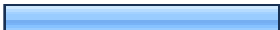









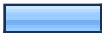




1. My oldest child in the district is in..

		Response Percent	Response Count
High School (9th thru 12th grade)		41.0%	422
Junior High (7th or 8th grade)		16.6%	171
Elementary (K thru 6th grade)		42.4%	437
answered question			1,030
skipped question			5






2. I feel technology is important in my child(ren)'s education.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		76.6%	790
Agree		21.9%	226
Disagree		1.0%	10
Strongly Disagree		0.4%	4
I don't know		0.2%	2
answered question			1,032
skipped question			3







3. I am satisfied with the amount of technology available to my child at school. For more info on what is available in classrooms, visit <http://www.wdmcs.org/departments/technology/>

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		14.0%	144
Agree		63.4%	653
Disagree		13.1%	135
Strongly Disagree		2.2%	23
I don't know		7.3%	75
answered question			1,030
skipped question			5

4. My child is encouraged by most teachers to use technology at school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		19.8%	204
Agree		54.7%	562
Disagree		7.3%	75
Strongly Disagree		0.8%	8
I don't know		17.4%	179
answered question			1,028
skipped question			7

5. I have a child in 6th thru 12th grade and I am satisfied with how often my child's grades are updated in Infinite Campus.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		13.5%	137
Agree		36.5%	371
Disagree		10.6%	108
Strongly Disagree		2.3%	23
I don't know		2.1%	21
I DO NOT have a child in grades 6th thru 12th, and do NOT have grades available through Campus.		35.0%	356
answered question			1,016
skipped question			19

6. What technology services are we doing well?

	Response Count
	416
answered question	416
skipped question	619

7. What suggestions do you have for improving district technology services?

	Response Count
	387
answered question	387
skipped question	648

Q6. What technology services are we doing well?

1	Appreciate the I-pad math grade level 1 apps. It has helped my daughter.	May 15, 2013 9:41 AM
2	I like the Infinite Campus site - I like seeing the homework that is due on the calendar, but it would be nice if it would show up if you clicked on it to see it longer.	May 1, 2013 11:42 AM
3	IPAD Computers	Apr 28, 2013 7:11 PM
4	Convenience of paying online for school fees and lunches. Virtual backpack is great. Getting there with the individual school websites.	Apr 27, 2013 12:49 PM
5	iPads in the classroom...need more and they need to be for student use at school....not for teachers at home (private use). e-mail, websites.	Apr 25, 2013 9:44 PM
6	Infinite Campus is great. I appreciate encouraging my child to use technology this is a big part of today's world and the more familiar they are the better!	Apr 25, 2013 10:45 AM
7	Infinite campus	Apr 24, 2013 3:47 PM
8	Valley announcements emails, wireless internet access for personal devices	Apr 23, 2013 8:32 AM
9	I think its important for our kids to keep up with the times in technology. My daughter seems to be doing ok.	Apr 19, 2013 9:27 PM
10	The kids use the share drive and S drive effectively for out of school assignments and work. YouTube is also being used well for projects. The iPads in US History were effective tools. They have all become proficient in PowerPoint and cloud computing and storage.	Apr 19, 2013 4:26 PM
11	Grades, Email updates, website information, school events	Apr 19, 2013 2:14 PM
12	You are so wise to ban cell phones at the middle school level. I teach in another district that does not do this, and I can say middle schoolers are not prepared to handle cell phones in the classroom responsibly. I could not be happier that it's not even an issue for my student. If my children need technology the teachers supply it.	Apr 18, 2013 9:20 PM
13	Infinite Campus although the late notices are a problem	Apr 18, 2013 7:02 PM
14	Providing access to computers in the classroom.	Apr 18, 2013 12:13 PM
15	Daily messages are helpful , except I find my student does not always know about them - not sure if they are announced over the PA, or only in the email	Apr 18, 2013 10:47 AM
16	Love Infinite Campus. Also like the daily emails from jr high although I hate that they come in attachment form now vs just a straight email.	Apr 18, 2013 8:23 AM
17	I really like the improvements to Infinite Campus	Apr 17, 2013 11:48 PM
18	The Use and help with our sons Device and the access they have t computers and Ipads	Apr 17, 2013 4:40 PM
19	infinite campus is a fairly good system/tool for communication withh parents.	Apr 17, 2013 10:37 AM

Q6. What technology services are we doing well?

20	Giving elementary kids access to computers during the week. Also like that there are some optional computer classes offered after school	Apr 17, 2013 9:30 AM
21	I think Infinite Campus is a great tool IF the teachers use it.	Apr 16, 2013 7:52 PM
22	Computers in the classrooms is a great start for K, but they are not touch screens which are more prevalent with children that age.	Apr 16, 2013 6:30 PM
23	ipad, laptop and computer usage in the classroom	Apr 16, 2013 4:25 PM
24	I like the infinite campus and email updates in theory.	Apr 16, 2013 4:05 PM
25	alerts notification by phone and email	Apr 16, 2013 1:44 PM
26	Infinite Campus access to tutors, online would be next step, recordings and Video feeds of weekly classroom instruction for children who don't understand, learn differently, and or just want coursework reinforcement.	Apr 16, 2013 10:42 AM
27	Updating grades	Apr 16, 2013 10:38 AM
28	Lots of computers available to students	Apr 16, 2013 9:51 AM
29	IPAD	Apr 16, 2013 8:31 AM
30	IPads. Email updates. School work done on the computer.	Apr 16, 2013 6:48 AM
31	Infinite campus is a great tool for us as long as it is updated in a timely manner and the due dates are accurate (the latter is usually more of the problem).	Apr 16, 2013 6:35 AM
32	The kids do have computer access and one teachers low smartphone use.	Apr 15, 2013 11:26 PM
33	Infinite Campus is very nice. Also, the ability for students to access network shares via VPN is good, as is most classrooms (at least in elementary school) having in-room computers	Apr 15, 2013 10:52 PM
34	using software tools to allow creativity and perform presentations -- ie youtube, video, ppt, etc...	Apr 15, 2013 7:49 PM
35	iPads	Apr 15, 2013 7:47 PM
36	My daughter (kindergarten) has had nice exposure to technology in her classroom.	Apr 15, 2013 6:26 PM
37	My child gets to work on ipads and computers in the classroom.	Apr 15, 2013 6:15 PM
38	Exposure to computers	Apr 15, 2013 5:47 PM
39	Computer lab, confidence with computers, Internet safety, iPads, Breakthrough Reading program, email experience, computer classes (LRC)	Apr 15, 2013 5:00 PM
40	Information emails School notifications	Apr 15, 2013 3:48 PM
41	Unsure	Apr 15, 2013 3:43 PM

Q6. What technology services are we doing well?

