 of 518



1. My children LOVE going to school and their teachers. 2. I have concerns about the iPad at the elementary level. The teachers are crushing it this year & have created wonderful learning environments.I think after the pandemic kids should write with paper & pencil

3.4  (11 )  
Ranked #376 of 518



Inclusion

3.4  (11 )  
Ranked #377 of 518



My kid loves the extended day program- the opportunity To decompress, socialize, & play with friends before & after school is her fav part of the day No concerns. My kid loves her classroom teacher, classmates and comes home eager to learn and shows new skills all the time. Great job Beal!

3.4  (11 )  
Ranked #378 of 518



30 minutes Counseling once per week for every student just to find out whats working, where they struggle and how to bridge the gap My daughter had a suicide thought this weekend i had no idea her struggles. I thought she liked school and was doing fine. Its her first yr in mid sc

3.4  (10 )  
Ranked #379 of 518



Extend prek time Big adjustment from prek to KG

3.4  (10 )  
Ranked #380 of 518




Need better plan for after school activities in Oak Middle School In Oak middle school if your kid does Cross Country, then they cannot to Speech, Drama etc. e.Kids need opportunities to participate in more activity.

3.4  (9 )  
Ranked #381 of 518



**There is prolific drug use amongst the students at the HS that seems to go unchecked**

3.4  (9 )  
Ranked #382 of 518



**We need to bring Elementary Health back**  
With the rising rates of mental health issues (especially in younger kids) this is vital for our community!

3.4  (9 )  
Ranked #383 of 518



**see saw app and the communication between parent and teacher. And the photos they were sharing on the app so that I am getting to know abt my children**

3.4  (9 )  
Ranked #384 of 518



**Since there are more students on the bus, the route is longer and kids get home later The ride home takes 3x time than last year; we need to plan our afternoon differently**

3.4  (8 )  
Ranked #385 of 518



**My son loves the teachers and has connected well with them and also loves to play and learn with other classmates It's important that a child connects well with educators and classmates as it enhances the overall learning experience.**

3.4  (6 )  
Ranked #386 of 518



**3 schools at 3 different times. It is difficult to have a common family schedule and have 2 working parents.**

3.4  (5 )  
Ranked #387 of 518



**Too much iPad and screens. Screen inferiority literature.**

3.3  (50 )  
Ranked #388 of 518



**School iPad internet access to social media is problematic Distractions -takes away from learning**

3.3  (49 )  
Ranked #389 of 518



**High school curriculum night is too quick** Not a single teacher was able to finish their thoughts. They all verbalized that they felt rushed.

3.3  (48 )  
Ranked #390 of 518



**How can the district hire a new position for mental health when there is not enough READING teachers across the district?**

Reading is fundamental. Where is a district wide reading program? Maybe if students could READ there would be less mental health issues...

3.3  (48 )  
Ranked #391 of 518



**More inclusion for all special ed students**

They are isolated by only having certain classes available to them at certain times

3.3  (47 )  
Ranked #392 of 518



**There is a lot of communication for seniors-** sometimes it's missed bc there is so much. Maybe posting it twice

3.3  (46 )  
Ranked #393 of 518



**Having the same bus driver** Familiarity when shifting from floral to Sherwood

3.3  (42 )  
Ranked #394 of 518



**What is working well is locating more neurodiversity affirming supports outside of this district and outside of the state of Massachusetts.** To prevent trauma to the best of my ability.

3.3  (42 )  
Ranked #395 of 518



**Better communication with parents be helpful and share more learning resources** Because as a parent of autistic child I feel like I do not get support and useful information from Special education department.

3.3  (40 )  
Ranked #396 of 518



**Homework should be kept to a minimum. Life balances should be stressed more!** Kids need to learn the importance of not stressing out about work. You don't need to take work home.

