

Open Responses regarding Matanzas Campus:

- 1 Answers to the "Other" section refer to his teacher, Mrs. Francisco. Renee Francisco is a great teacher. I truly appreciate the care and support she gives to my son.
- 2 Child loves 6th grade teacher and is having her best year.
- 3 Comment on Question 8. Don't read it.
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Comments on specific questions: 15. Wish they did more phys. ed. 22. Getting better this year after rough initial transition. 25. mine does Although I do feel like communication with the Matanzas campus and parents is good, I don't feel like it is the case between the district and the parents. It is unfortunate that the Spring Creek campus doesn't have a survey as well, as our answers would be quite different in some areas.
- 5 Comments on specific questions: 2. on some things 4. but I feel doesn't hold it in high regard. 16. not anymore 29 and 30. teachers - yes This past school year, the "energy" at the school has changed. My child's behavior has become questionable since the reconfiguration. The sense of safety has left Matanzas' campus. I am very happy with my child's teacher this year, but I am distrustful of the district office staff, the superintendent, and the RVUSD board.
- 6 Comments were based on GATE student, so some of this is conditional to student's areas of scholastic excelling and social development.
- 7 Considering the growing number of children with learning challenges like ADD, it would help teachers, kids, and parents to do little educational workshops for parents on how to help these kids with school work.
- 8 I am so thankful for the excellent job Mrs. Hampshire has done with my son. Because of her help, support and dedication my son will be ready for what ever challenge's middle school will bring him. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.
- 9 I am thankful for the attention of the school.
- 10 I am very happy about Matanzas Elementary School. Keep up the good work. Thank you.
- 11 I am very happy and satisfied with the education my child is receiving from your school. Keep up the outstanding work!
- 12 I think Matanzas does a great job with my children. Even with the reconfiguration, the environment has continued to be good academically and socially for my children. While there were/are some expected glitches, I believe the change has been beneficial overall.
- 13 I think Matanzas is a great school with a real positive staff.
- 14 I think Matanzas is a wonderful school and a great place for my child to be.
- 15 I think policies on punishments for students be looked over and asked "does the punishment fit the crime."
- 16 I would like to see more homework and reading assignments.
- 17 It would help teachers/kids/parents if there were more training workshops regarding how to better help kids with learning disabilities like ADD and ADHD with schoolwork.
- 18 Keep up the good work!!
- 19 Matanzas is a great school. The kids are challenged overall and have a very caring staff. I do believe in every school there is always room for improvement. Since the state has cut so much funding, it is harder to offer that enriching teacher training which I feel is imperative for all good teachers. I hope the school is able to take some of their funds and find a focal point (not a bunch) but an academic focal point and pursue it until the entire school is on board and teaching with that philosophy in their subject/classroom environment.
- 20 Me Gustaria estar mas enbuelta en la escuela y con la educacion de mi hijo
- 21 My child comments on the water faucets and the lunch program. It was not made clear to my child what came with lunch and how many choices were available to them at each meal. The faucets are filled with sawdust or not working properly - this stuff I remember from my school days. I have never seen this so I cannot be sure how much of it is actual.
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My child has adjusted well to the new school and says she likes it better than Spring Creek, Partly because of Mr. Currie. She really likes him.
- 23 My child has not done Ocean Week this year, but other years have been fun and a great learning experience.
- 24 My child would have access to do homework assignments at mom's house but not at dad's.
- 25 No comments at this time.
- 26 Office staff is unapproachable and non-responsive to parent concerns and children requesting to call home.
- 27 our child's week is split between 2 houses. Often information is missed from either side and online homework information would REALLY help avoid confusion or misinformed assignments.
- 28 Our experience with Matanzas has been phenomenal. Our kids have been successful in their academic skills.
- 29 Overall I have been happy with my children's experience at Matanzas. I would like to extend praise for an outstanding job to Kelly Lister this year. My son has had an excellent experience in her class. I would also like to commend Mary Jo (in the office) for her consistently positive support. She has endless patience and is always very helpful. On another note, I am continually frustrated at the level of harassment and bullying that goes on during recess. The language that is tolerated by the supervising adults is appalling. Neither one of my kids feel comfortable going to any adult for assistance for fear of being further harrassed. They tell me that when they have come forward, nothing meaningful is done to prevent further problems. I am also completely frustrated with the total number of and the general disorganization of fundraisers. My kids are eager to help the school but the times we have participated, we have NEVER gotten our complete orders. I have had to personally reimburse purchasers for their missing orders. As a result, we will not be doing any in the future. I would like to see a the school push two big fundraiser or pledge drives and discontinue having the students sell products that people largely don't want anyway.
- 30 Physical education: would be nice if it consisted of more than just running all the time.
- 31 Question 15. Many of the children do not feel comfortable with the Garden Coordinator. She is not making gardening fun!
- 32 question 21: Parent indicated parking lot is chaotic. question 23: Bathrooms and Water fountains
- 33 Sorry to see Mr. Curry retire! A wonderful principal!
- 34 Strawberry school, for math and language arts only, each grade is broken up into 3 different levels for students to learn at different paces. It would be great to have this implemented at Matanzas so the teachers can teach more effectively and the student can learn at a pace where they can actually learn, not fall behind and feel good about themselves. This would allow the child to learn and the teacher to be able to be able to teach more than just trying to cover a wide spectrum of levels.
- 35 Thank you for doing a great job!
- 36 Thank you for making Matanzas a great place to go to school, learn and have fun doing it all. I appreciate the open door policy of the teachers and the principal. the system works well!
- 37 Thank you for providing a format for parent feedback!