42	Computers	Apr 15, 2013 3:40 PM
43	-teaching kids how to use technology for their education -keeping parents informed via email rather than sending flyers home (which insures - at least at our house - that we receive the materials)	Apr 15, 2013 2:07 PM
44	I called the transportation deparment this morning. My son left his backpack on the bus last Friday. the transportation dispatch said just a minute and I could hear her in the background contacting the driver who explained she put the back pack in lost and found. This was excellent how dispatch was able to contact the bus driver	Apr 15, 2013 1:39 PM
45	daily e-mails infinite campus	Apr 15, 2013 1:22 PM
46	Teaching youth how to use internet	Apr 15, 2013 12:50 PM
47	Infinite Campus	Apr 15, 2013 12:44 PM
48	sending email updates. sending alerts via phone.	Apr 15, 2013 12:39 PM
49	services provided are great	Apr 15, 2013 12:15 PM
50	Basic usage of computers	Apr 15, 2013 12:14 PM
51	My children have a very good understanding of how to operate hardware and they can navigate the Internet well. Also competent with misc. software.	Apr 15, 2013 11:44 AM
52	My child's kindergarten teacher uses technology well! She gives us suggestions for ipad apps and she sends out lots of good email communications.	Apr 15, 2013 11:13 AM
53	math driven programs that our daughter is using at home through the web that are free to use	Apr 15, 2013 11:02 AM
54	For Kindergarten, the technology available (computers and iPads) are are great introduction.	Apr 15, 2013 10:50 AM
55	my daughter is in kindergarten and she has time on the computer and that is good	Apr 15, 2013 10:45 AM
56	iPad ,using computers.	Apr 15, 2013 10:36 AM
57	no answer	Apr 15, 2013 9:55 AM
58	Infinite Campus	Apr 15, 2013 9:44 AM
59	The iPads available at Crestview are a wonderful asset to the students. They often use them in groups to work together on math or literacy. They then bring that knowledge home and use those apps at home. My kids are younger, but I do like the expanded use I have seen in the younger grades for Infinite Campus.	Apr 15, 2013 9:37 AM
60	I appreciate that you make information available through several venues- email, facebook, twitter, on your webpage, etc.	Apr 15, 2013 9:28 AM
61	Infinite Campus is great for jr. high/high school teachers. Nice to see upcoming	Apr 15, 2013 9:26 AM

Q6. What technology services are we doing well?

	due dates and immediate grade posting. District website is user friendly and lunch pay accounts very nice.	
62	Communication and grades Like that teachers e-mails are in there	Apr 15, 2013 9:05 AM
63	Daily email messaging.	Apr 15, 2013 9:02 AM
64	I am happy to see computers in each classroom and also the time afforded to students to use the computer lab. On line learning at home is supported by the teachers/school.	Apr 15, 2013 8:45 AM
65	infinite campus is generally going well...only a few teachers who aren't timely, but more a reflection on them then the district in general I appreciate the campus messenger announcements being in a readable form immediately and not an attachment.	Apr 15, 2013 8:31 AM
66	I love the Ipads in the classrooms!	Apr 15, 2013 8:28 AM
67	reporting	Apr 15, 2013 8:16 AM
68	computers, ipads	Apr 15, 2013 8:15 AM
69	I like some of the kids have ipads to use in the classroom.	Apr 15, 2013 8:11 AM
70	My child in 2nd grade is using a computer program to practice Math Facts. I think teachers and administrators use infinite campus well to send messages. I love the payschools option for paying for lunches.	Apr 15, 2013 8:08 AM
71	allowing 2nd graders to get on the computer and work	Apr 15, 2013 7:27 AM
72	Infinite Campus is a great tool, if the teacher updates the site...if they dont....of course the tool doesnt work well. Being able to pay for school lunches online is very nice as well.	Apr 15, 2013 7:21 AM
73	I love the daily messaging system so that we, as parents, hear the same announcements the kids are SUPPOSED to hear as i have heard that not all teachers respect and demand the kids to be quiet when announcements are made. So it allows me to know what is going on and to enforce any communications.	Apr 15, 2013 6:51 AM
74	Infinite Campus is pretty good. Otherwise, do not know.	Apr 15, 2013 6:47 AM
75	I feel like most of the technology is great. It seems like the new website has some problems with flow. It goes from the new to the old website format on certain pages and some of the information is not up to date on how or where things are located.	Apr 15, 2013 6:39 AM
76	Automated weather Online resources for math and reading	Apr 15, 2013 6:31 AM
77	Modern computers in the classrooms.	Apr 15, 2013 6:12 AM
78	computers ipads	Apr 15, 2013 6:04 AM
79	Computer work and getting the children started on PPT presentations.	Apr 15, 2013 5:50 AM

Q6. What technology services are we doing well?