3.3  (36 )  
Ranked #397 of 518



**The after school program** So I can work my full shift without having to lose hours at work

3.3  (36 )  
Ranked #398 of 518



**Schoology is very good** It help me what's happening in my son school

3.3  (35 )  
Ranked #399 of 518



**I am not a fan of Schoology or the Ipad. It's hard to view my child's school work/assignments when they are only accessible on the Ipad.** My child is reluctant to take the time to show me her school work and I would rather have access on my own computer.

3.3  (34 )  
Ranked #400 of 518



**There has to be better accommodation of music instruments in schl - bringing back and forth heavy instruments is risky & time consuming. Need solution** It is very time consuming and puts pressure on parents to go out of their schedules just to haul the instruments. multiple times weekly is frustrating

3.3  (34 )  
Ranked #401 of 518



**a small amount of homework** preparing for later years in school and college

3.3  (34 )  
Ranked #402 of 518



**parents-teachers free and instant communication** to know better what is going on at school for the child

3.3  (33 )  
Ranked #403 of 518





**I'm concerned that illnesses, including COVID and flu could cause a wide spread problem for school attendance this winter.** My child thrives with routines and in person instruction. A prolonged absence would set my child back in term of behavior and mental health.

**3.3** ★★★★★ (32 👤)  
Ranked #404 of 518



**Communication from school to home is very little** Im not informed of what/how my child is doing until report cards but if a child is doing really well/falling behind a check in with parents is an idea

**3.3** ★★★★★ (31 👤)  
Ranked #405 of 518



**I have been told by my child , 5th grade teachers are mean. This is not a good experience and not a great way to start middle school for new kids!** Being mean and rude in the name of "rules" creates friction and does not help anyone. There needs to be training for teachers , sensitizing them

**3.3** ★★★★★ (31 👤)  
Ranked #406 of 518



**Sherwood team classes should be equitable. It seems to be there is great variation between teachers teaching style and appearance of classroom, making** Some students feel inadequate because of this great variation.

**3.3** ★★★★★ (27 👤)  
Ranked #407 of 518



**The routine is good and girls have adjusted well. Their learning routine is also picking up.**

**3.3** ★★★★★ (26 👤)  
Ranked #408 of 518



**Awesome teachers and I love that they are getting homework** Making child more confident and verbal

**3.3** ★★★★★ (24 👤)  
Ranked #409 of 518



**The transition programs have been phenomenal. I'm a little concerned about the speed at which they are being challenged to start new learning material** To ensure that my children are building off of their math and reading skills. Also, so that I can find a parallel with their teachers.

**3.3** ★★★★★ (19 👤)  
Ranked #410 of 518



**My children are satisfied with the School and teachers.** This is my son's final year at Beal I would like to know what the next school year would be like and what time starts and ends the class.

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3.3  (18 )  
Ranked #411 of 518



**Keep conversations around gender identity out of the classroom for young students. Foster an environment of respect for all and focus on academics.** Families have diverse religious and cultural backgrounds. Parents should decide when their children are exposed to this potentially confusing topic.

3.3  (17 )  
Ranked #412 of 518



**My daughter is very fond of teacher Mrs Blash** she is very kind

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3.3  (16 )  
Ranked #413 of 518



**More discussion of safety with little ones** Some little kids struggle with eloping & running off, with watching for cars, with keeping objects out of their mouths. Needs to be explicitly taught.

3.3  (14 )  
Ranked #414 of 518



**We wish that the after school clubs were announced in the summer and that they started right away with the start of the school year.** It is expensive to sign up for extended day in the meantime.

3.3  (14 )  
Ranked #415 of 518



**Support (my child has an IEP), positive attitudes, and some inspired aspects of the curriculum make him happy to go to kindergarten** The taking-care-of-family approach that helps him succeed at Paton is simultaneously helping him become more considerate to others.

3.3  (10 )  
Ranked #416 of 518



**A return to more normal classroom routines and less focus on Covid protocols.** Students can focus on learning with less anxiety and fear.

3.3  (8 )  
Ranked #417 of 518



Create open gym time so kids can work out around sports teams. Exercise. .