- 38** The kids need more structured activities on the playground so they don't get in as many conflicts. There needs to be more clearly defined codes of classroom conduct and, more importantly, consequences for not conforming to the code of conduct. There are a lot of kids in my daughter's class who behave very badly, are disruptive, and require a disproportionate amount of the teacher's time. The kids who behave spend a lot of time waiting while the teacher deals with these kids. There needs to be clearly defined consequences for these kids that are so disruptive.
- 39** The nurse sends them home too much and most of the time I get them and they don't even have a fever! It makes me mad.
- 40** The only reason I chose "4" on question 31 is that my child is a "homebody", but is happy once at school.
- 41**
The parking lot is a mess. It is dangerous and would be best closed off at pick up/drop off. The communication from our teacher is wonderful, but the RVUSD has failed for 2 years at keeping parents informed and involved in the Charter School plans and the 7/8 Charter possibility.
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The school generally does a very good job all around. I don't like that some children are at times "brought back to the pack", or used to assist others at such a young age. Talent should be encouraged to soar unencumbered. I am concerned about the amount of time ESL students take away from the learning experience of others. Budget cuts, less school days, bigger classes; this just magnifies the impact that such time drain has on other students. Special instruction is best left outside the classroom and is not necessarily the obligation of the school or the district.
- 43** There were times I didn't know how I would even keep my family together much less do much to go forward=providing internet @ home for my son, ...providing enough food at times was hard. I want to Thank Mrs. Barclay and Mr. Currie with all the heart of a mother who truly loves her child for having stepped up and helped me bridge those gaps and so helping to bring my son thru a really rough period of times. To you both, my deepest gratitude. Sincerely, Lorraine Pine
- 44** This is a good school. Staff and teachers are helpful.
- 45** This is by far the BEST school that my daughter has ever attended, she is eager to go your school and the teaching staff is so caring of their students, it has been such a pleasure dealing with the office staff, they really try to help us with any concerns we have, keep up the great work and we are VERY happy that our daughter has the pleasure of being schooled at your campus. Thank you, parents
- 46** We are very fortunate as a family to be in the RVUSD district and in Matanzas school. I appreciate teachers and staff open door policies - IT WORKS!
- 47** We have a divorced family dynamic and communication is usually something we struggle with. Homework/phone calls/parent-teacher concerns, etc. do not get discussed with BOTH sides of the family. We miss out on a lot of school plays, dramas, recitals, etc.