80	Have lab time for kindergarteners as well as iPads in the classroom!	Apr 15, 2013 5:32 AM
81	Computer and internet time	Apr 15, 2013 1:12 AM
82	The updates regarding attendance/late to class.	Apr 15, 2013 12:55 AM
83	Love the Campus Portal App	Apr 14, 2013 11:45 PM
84	Communication for older students	Apr 14, 2013 11:43 PM
85	I'm not sure I can't get on infinite campus and the school year is almost over	Apr 14, 2013 11:33 PM
86	As of now I am satisfied with the technology available to my children.	Apr 14, 2013 11:10 PM
87	Emergency notification, Grades and missing assignments work well on infinite campus.	Apr 14, 2013 11:06 PM
88	Love the app for quickly checking grades.	Apr 14, 2013 10:33 PM
89	emailing daily announcements	Apr 14, 2013 10:13 PM
90	Infinite Campus is great.	Apr 14, 2013 10:11 PM
91	Providing links for students on the WDMCS website	Apr 14, 2013 10:02 PM
92	Implementing iPads was a great introduction the last few years at Crestview.	Apr 14, 2013 9:45 PM
93	Phone calls on snow days, calls regarding students absence, missing assignment emails.	Apr 14, 2013 9:33 PM
94	classroom availability.	Apr 14, 2013 9:27 PM
95	Infinite Campus, Moodle, Parent Information page on district website	Apr 14, 2013 9:17 PM
96	Providing access to computers & Internet, projectors & document viewers are all very important. The rest is just fluff & additional expense.	Apr 14, 2013 9:08 PM
97	Infinite campus	Apr 14, 2013 8:58 PM
98	Infinite Campus	Apr 14, 2013 8:42 PM
99	Computer labs are terrific. I know there are a few in each room. But technology is a daily part of most kids' lives, so I would like to see these tools completely integrated into their educational experience.	Apr 14, 2013 8:39 PM
100	Technology for the teachers is great, nice work on this front.	Apr 14, 2013 8:25 PM
101	We are not informed	Apr 14, 2013 8:22 PM
102	keeping us informed	Apr 14, 2013 8:08 PM
103	Smart boards in the classrooms.	Apr 14, 2013 8:06 PM
104	Access to technology	Apr 14, 2013 7:59 PM

Q6. What technology services are we doing well?

105	Pay fees online, newsletters, inf campus, communication with teacher, teaching and learning opportunities within the classroom.	Apr 14, 2013 7:55 PM
106	Infinite campus.	Apr 14, 2013 7:42 PM
107	Infinite campus is useful, but i'd love to see more of a portal strategy for kids and parents to use over the course of their education	Apr 14, 2013 7:38 PM
108	Provding ipads	Apr 14, 2013 7:35 PM
109	My child is in first grade. He tells me that he rarely uses computers.	Apr 14, 2013 7:23 PM
110	Grades online and letting students use laptops in class	Apr 14, 2013 7:19 PM
111	I am thankful WDMCS has the technology for communicating information to parents via voicemail and email. I like the fact that my elementary students have 5 computers in their classrooms. However, the number of iPads in their classrooms differs significantly. My son at FM has 5 iPads in his room and my daughter at HD has only one. That seems a bit discrepant to me.	Apr 14, 2013 7:09 PM
112	The introduction of iPads into some classes has been helpful for our children's learning and interest. However, I believe this was funded by our school's parent/faculty group, not the district. Some teachers take it upon themselves to personally integrate new and innovative technologies into their classrooms. Again, a classroom/school specific situation, and not a district-wide occurrence. I do appreciate the Facebook and e-mail updates from the district, and the website is relatively easy to navigate.	Apr 14, 2013 7:01 PM
113	Infinite campus is a great way to keep up with our daughters progress when it is updated regularly and in a timely manner.	Apr 14, 2013 6:54 PM
114	All	Apr 14, 2013 6:46 PM
115	love the emails,	Apr 14, 2013 6:43 PM
116	Infinite Campus; Student portals and assignments	Apr 14, 2013 6:42 PM
117	The big and mini lap tops carts are available whenever needed by the students.	Apr 14, 2013 6:29 PM
118	Beautiful computer lab.	Apr 14, 2013 6:12 PM
119	Email communication, website maintenance.	Apr 14, 2013 6:07 PM
120	The updates of software (Microsoft Office, Photoshop) at VHS are well-maintained.	Apr 14, 2013 6:02 PM
121	I like that there is an iPad in my son's classroom and he can do educational games on it. I also like that he is called on to help other kids who need help using the technology in the classroom.	Apr 14, 2013 6:00 PM
122	IPAD in classrooms	Apr 14, 2013 5:58 PM
123	Computer Lab	Apr 14, 2013 5:57 PM

Q6. What technology services are we doing well?

124	Infinite campus	Apr 14, 2013 5:55 PM
125	Infinite Campus, school updates (closings, athletic games/meets, fine arts events, etc)	Apr 14, 2013 5:50 PM
126	Infinite campus	Apr 14, 2013 5:48 PM
127	Overall I think the technology department is doing an awesome job. My son says he's even taken tests online and they use the clickers for reviews. I'm impressed with the projects he's needed to complete using programs at school. I'm pleased.	Apr 14, 2013 5:45 PM
128	Giving us different apps and websites to visit to make learning different subjects fun. Had several teachers give us app ideas for music and spanish learning during conferences	Apr 14, 2013 5:43 PM
129	Infinite Campus and daily updates	Apr 14, 2013 5:41 PM
130	Computers, iPads	Apr 14, 2013 5:38 PM
131	Posting grades, sending announcements through email, use of calling for school closings. Coaches using email.	Apr 14, 2013 5:31 PM
132	New district website is great.	Apr 14, 2013 5:23 PM
133	Web site is good, I like infinite campus, I am pleased that more technology seems to be getting into students hands	Apr 14, 2013 5:12 PM
134	Email updates. Kids understand the s and h drives.	Apr 14, 2013 5:10 PM
135	Keeping us all informed of progress and or lack of it.	Apr 14, 2013 5:07 PM
136	I really like infinite campus and the daily news	Apr 14, 2013 5:01 PM
137	So far, all	Apr 14, 2013 5:01 PM
138	Most but not all teachers provide prompt updates to Infinife Campus	Apr 14, 2013 4:58 PM
139	Infinite campus is an excellent tool	Apr 14, 2013 4:55 PM
140	Communication has been quite effective and I like Edmodo and Infinite Campus. I do, however, think both my 3rd and 6th grader could use a 'tad' more hands on computer time.	Apr 14, 2013 4:51 PM
141	contacting parents when messages are available	Apr 14, 2013 4:47 PM
142	Like VPN access. H drives stays the same for access to personal files, and the ability to access them from home.	Apr 14, 2013 4:46 PM
143	Responsive to feedback around messaging. Keeping the kids interested in technology.	Apr 14, 2013 4:42 PM
144	Communicating with parents	Apr 14, 2013 4:42 PM

Q6. What technology services are we doing well?