3.3  (7 )  
Ranked #418 of 518





I agree. Feels like dropping off and right back to pick up. Big difference between preschool and KG for adjustment. My chikd is adjusting ok but very Kids gets overly tired when they get home. Its a big adjustment in time from preK to KH

3.3  (7 )  
Ranked #419 of 518




That she is enjoying having playtime with her peers and teachers

3.3  (7 )  
Ranked #420 of 518



all seems well - The School breakfast and lunch are helping expose my children to food variety's. My kids are picky about food and its good to have school food variety's as well as home and restaurant variety's

3.3  (7 )  
Ranked #421 of 518



My child feels welcomed, respected for who he is, cared for at Sherwood. He has had a great few weeks of school. He feels a sense of belonging and looks forward to going back to school with a smile.

3.3  (5 )  
Ranked #422 of 518



Hard to be asked to provide thoughts when only 2 weeks into school year Not valuable- not enough information

3.2  (49 )  
Ranked #423 of 518



Ipads need to be placed on the back burner, iPad goes down, zero learning and catch up. My student shared they did use a textbook in class. A student had NO IDEA what a table of contents was, no clue how to actually find a chapter. What have educators done to these kids with ipads??

3.2  (49 )  
Ranked #424 of 518



**Sherwood student too much homework with after school activities** Child needs down time after school

3.2  (48 )  
Ranked #425 of 518



**Students should NOT have 24/7 access to their grades - mine are constantly stressed about needing 0.3 points to get a better GPA**  
This has been a miss of the mental health initiative - it supports the "immediate-gratification" culture already pervasive with cells/social media

3.2  (48 )  
Ranked #426 of 518



**With the chairs in small groups, half the students have their back to the teacher.** My neck hurt after 5 minutes trying to twist around to see the front board/teacher.

3.2  (48 )  
Ranked #427 of 518



**The school needs better internet for the students.** My husband and I have been having a trouble texting with our son when he is at after school activities. We need to communicate pick up times.

3.2  (47 )  
Ranked #428 of 518



**Great weekly updates on what's happening in the school. We need more inputs on what's happening in class? We see very little homework or self explorat** Homework especially projects help the kids explore more on their own. Weekly or biweekly updates would be great to understand what's happening in clas

3.2  (38 )  
Ranked #429 of 518



**Was at first concerned for my child as he was the only one from his group of friends assigned to a different team.** I feel like he will miss out on opportunities to strengthen the friendships he's already developed.

3.2  (38 )  
Ranked #430 of 518



Every year, I sign at least 5 syllabus' that outline different approaches to grading, late work, and re-takes. Why are so many variations allowed? District administrators talk as if we have guiding principals that inform teaching but I don't see it at the classroom level. Teachers set the rules.

3.2 ★★★★★ (37 👤)  
Ranked #431 of 518



There needs to be a buddy system in classes - where kids take turns and buddy up with another kid , explaining them concepts they have learnt This promotes peer interaction and is a meaningful exercise for everyone

3.2 ★★★★★ (35 👤)  
Ranked #432 of 518



the expectation that students need to do or try to do homework in each subject for 30 minutes we need to increase student expectations and investment in school. when AP and honors classes are doing this how will the kids be ready for college

3.2 ★★★★★ (34 👤)  
Ranked #433 of 518



How can I find out more specific academic information about my child's day? I don't get any general academic/curriculum updates through seesaw. I just pictures and special activities which are awesome!

3.2 ★★★★★ (33 👤)  
Ranked #434 of 518



My son LOVES kindergarten and is excited to attend school each day! However.... I am unable to know what he does in school with his teacher each day/week? I get seesaw updates with special events like sing alongs but no curriculum

3.2 ★★★★★ (33 👤)  
Ranked #435 of 518



It would be great if teacher could share the child's current level and improvement areas in his knowledge and capability, every other week. This will enable the parents to give additional support to bring the child up in pace.

3.2 ★★★★★ (32 👤)  
Ranked #436 of 518



Still in the phase of learning school rules . Difficult to say if things are going well or not yet .

