



# National Microschooling Center

## Parent Survey

**Q1.** We're asking families to share their thoughts about their child's **microschool**. Your answers are private. **No one** at your child's school will know how you responded. This survey takes less than 10 minutes to finish. Your responses will help your school and others like it.

Do you want to participate?

- Yes
- No. If "no", no other action is needed.

**Q2.** Please respond to ALL questions on this survey based on **your oldest child currently attending Onward Learning**.

Thinking about your oldest child who attends **Onward Learning**...

**How old is this child?** Write your child's age (e.g., 13 years old): \_\_\_\_\_

**Q3. How long** has your child **attended** his/her current microschool? Please write your response in school years (e.g., 2 years) or write it in months (e.g., 5 months) if your child has been at the school less than 1 school year: \_\_\_\_\_

**Q4.** In the past week, about **how many school hours** was your child at his/her microschool? If your child's microschool is online, include hours spent in live/scheduled online instruction.

- 0 to 10 hours
- 11 to 20 hours
- 21 to 30 hours
- 31 to 40 hours
- More than 41 hours

**Q5.** Why did you choose this microschool for your child? **Check all that apply.**

- High academic standards
- Small class size
- Safe school environment
- Individualized attention for my child
- Flexible school schedule
- Special school focus (e.g., arts, nature, sports)
- Positive school culture
- Convenient location
- Affordable option for my child
- Dissatisfaction with my child's previous school
- Religious or faith-based instruction
- Hands-on learning
- Recommendation from another person (e.g., friends, family)
- Quality teachers (or guides)
- Focus on non-academic skills (e.g., collaboration, leadership, empathy)
- Other. Please specify. \_\_\_\_\_

**Q6.** Why did you choose this microschool for your child. Now choose the **most important reason. Choose just ONE.**

- High academic standards
- Small class sizes
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**Q7.** Which of the following appeal to you most about your child’s microschool? **Choose TWO below.**

Its emphasis on...

- College preparation
- Project-based learning / Experiential learning
- Arts and performing arts
- Self-directed learning
- Nature or outdoor activities
- Cultural heritage
- Relationship-Building / Relationship Development
- Classical education
- Socio-emotional and mental health
- Serves Unique Learning Needs (e.g., neurodiversity, dyslexia, gifted)
- Traditional or back-to-basics
- Faith-based or religious
- STEM or maker school

**Q8.** How good is your child’s microschool at developing...?

	<b>Very Poor</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Very Good</b>
Math ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reading, writing, and literacy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technology skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hands-on workforce or vocational skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q9.** How good is your child's microschool at developing...?

	<b>Very Poor</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Very Good</b>
Leadership Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self-discipline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creative thinking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Positive mental health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Compassion for others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Understanding of different cultures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to cooperate with others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relationships among peers in school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q10.** My child's microschool provides the following for my child...

	<b>Never</b>	<b>Rarely</b>	<b>Often</b>	<b>All the time</b>
Leadership opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hands-on learning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Learning outdoors or in nature	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

projects				
Internships or apprenticeships	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Learning with local experts (e.g., businessperson, artists, health professionals)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meaningful homework or school projects at home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q11.** Rate the following questions about your child's microschool.

	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>
I trust my child's microschool to make decisions in the best interest of my child.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My child's microschool often connects my child with professionals/mentors that my child would otherwise never meet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I often communicate with other parents about school (e.g., carpooling, homework help, organizing events).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q12.** Rate the following questions about your child's microschool.

	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>
I feel welcome at my child's microschool.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My child's microschool provides opportunities for me to develop new skills/knowledge related to my child's education.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am involved in decisions about my child's education.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My child's microschool regularly updates me on my child's progress.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q13.** Describe your child's experience at his/her microschool...

	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>
My child has close friends at school.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My child is NOT lonely at school.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My child likes his/her teachers (or guides) at this school.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My child isn't bullied at school.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q14.** Please answer questions about your child's main **teacher** at his/her microschool. A teacher can also be a "guide" or "mentor".

	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>
I am treated with respect by my child's teachers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My child's teachers care about my child.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My child's teachers try to do what is best for my child.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My child's teachers care about my child's learning.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q15.** Please answer the questions below about your child's microschool.

	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>
My child is safe at school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Most people at school know who my child is.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My child wants to be at school every day.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Most of the time my child is excited about what he/she does at school.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My child has quality friendships at this school.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q16.** Please answer the questions about your child's microschool.

	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>
I can afford the school's tuition and fees beyond this year.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I feel that my child will be prepared for life by attending this school.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
This school offers enough academic programs for my child.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q17.** How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your child's microschool?

	<b>Very Dissatisfied</b>	<b>Dissatisfied</b>	<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Very Satisfied</b>
Overall level of satisfaction or dissatisfaction with the school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality of Teachers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extracurricular Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Academics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-academic skills (e.g., creativity, collaboration, leadership)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q18.** Did your child go to his/her current microschool during the previous school year?

- Yes
- No

**If “Yes”, proceed to Q21.**

**If “No”, continue to Q19**

**Q19. PAST SCHOOL EXPERIENCE** Before your child’s current microschool, what best describes your child’s previous school?

- My child previously attended a local public school
- My child previously attended a private school
- My child was previously homeschooled
- My child previously attended a fully online school
- My child's current school is the only one my child has ever attended
- Other. Please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

**Q20. PAST SCHOOL EXPERIENCE** Compare **Onward Learning** with your child's previous school.

	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>
I get more support to help my child learn at home.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I communicate more with my child’s school.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My child is safer.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My child has better friendships.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My child is learning more.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am more satisfied.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q21. ALMOST DONE!** We ask the following short questions to make sure that our survey covers all families. Has your child who is attending **Onward Learning ever** been identified as having special learning needs (e.g., an Individual Education Plan, a 504 plan, or learning difference)?

- Yes
- No

**Q22.** Has your child who is attending **Onward Learning ever** been identified as having emotional support needs (e.g., a behavioral plan, counseling services, or other formal emotional support)?

- Yes
- No

**Q23.** Has your child who is attending Onward Learning **ever** been identified as having medical or health-related needs (e.g., medical fragility, chronic health conditions, medication administration, or a health care plan)?

- Yes
- No

**Q24.** What is your **highest level** of education?

- Less than high school
- High school diploma or GED
- Some college
- Four-year university/college degree
- Graduate degree (e.g., master's, professional, or doctoral degree)

**Q25.** Which of the following **best describes** your child's current living arrangement? **Choose one.**

- Two-parent household (biological, adoptive, or step-parents)
- Single-parent household
- Lives with a parent and another adult (e.g., grandparent, relative, partner)
- Lives with relatives or guardians (not parents)

**Q26.** What is your child's race/ethnicity? **Check all that apply.**

- Asian / Pacific Islander
- Black / African
- Hispanic
- Native / Indigenous
- White / Caucasian

**Q27.** Do you have any other comments to share?

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