145	I believe that being able to use a computer to teach math as a game has helped her out	Apr 14, 2013 4:41 PM
146	I pads in the classrooms. Alerts to parents via emails and text.	Apr 14, 2013 4:39 PM
147	Access to PC's with education on the basics of using computers.	Apr 14, 2013 4:37 PM
148	infinite campus logon and the wdsn home page	Apr 14, 2013 4:34 PM
149	Infinite Campus, schools' websites, school announcements, School Out for Weather by phone, cd's for the school Handbook	Apr 14, 2013 3:11 PM
150	upgrades to Infinite Campus	Apr 14, 2013 11:54 AM
151	weekend availability	Apr 14, 2013 11:45 AM
152	Infinite campus	Apr 14, 2013 7:46 AM
153	E-mail communications	Apr 14, 2013 7:46 AM
154	Infinite Campus. Though not all teachers updated. SOme classes the updates on grades is weeks old so you are a little late to provide feedback.	Apr 13, 2013 9:52 PM
155	Infinite Campus	Apr 13, 2013 9:11 PM
156	Love the computers in each classroom, but wish there was more so more kiddos could use them in fewer rotations. Also love the lpads in the classroom!!	Apr 13, 2013 8:13 PM
157	I like the s drive for the student and infinit campus	Apr 13, 2013 7:37 PM
158	infinite campus	Apr 13, 2013 5:44 PM
159	I always see students in the Library at Valley on the computers, perhaps more would be better.	Apr 13, 2013 4:50 PM
160	iPads and computers for students to use	Apr 13, 2013 12:50 PM
161	Infinite Campus	Apr 13, 2013 9:22 AM
162	That we have infinite campus- but teachers need to update mire frequently. Shouldn't be a week or 2 before grades are entered. I can't guide my student when I don't have current info.	Apr 13, 2013 9:21 AM
163	infinite campus	Apr 13, 2013 7:43 AM
164	Fees online.	Apr 12, 2013 7:18 PM
165	Computer time, Nooks, Infinite Campus	Apr 12, 2013 5:40 PM
166	Keeping computers in schools	Apr 12, 2013 5:27 PM
167	Infinite Campus is good and all of the information available for my kids to use for studies is nice as well. Even for someone in tech it is overwhelming the amount of data that is pushed to the kids. this web for math this for English etc	Apr 12, 2013 5:03 PM

Q6. What technology services are we doing well?

168	computer labs	Apr 12, 2013 4:52 PM
169	85% of the teachers update grades regularly. Very happy Infinite Campus included the total points possible on the grade announcements instead of just listing points earned.	Apr 12, 2013 3:40 PM
170	Parent communications via e-mail. Text books and study aids available on-line.	Apr 12, 2013 3:14 PM
171	I like that there are ipads in the classroom, but seems like the kids need to learn things like basic word processing (ex: word) and spreadsheets (ex: excel) that are highly utilized in the working world.	Apr 12, 2013 2:35 PM
172	Very efficient in communicating information through Infinite Campus, appear to be utilizing internet information in classes, helping to develop skills on particular computer programs such as Power Point, video use, etc.	Apr 12, 2013 2:27 PM
173	I love Infinite Campus!!!	Apr 12, 2013 2:16 PM
174	Offering students different websites to help complete homework	Apr 12, 2013 2:02 PM
175	My kids enjoy going to the computer lab during Kids West and using the iPads during classroom instruction.	Apr 12, 2013 12:51 PM
176	Introducing children to technology at an early age.	Apr 12, 2013 11:37 AM
177	Website information, iPad use in the classroom	Apr 12, 2013 10:23 AM
178	Communication with parents Infinite campus	Apr 12, 2013 9:53 AM
179	Typing skills, internet research, iPad use.	Apr 12, 2013 9:36 AM
180	Infinite Campus	Apr 12, 2013 9:34 AM
181	I think for the most part the schools are doing very well offering the students a variety of technology.	Apr 12, 2013 8:42 AM
182	1) Communication to parents 2) Faster grading processes (scanning test etc)	Apr 12, 2013 8:16 AM
183	Ipad	Apr 12, 2013 8:11 AM
184	DAily announcements sent via email. Periodic updates on school activities/program info sent to IC inbox and thru email.	Apr 12, 2013 7:39 AM
185	I like Infinite Campus.	Apr 12, 2013 6:55 AM
186	Computer	Apr 12, 2013 6:24 AM
187	Infinite campus is nice.	Apr 12, 2013 6:00 AM
188	I-pad curriculum & excellent resources for teachers & students. Notifications of school closings very streamlined & efficient-phone calls/email always informative & done well.	Apr 11, 2013 11:16 PM
189	iPads help my son	Apr 11, 2013 10:48 PM

Q6. What technology services are we doing well?