3.2 ★★★★★ (32 👤)  
Ranked #437 of 518



**I struggle with the balance of school rigor and letting the kids have time for outside activities. Are we really preparing them to face the realities?** Less homework is less stress but kids need to learn how to push themselves a bit to truly succeed.

3.2  (31 )  
Ranked #438 of 518



**It is strange that some kids from the same 4th grade class have been assigned to the same 5th grade team , while others are not.** 'Tis unfair for kids who are left alone - & have to build relationships all over again with "everyone " around them being new. This bias needs to stop

3.2  (30 )  
Ranked #439 of 518



**The expectations of the foreign language department in terms of workload and level seems to exceed every other department.** This seems highly unnecessary and creates an over emphasis on foreign language, which many kids struggle with.

3.2  (30 )  
Ranked #440 of 518



**The transition to Sherwood has been managed well logistically, but I don't feel a sense of community yet.** Elementary school was welcoming and flexible, but middle school feels more like us conforming to a system that we don't have a full picture of (yet).

3.2  (30 )  
Ranked #441 of 518



**Love the SeeSaw updates but not enough detail about curriculum** I would like to know what letters/sounds or specific math practice I can ask my son about. He is not specific about these details.

3.2  (28 )  
Ranked #442 of 518



**My child's backpack continues to come home each day even though they have use of a locker.** So heavy for the kids and can hurt their backs. Choosing to walk home instead of the bus is not an option.

3.2  (28 )  
Ranked #443 of 518





**Size of the shorts and skirts that girls wear**  
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3.2  (28 )  
Ranked #444 of 518



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**Schoology has been a lifesaver for knowing what is happening.** Being able to keep tabs on homework and step in when needed with my child has been so helpful to making sure they don't fall behind.

3.2  (24 )  
Ranked #445 of 518



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**Would like to see more communication from the teacher, including photos, videos of some work from class.** Kindergarten is a big step, and it's hard to get responses or explanations from a child. I don't get a connection or feelings of closeness at all

3.2  (22 )  
Ranked #446 of 518



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**How to keep kids away from screen and video games is a major challenge, any suggestions or recommendations are welcome.**

3.2  (18 )  
Ranked #447 of 518



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**Speech and debate is not available to grade 5 in Sherwood school.** Many students in the school like debating and having conversations. Many 5th graders want to have their own speech and debate club. Pls make it happen

3.2  (12 )  
Ranked #448 of 518



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**Let juniors come in late or leave early if have a free first or last period.** So they can get some sleep because they are already getting too much homework.

3.2  (8 )  
Ranked #449 of 518



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**Kindergarten kids don't need iPads. It can wait until 3rd grade.** I am not sure why 5 yr Olds would need an iPad. Especially when parents have a tough time limiting their screen time.

3.2  (7 )  
Ranked #450 of 518



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**Unfortunately had issues with PowerSchool updates and we stopped receiving school emails. This is resolved for us now but we know there are more famil** Staying up to date on communications

3.1  (47 )  
Ranked #451 of 518



**I think all five elementary schools should have a combined fun fair.** A combined fun fair would help build community amongst the five elementary schools, and it would allow for a much more festive event!

3.1  (45 )  
Ranked #452 of 518



**We received the QR code at curriculum night.** How will other parents get to the thought exchange?

3.1  (45 )  
Ranked #453 of 518



**The teachers and school day are going well** Concerns about DEI curriculum being incorporated into the school fay

3.1  (43 )  
Ranked #454 of 518



**1) Great teachers, caring administrative and support staff. 2) I have concerns that there are children with cold symptoms still going to school.** 1) I can trust the staff to provide excellent level of education and a safe environment.

3.1  (36 )  
Ranked #455 of 518



**There has to be more team building opportunities for kids in class- they need to form friendships. Shuffling classes every year is hard on kids** Imagine meeting all new people every year where you work - now think about the effort it will take you to make friends

3.1  (34 )  
Ranked #456 of 518



**If thoughts are shared on social media and the school wants to respond they should on that forum, not trying to control info and what gets said where.** People share info in ways that are comfortable to them and with people they want to share with. Open communication leads to improvements and growth.

3.1  (33 )  
Ranked #457 of 518



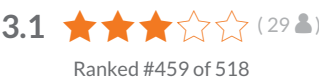
**Newsletters are very confusing. There should be separate e-mails for school and other activities. Many times we encounter wrong dates in e-mails.** When parents get mail. There should be proper information in the subject itself.

3.1  (32 )  
Ranked #458 of 518

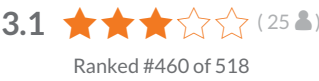




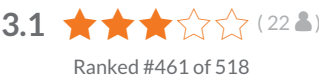
**I wish we had school transportation for preschool students too.** It would help parents save time and it will also help with traffic.



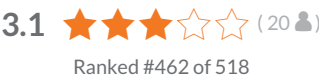
**Not all classes have adequate recess.** My



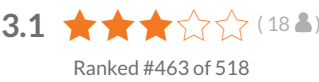
**Easy transition to Paton** It took a very long time for my daughter in the previous school (private)



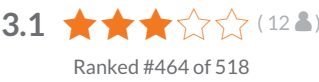
**Class sizes** New teachers in AP classes who are par with schoology or powerschool. Overconfident behavior might br detrimental for my student.



**The use of iPads to complete homework in middle school is impractical. A student has to use multiple apps to do a simple task. Chromebooks are good.** Kids are learning to use tools that take more time, are less efficient, and not applicable in most real-world situations. Switch to chromebooks.



**For my kids, clear instructions and expectations as well as weekly or twice a week updates from the teachers about what they learned and what are the Y working on** has been very important because we can focus on it at home and because not all the kids share what they learn ed at school



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**My child is in kindergarten. I feel like I could participate better in thought exchange if it were held another month from now. I will have a better sense of how things are going and what goes on in school after a parent-teacher conference and meeting with IEP staff.**

**3.1** ★★★★★ (9 👤)  
Ranked #466 of 518



**My children love going to school. My middle schooler does not like the early rising to catch the bus. Mornings are the hardest. Once on the bus, she's Ready for school. Late start of school for middle schoolers. Waking up early has been a struggle even when they get to bed at 8.30pm**

**3.1** ★★★★★ (9 👤)  
Ranked #467 of 518



**Spread out course difficulty. So kids don't end up with 1 free every 7 days. And then next semester end up with 2 a day! For their sanity.**

**3.1** ★★★★★ (9 👤)  
Ranked #468 of 518



**Healthy environment in school is much more important for kids. Classroom is a high density place, if one kid catch flu, then it will pass to everyone Kids will missed school and even activities, if they are sick; which might make them fall behind and feel alone by not been participated**

**3.1** ★★★★★ (5 👤)  
Ranked #469 of 518



**Why is the district wasting time on social, emotional learning. All need to get off ipads so they socialize, communicate, work with peers & thru issues plus learn how to a hold a pencil & write So much learning LOST due to iPads.**

**3.1** ★★★★★ (5 👤)  
Ranked #470 of 518



**I like when my child receives a homework. It helps her to build up her knowledge .**

**3.0** ★★★★★ (48 👤)  
Ranked #471 of 518





**I think the district should eliminate its use of the iPad as a teaching / learning tool. The ubiquity of smart phones means that today's students are already tech-savvy. At this point the iPad hinders actual learning.**

**3.0** ★★★★★ (48 👤)  
Ranked #472 of 518



**homework at SHS seems very light compared to Oak.** The homework at Oak was probably overkill (~3 hours per night on my kids team) but it was challenging in a good way.

3.0  (48 )  
Ranked #473 of 518



**organization not nearly enough snack/food breaks**

3.0  (48 )  
Ranked #474 of 518



**1) My kid loves her class and teacher. We love the before/after school programs! 2) I'm sad about the lack of Wi-Fi- cell phone service at the school** No Wi-Fi means limiting my activity in school activities/support to my child as there is no way to check in on work when I'm at the school.