190	It's nice here are iPads and computers available.	Apr 11, 2013 10:29 PM
191	iPads and such are available, feel they could be encouraged to do more with them. Not all teachers are embracing (or know how), esp in upper grade school	Apr 11, 2013 10:14 PM
192	Campus portal	Apr 11, 2013 9:46 PM
193	Subject to the comment below, student access to computers seems to be very good.	Apr 11, 2013 8:50 PM
194	My daughter transferred this week from DMPS and I am not able to provide this information.	Apr 11, 2013 8:25 PM
195	Infinite Campus.	Apr 11, 2013 8:20 PM
196	the iPads and any computer skills is a plus	Apr 11, 2013 8:17 PM
197	Not sure	Apr 11, 2013 7:53 PM
198	Computer labs. Windows 7. Increasing bandwidth.	Apr 11, 2013 7:38 PM
199	Infinite Campus and PaySchools for lunches have been very good innovations. It keeps us connected to what our child is doing, how he is doing and makes it easy for us to keep funding for his meals up to date. The addition to seeing what he eats is just another positive outcome.	Apr 11, 2013 6:55 PM
200	Campus Portal	Apr 11, 2013 6:36 PM
201	Using e-mail and the infinite campus	Apr 11, 2013 6:04 PM
202	Services well: informing parents of school cancelations or late starts, missing assignments, tardies, etc. Technology in the class room would be fine as long as the students learns and it isn't a replacement for the teacher.	Apr 11, 2013 6:00 PM
203	Infinite campus	Apr 11, 2013 5:28 PM
204	My son is in the 5th grade at Crestview and I think the technologies they have in their classrooms is above adequate.	Apr 11, 2013 5:10 PM
205	Web Slte, Everyday Math access, time spent practicing skills on computer at school, Teaching about internet safety	Apr 11, 2013 5:10 PM
206	Classrooms need to be introduced to using technology for research, testing, communication (skype), and possibly for grammar and language.	Apr 11, 2013 5:04 PM
207	computer lab, Ipads in classroom	Apr 11, 2013 5:01 PM
208	Grades are being updated better than last year but still leave something to be desired, I never really know if grades have been superseded by work not yet noted.	Apr 11, 2013 4:53 PM
209	Being able to see what your child has to do for class, and how well they are doing.	Apr 11, 2013 4:49 PM

Q6. What technology services are we doing well?

210	Infinite Campus is a great tool. Being notified of outstanding assignments is very beneficial to keeping us on track at home.	Apr 11, 2013 4:32 PM
211	Email updates	Apr 11, 2013 4:26 PM
212	Use of iPads in classrooms, teaching keyboarding in elementary	Apr 11, 2013 4:21 PM
213	Having computers / tablets in the classroom, letting students have a chance to play with them.	Apr 11, 2013 4:15 PM
214	Sending out notices on IC	Apr 11, 2013 4:15 PM
215	The site is awesome and very useable. My 9th grader uses infinite and the different drives the teachers have etc. and just by the schools use of technology has increased her personal understanding and utilization. Thank you!	Apr 11, 2013 3:47 PM
216	Using computers	Apr 11, 2013 3:46 PM
217	Computer, phone	Apr 11, 2013 3:38 PM
218	Infinite Campus and provide network shares for homework.	Apr 11, 2013 3:37 PM
219	Desktops and Projectors	Apr 11, 2013 3:11 PM
220	All content that I believe I need is available - making a home page for 'Parents' was helpful; easier to find needed links.	Apr 11, 2013 3:04 PM
221	infinite campus has been a great addition. Power point presentations and research online are both well utilized. Pay schools is extremely convenient	Apr 11, 2013 2:52 PM
222	I do truly appreciate infinite campus.	Apr 11, 2013 2:50 PM
223	NA	Apr 11, 2013 2:28 PM
224	Getting introduced to computers.	Apr 11, 2013 1:53 PM
225	I like infinite campus and feel it is a good way for parents to know what is going on academically with their child/children.	Apr 11, 2013 1:42 PM
226	I like infinite campus!	Apr 11, 2013 1:38 PM
227	In classroom use of internet to support lectures.	Apr 11, 2013 1:35 PM
228	I have not been provided with any technology information, except for paying lunches.	Apr 11, 2013 1:33 PM
229	Use od I-Pods	Apr 11, 2013 1:32 PM
230	It seems like internet access is available and is fast enough most days, from what I hear from my child. She uses the internet as an information resource. It depends what you mean by "technology". Using iPads and computers in elementary school is as common as using a toaster was when I was my child's age. As far as providing my child with thinking and simple coding skills she'll need in the future, the school doesn't seem to be on track with this.	Apr 11, 2013 1:31 PM

Q6. What technology services are we doing well?

231	I like Infinite Campus, but not all teachers use it to show upcoming assignments consistently	Apr 11, 2013 1:16 PM
232	Infinite campus	Apr 11, 2013 1:05 PM
233	teaching computers, using ipads	Apr 11, 2013 1:02 PM
234	infinite campus	Apr 11, 2013 12:54 PM
235	Keeping the parents informed about WDM activities and current events at schools.	Apr 11, 2013 12:51 PM
236	Infinite campus is great! Computers are well used.	Apr 11, 2013 12:29 PM
237	Infinite Campus	Apr 11, 2013 12:28 PM
238	Computer labs do a great service to those that do not have a computer at home.	Apr 11, 2013 12:12 PM
239	Great to keep up with grades, attendance etc.	Apr 11, 2013 12:11 PM
240	ipad integrated into math studies; would like to see more integration in more studies	Apr 11, 2013 12:09 PM
241	New website looks great, love that Infinite Campus and all of the enhancements, but would like grades updated more often, I like being able to pay for school lunches online.	Apr 11, 2013 12:02 PM
242	I think infinite campus works well.	Apr 11, 2013 11:55 AM
243	Every type of payment I need to make, I can now make electronically - fees, bus, kids west, lunch - LOVE that! Great access to information through infinite campus and the district website	Apr 11, 2013 11:47 AM
244	Email use. Online learning site use. Electronic device implementation in the classroom.	Apr 11, 2013 11:39 AM
245	daily email communications; notifications when schools is delayed/canceled	Apr 11, 2013 11:31 AM
246	I like the email notices, the ability to access my child's records via mobile apps, and I like the shared drive so that projects can be stored on the school network, and accessed at home.	Apr 11, 2013 11:31 AM
247	frequent emails from the district about district wide events, etc; frequent school specific emails/newsletters, children have access to ipads, computers, internet.	Apr 11, 2013 11:30 AM
248	Infinite Campus is a useful tool for parents, when the teacher is keeping it up to date.	Apr 11, 2013 11:25 AM
249	Computer lab	Apr 11, 2013 11:18 AM
250	To be honest I'm not sure. I do not hear much about how technology is being pushed into the classroom on a student interaction level. I simply now they have some time to do activities on the computer or on an "tablet" device.	Apr 11, 2013 11:07 AM

Q6. What technology services are we doing well?