3.0  (46 )  
Ranked #475 of 518



**Concerned that school staff is not equipped to deal with issues of diversity, inclusion, or mental health**

3.0  (36 )  
Ranked #476 of 518



**I love Write I love reading**

3.0  (27 )  
Ranked #477 of 518



**No Homework weekends are great to give kids a break. However, teachers don't all seem to be onboard or even aware it is happening.** This is our second year of No Homework weekends and both my kids either got homework or had tests early in the week. One teacher didn't even know.

3.0  (24 )  
Ranked #478 of 518





**I would love to see homework eliminated Ewing the exception of nightly reading.**

3.0  (20 )  
Ranked #479 of 518





Teachers should pls schedule 5mins one on one with kids in the class throughout the week. They trust you and would open up to you. I dont want to loose any child.

3.0  (11 )  
Ranked #480 of 518





Vast variation from Pre-k to Kindergarten timings. It's overwhelming for a 5 yr old. 2.5 hrs vs full day is a big change for a child to transition to. My child is still trying to adjust. Pre-k hours should be increased.

3.0  (9 )  
Ranked #481 of 518





Getting a response to any queries posted through emails to teachers have been very slow and requiring us to do multiple follow ups for weeks. Build the trust, collaboration between parents and teachers in the new school set up especially in a transition year from elementary to middle school

3.0  (5 )  
Ranked #482 of 518



Communication has been great. To know what's going on in the buildings, especially the classroom.

3.0  (2 )  
Ranked #483 of 518




SHS has a dress code that is in clear violation of Massachusetts state law; it should be officially rescinded. We are not legally or practically able to control what our students choose to wear; trying to do so negatively impacts their school experience.

2.9  (48 )  
Ranked #484 of 518



After attending the school orientation, my first thought was that the desks were very uncomfortable and you cannot adjust the seats. Students are in those seats all day.

2.9  (47 )  
Ranked #485 of 518



I am not impressed with the health teacher or curriculum. It seems heavily based on nutrition (so much that it could cause eating disorders) and there is very little emphasis on mental health.

2.9  (47 )  
Ranked #486 of 518



**You seem to let the students do whatever they want in class instead of paying attention to the lesson** It is disrespectful and disruptive for the other students

2.9  (47 )  
Ranked #487 of 518



**No courses cub as finance**

2.9  (34 )  
Ranked #488 of 518



**I feel like teachers may be relying too much on ipads for teaching and homework.** The math homework my child receives on the ipad is far too basic. It does not feel like learning, just busy work.

2.9  (33 )  
Ranked #489 of 518



**On elementary school we do receive a lot of information about events and every thing and I think this is great, for High school students not that much** My question/concerns is about doctors excuses letter? Why do students get absent when they bring doctor's excuses letter?

2.9  (32 )  
Ranked #490 of 518



**Need more detailed academic updates...even just a brief weekly update.** No idea what my son is learning in kindergarten. He can't tell me specific details about his day such as what books he read or type of math he learned

2.9  (31 )  
Ranked #491 of 518



**We've swung the pendulum too far from too much homework to not enough.** Kids need independent learning skills for HS and more importantly in college. It's also impacting the growth of time management skills.

2.9  (29 )  
Ranked #492 of 518



**There has to be a better arrangement for parents and kids waiting area for music lessons** As the weather gets colder , it's important that there is more space for parents to use.

2.9  (26 )  
Ranked #493 of 518



What is the school's concern about students using viper at school

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2.9  (25 )  
Ranked #494 of 518



Concern is lack of communication from teachers and admin It does not allow me to prepare my child for what is going to happen or has happened. I don't know what my child is doing

2.9  (22 )  
Ranked #495 of 518



Buses are arriving way too early . School should be delayed . High schoolers need more sleep and rest time . Also bus routes should be better organize If bus routes are better planned , they can arrive a bit later . Also have fewer pick up points. Like one pick up point per neighborhood

2.9  (16 )  
Ranked #496 of 518



Communication from the school is, at times, confusing. Emails and newsletters with both important school info and non school related activities. Streamline communication. Email should contain headlines.