251	Providing a computer in the classroom for the children to gain more hands on knowledge with everyday learning.	Apr 11, 2013 11:05 AM
252	computer and iPads	Apr 11, 2013 11:00 AM
253	Computer use.	Apr 11, 2013 10:58 AM
254	Offering Apple products to classrooms.	Apr 11, 2013 10:57 AM
255	Have to see whats available	Apr 11, 2013 10:53 AM
256	fine with the current level. Thanks for doing a good job on updating the technology.	Apr 11, 2013 10:51 AM
257	Email announcements. Computer labs available	Apr 11, 2013 10:46 AM
258	Wireless internet availability	Apr 11, 2013 10:45 AM
259	Offering computers in the classroom, there just aren't enough of them for student use. There is also a computer lab in the library for student use/training. Our 2nd grade teacher won a grant for 6 ipads, and uses them in her classroom to teach the students about technology as well.	Apr 11, 2013 10:39 AM
260	I like the Infinite Campus for looking at grades.	Apr 11, 2013 10:37 AM
261	More and more on line services are appreciated, fee payments, the improvements and streamline of user interface for Infinite Campus, and mobile application access are great for busy parents and families.	Apr 11, 2013 10:31 AM
262	Some teachers use websites for handing in homework, which is nice. Infinite campus is nice.	Apr 11, 2013 10:26 AM
263	I am impressed that my students can turn their work in online and know how to create winning projects by making power point slides, videos and web sites.	Apr 11, 2013 10:26 AM
264	Exposing young kids to computers, iPads and other technology. Letting kids have "electronics" days as rewards.	Apr 11, 2013 10:25 AM
265	Frequent use of computers	Apr 11, 2013 10:16 AM
266	I love that our childrens' school uses IPads. I love the communication from my 6th graders teacher via Infinite Campus.	Apr 11, 2013 10:08 AM
267	Mainly it's the utilizing computer for academic search and paper oranizing. This will prepare them for college.	Apr 11, 2013 10:06 AM
268	Love the new district website. And that the E schools are going to that template as well. Like the 3D projectors in the classrooms.	Apr 11, 2013 10:06 AM
269	Infinite campus is wonderful. I like the pay schools site and reminders when my sons lunch balance is low. I also like the WDM schools e-news and virtual flyers. Email fom teachers and late notices.	Apr 11, 2013 10:06 AM
270	Web based aplications for learning	Apr 11, 2013 10:00 AM

Q6. What technology services are we doing well?

271	Infinite campus Daily email announcements	Apr 11, 2013 10:00 AM
272	Unknown-I haven't seen any that work well.	Apr 11, 2013 9:57 AM
273	communication between school and home is awesome	Apr 11, 2013 9:57 AM
274	I feel teachers my students have had recognize and understand how the computers and technology can be a tool for educating students and motivating them. I feel that the district does try to keep up to date on technology so the teachers can utilize this tool.	Apr 11, 2013 9:53 AM
275	computer times/access/home recommendations	Apr 11, 2013 9:44 AM
276	I love the classes that have Facebook pages.	Apr 11, 2013 9:39 AM
277	Nice to get announcements through email	Apr 11, 2013 9:37 AM
278	Developing a working knowledge of applications that are now core to daily/professional life.	Apr 11, 2013 9:35 AM
279	My third grader has commented on use of iPads in school. He is very excited about the use of technology and I feel it is important to give children access to current technology as soon as possible.	Apr 11, 2013 9:35 AM
280	I deploy for the military across the world and due to the level of service you provide I am able to attend every parent/teacher conference and talk to the children in my daughter's class. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of my child's education.	Apr 11, 2013 9:33 AM
281	Infinite Campus	Apr 11, 2013 9:30 AM
282	The upgrade to the school website is really nice, easier layout.	Apr 11, 2013 9:30 AM
283	IPad use	Apr 11, 2013 9:29 AM
284	Kids are learning computer basics in the lower elementary classrooms.	Apr 11, 2013 9:25 AM
285	School newsletters	Apr 11, 2013 9:24 AM
286	Ipad and computer related activities.	Apr 11, 2013 9:23 AM
287	FASTT math, reports, power points	Apr 11, 2013 9:22 AM
288	Using computers in the classroom for math facts, spelling, reading.	Apr 11, 2013 9:21 AM
289	Specific computer/lab time	Apr 11, 2013 9:15 AM
290	I love campus portal. I think the mobile application is great, just wish I could access fee payment from mobile for his account.	Apr 11, 2013 9:15 AM
291	Infinite campus	Apr 11, 2013 9:15 AM
292	IPad and PC usage	Apr 11, 2013 9:14 AM

Q6. What technology services are we doing well?

293	ipad in the classroom	Apr 11, 2013 9:14 AM
294	I appreciate the daily updates especially from the junior high. Quick and to the point.	Apr 11, 2013 9:11 AM
295	internet, hardware	Apr 11, 2013 9:11 AM
296	Computers in classrooms are okay but a little outdated.	Apr 11, 2013 9:10 AM
297	emails	Apr 11, 2013 9:09 AM
298	Infinite Campus, Online payments, website	Apr 11, 2013 9:07 AM
299	Having iPad in classroom.	Apr 11, 2013 9:04 AM
300	email updates - missing assignments	Apr 11, 2013 9:02 AM
301	I have no idea, as far as I know there is no technology taught at Valley	Apr 11, 2013 9:01 AM
302	Like the new district portal, and categories based on audience (parents, students, staff)	Apr 11, 2013 9:00 AM
303	Computer Club for elementary school kids.	Apr 11, 2013 9:00 AM
304	Providing access to computers for projects	Apr 11, 2013 8:55 AM
305	I would question the use of computers in elementary. I wonder if they should do more. Not just access to them, but the tools they will always use---word, excel basics, etc.	Apr 11, 2013 8:51 AM
306	?	Apr 11, 2013 8:49 AM
307	My child enjoys the computer classes offered periodically as well as making use of the computer lab during Kids West.	Apr 11, 2013 8:48 AM
308	All is fine. I have used all of them and information is available at our finger tips.	Apr 11, 2013 8:47 AM
309	Communications	Apr 11, 2013 8:45 AM
310	I like the communication emails.	Apr 11, 2013 8:45 AM
311	computers and laptops	Apr 11, 2013 8:43 AM
312	email notifications	Apr 11, 2013 8:43 AM
313	Computers/Computer Lab/Required Computer Projects and Presentations	Apr 11, 2013 8:41 AM
314	The teachers do a good job of having the kids do many of their homework assignments during technology	Apr 11, 2013 8:40 AM
315	iPads available in the classroom.	Apr 11, 2013 8:40 AM
316	Encouraging use of on-line resources, like Spelling City. I like keepign in touch with teachers via Facebook and email.	Apr 11, 2013 8:40 AM

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317	The grade warnings are good; however, create stress if they drop but the student has turned it in and it just hasn't been graded yet. All in all, I find it to be a very good tool.	Apr 11, 2013 8:38 AM
318	Infinite Campus	Apr 11, 2013 8:38 AM
319	Exposing the younger kids to a variety of devices and getting them computer/tech literate early on.	Apr 11, 2013 8:31 AM
320	INFINITE CAMPUS	Apr 11, 2013 8:29 AM
321	letting children know the difference in social networks, websites and links.	Apr 11, 2013 8:29 AM
322	IPADS- just Don't get to use as much as they could	Apr 11, 2013 8:29 AM
323	My daughter is invovled in digikids and has enjoyed learning new programs. Her confidence in using technology has definitely increased.	Apr 11, 2013 8:28 AM
324	Infinite campus is a great tool and some of the teachers are fluent in power point at the elementary level.	Apr 11, 2013 8:28 AM
325	Learning games like spelling and math for younger grades and research for the older elementary kids.	Apr 11, 2013 8:26 AM
326	My son enjoys the Computer Lab. We also appreciate the automated weather and emergency phone contact.	Apr 11, 2013 8:26 AM
327	The introduction of technology is good, but it seems some of it is already outdated. Sometimes it also appears the teachers are a bit afraid of technology, so they are happy with just 'status quo' and the 'way things always have been', maybe a little intimidated that the children seem to know more than them when it comes to technology. Seems to happen with the older teachers our children have.	Apr 11, 2013 8:26 AM
328	suggestions of websites to access at home to help with math skills	Apr 11, 2013 8:24 AM
329	I like that my daughter already has some books online - it would be good if they were available in kindle or other tablets as well.	Apr 11, 2013 8:22 AM
330	It is nice they get time on computers, iPads, as well as applications for computer programing, web design, etc in ELP.	Apr 11, 2013 8:22 AM
331	iPads in classroom. Impressed with daily use of computers by all students.	Apr 11, 2013 8:21 AM
332	I love the use of iPads	Apr 11, 2013 8:21 AM
333	I love the attendance calls, Infinite Campus, and announcements that come to my email,	Apr 11, 2013 8:19 AM
334	Access to computers	Apr 11, 2013 8:19 AM
335	web site Infinite Campus	Apr 11, 2013 8:18 AM
336	Think after years of parents advocating communication electronically and in	Apr 11, 2013 8:18 AM

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alternate formats is finally better (but varies widely by school/instructor often still unfortunately. For those that elect to not have their kids do Facebook due to concerns there (ie.student age, security issues, distracting for some kids, etc) need to keep finding ways to provide information/updates to include everyone that either don't have full out technology options and/or elect to not use specific platforms for reasons stated above. Brian Abeling is great about answering questions/responding. Think updated website is great since that's been something also for years have encouraged and realize a big project--but we seem slow as a district to move on those things in the past when other districts were embracing/implementing 5-8 years ago.

337	Independent learning on computers is very good.	Apr 11, 2013 8:17 AM
338	desktops	Apr 11, 2013 8:17 AM
339	Infinite Campus	Apr 11, 2013 8:17 AM
340	Infinite Campus, Campus Messenger	Apr 11, 2013 8:16 AM
341	Infinite Campus is helpful. In general, grades are updated in a timely manner, but not always. Receiving daily emails on news for my child's school is extremely helpful. Being able to communicate with my children's teachers via email is also successful. I really like the improved website.	Apr 11, 2013 8:16 AM
342	availability of technology in the classroom	Apr 11, 2013 8:14 AM
343	You've got computers in the classrooms.	Apr 11, 2013 8:14 AM
344	infinite campus	Apr 11, 2013 8:14 AM
345	Some of the high school teachers allow homework to be turned in on-line. That is very handy. Some high school teachers post notes (like math) online. That is very nice. I also like the online text books. Very nice. At Indian Hills, the dream team puts out a weekly calendar of assignments ahead of time. That is very very very nice. Much better than being notified after the fact that your child hasn't turned something in.	Apr 11, 2013 8:10 AM
346	I am impressed by the use of Skype & iPads in the 1st grade classroom. I feel they have added valuable experiences for my child.	Apr 11, 2013 8:08 AM
347	My child is able to use the computer and an iPad on a regular basis	Apr 11, 2013 8:07 AM
348	Daily notifications via email	Apr 11, 2013 8:05 AM
349	infinite campus	Apr 11, 2013 8:05 AM
350	The computers in the classrooms have programs which have level adjustments for each students' ability.	Apr 11, 2013 8:05 AM
351	I like the infinite campus	Apr 11, 2013 8:01 AM
352	My daughter has learned a lot of programs related to presenting her projects.	Apr 11, 2013 8:00 AM
353	Infinite Campus is great.	Apr 11, 2013 8:00 AM