2.9  (16 )  
Ranked #497 of 518



Nothing specific is standing out as working well for my kids. Not that anything bad is happening! I don't have enough info from my kids or teachers. I need to have a meeting specifically about my kids to answer this. No one's fault.

2.9  (12 )  
Ranked #498 of 518



That my children aren't being met where they are academically and that they are constantly waiting for others to catch up, so they get bored. Children should be challenged and pushed & be met where they are at academically, not constantly waiting for others to catch up to where they are at.

2.9  (11 )  
Ranked #499 of 518



More focus on SEL during school My children are more aware of their feelings and can verbalize thoughts and feelings better.

2.9  (7 )  
Ranked #500 of 518



Let's stick to reading, writing , math , cursive and languages. We don't need all the other "stuff"! We need to compete with the test of the wor! They are laughing at us!

2.8 ★★☆☆☆ (49 👤)  
Ranked #501 of 518



IPad use is important. The reality is that kids will not be using pencils and paper at work in the future. Allow cell phone note-taking & technology. Using pencil and paper is a fun hobby but it is no longer a work skill. Prioritize strong wifi and technology skill building.

2.8 ★★☆☆☆ (31 👤)  
Ranked #502 of 518



Academically went well last year.. Schools emphasize more on the kids rights and safety, but kids exercising those measures with parents also. The first concerned is gun violence . Second concern is kids get along with multi cultures , how can a parents guide them to stick to family values.

2.8 ★★☆☆☆ (30 👤)  
Ranked #503 of 518



Middle schoolers from 7th grade onwards should have acces to Chromebooks instead of iPad. With the advanced applications they are learning and working on, it would help to have something more than an iPad-which is very limiting.

2.8 ★★☆☆☆ (11 👤)  
Ranked #504 of 518



I am concerned that in Oak students didn't have an actual full schedule of class until the third or fourth day. You seem to coddle the children a bit It is healthy for their own natural development

2.7 ★★☆☆☆ (44 👤)  
Ranked #505 of 518



Elementary school teachers could provide their lesson plans on individual teacher websites each week. Parents want to help their elementary school children but we have no idea what they are learning. Please share detailed curricular plans each week.

2.7 ★★☆☆☆ (28 👤)  
Ranked #506 of 518





Math

2.7 ★★☆☆☆ (21 👤)  
Ranked #507 of 518





**Covid rapid tests should be distributed weekly** A lot of people are still getting covid

2.6  (39 )  
Ranked #508 of 518





**I do not like the amount of emails I receive from the school. It's way too much, it's overwhelming, and often it's needless.** Because when I get too much useless communications it makes it more likely ill miss the actual important stuff.

2.6  (35 )  
Ranked #509 of 518



**I am furious that if my child wants to wear their iwatch to tell time and for us to make sure they are safe they are not allowed.** I need to make sure my child is safe

2.6  (34 )  
Ranked #510 of 518




**Surprised that so few kids wear masks** Getting concerned about kids who are out with COVID returning to class without masks

2.6  (30 )  
Ranked #511 of 518



**The free lunch food is undercooked.** Some kids have vomited after eating raw food.

2.6  (26 )  
Ranked #512 of 518



**I would like to see a review of the SEL curriculum and a shift to a curriculum that is more culturally responsive and neurodiversity-affirming.** As an example, Whole Body Listening has been essentially retracted by Social Thinking but remains a large focus at our elementary schools.

2.5  (35 )  
Ranked #513 of 518



**There is a lot of racial bias in the current school system. It is a wider social issue, but Shrewsbury should do a lot more to address it here.** Its important because it takes opportunities away from non-white students and sadly many teachers, administrators, and coaches are part of the problem

2.5  (35 )  
Ranked #514 of 518





Test

2.4  (42 )  
Ranked #515 of 518



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2.3  (39 )  
Ranked #516 of 518



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2.3  (10 )  
Ranked #517 of 518



B C

2.2  (8 )  
Ranked #518 of 518