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354	iPad for Mandarin, elementary teachers teaching different presentation applications, infinite campus, missing assignments email and tardy/absent alerts	Apr 11, 2013 8:00 AM
355	Computer	Apr 11, 2013 7:59 AM
356	Infinite Campus.	Apr 11, 2013 7:57 AM
357	Trying to add technology to elementary classrooms. Seems like there are more available but still outdated with a lab instead of mobile carts of ipads, etc.	Apr 11, 2013 7:57 AM
358	Infinite Campus is great if updated timely. My 6th graders assignments are on the calendar prior to the due dates and I wish they were.	Apr 11, 2013 7:57 AM
359	What the teachers use in the classroom, and teach the students to do on their own time via teacher sites and the schools page.	Apr 11, 2013 7:56 AM
360	Email.	Apr 11, 2013 7:56 AM
361	I love infinite campus.	Apr 11, 2013 7:54 AM
362	I love Infinite Campus, espeically the Google Play app.	Apr 11, 2013 7:54 AM
363	see below	Apr 11, 2013 7:54 AM
364	Everything seems great from my perspective!	Apr 11, 2013 7:53 AM
365	Daily updates	Apr 11, 2013 7:52 AM
366	I feel you have a solid base from which to grow. I also feel the iPad distribution plan is well thought-out rather than a shot-gun blast or two in the dark.	Apr 11, 2013 7:52 AM
367	Grades	Apr 11, 2013 7:51 AM
368	Unsure	Apr 11, 2013 7:51 AM
369	All of them. Brian and his group do a wonderful job.	Apr 11, 2013 7:51 AM
370	it appears that all the kids can use /maneuver around a computer and an ipad.	Apr 11, 2013 7:51 AM
371	Communication , infinste campus are great. I would rather have more communication than less. I really appreciate all the information.	Apr 11, 2013 7:50 AM
372	I think Fairmeadows 2nd grade teachers are doing a great job with incorporating the use of computers into the daily studies of our children. I also really enjoy the use of Blogging exercises each week!	Apr 11, 2013 7:49 AM
373	introduction to using computers	Apr 11, 2013 7:47 AM
374	Uh...it used to be email daily updates, but now they arrive by PDF which is more of an inconvenience.	Apr 11, 2013 7:46 AM
375	classroom overheads	Apr 11, 2013 7:46 AM
376	Infinite Campus has been very helpful in providing us with our child's progress	Apr 11, 2013 7:45 AM

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	throughout the year.	
377	The incorporation of iPads in the classroom is great.	Apr 11, 2013 7:44 AM
378	I think most teachers do a good job of exposing the children to learning opportunities on the internet to enrich their education.	Apr 11, 2013 7:44 AM
379	Regular e-mail communication	Apr 11, 2013 7:42 AM
380	Sending the announcements via email every day for the junior high school kids.	Apr 11, 2013 7:42 AM
381	Network access, usage of infinite campus	Apr 11, 2013 7:42 AM
382	Access to grades,absentes, and being able to email teachers and staff.	Apr 11, 2013 7:41 AM
383	Infinite Campus and the daily updates via e-mail	Apr 11, 2013 7:39 AM
384	Infinite campus and communications with parents	Apr 11, 2013 7:39 AM
385	Infinite Campus	Apr 11, 2013 7:37 AM
386	The part with technology I do not like, is there are lot of teachers out there wanting the kids to do research on the internbet and a lot of the sources you cannot believe.	Apr 11, 2013 7:37 AM
387	Daily announcements, facebook, some updates, parent notifcation	Apr 11, 2013 7:37 AM
388	I am not aware of any beyond Google and Internet interaction	Apr 11, 2013 7:32 AM
389	Infinite Campus grades, lunch balances, messages& absences/tardiness & what your child is spending \$ on.	Apr 11, 2013 7:32 AM
390	The desktop computers in the classroom get a lot of use.	Apr 11, 2013 7:31 AM
391	Edmondo	Apr 11, 2013 7:31 AM
392	computer literacy	Apr 11, 2013 7:28 AM
393	Love the new website!	Apr 11, 2013 7:27 AM
394	computers	Apr 11, 2013 7:27 AM
395	All	Apr 11, 2013 7:27 AM
396	Allowing the use of internet in school to research various subjects	Apr 11, 2013 7:26 AM
397	I spend a lot of time working with my son on math and reading at home, fortunately my son is given computer time at school so that he can learn about new games on the computer that he wants to play at home. With us focusing on reading and math so much at home, I'm not sure he would have the opprotunity to find so many games if you did not give him the opprotunity at school.	Apr 11, 2013 7:26 AM
398	Teaching the younger students how to work a computer and playing games that are educational to help their skills.	Apr 11, 2013 7:22 AM

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399	Infinite campus rocks - a students access to his or her schoolwork remotely rocks.	Apr 11, 2013 7:21 AM
400	Computers at class rooms, teacher communication thru email	Apr 11, 2013 7:21 AM
401	Unsure	Apr 11, 2013 7:21 AM
402	some teachers use it a lot for instruction, student projects	Apr 11, 2013 7:20 AM
403	Availability to get their homework completed & access to teachers thru infinite campus	Apr 11, 2013 7:20 AM
404	Daily computer time	Apr 11, 2013 7:18 AM
405	technology services that you do have are very satisfactory	Apr 11, 2013 7:18 AM
406	Infinite Campus, the district website,	Apr 11, 2013 7:15 AM
407	The technology is very comprehensive and user friendly. Sometimes grades are not posted as timely as others or in an ambiguous manner.	Apr 11, 2013 7:15 AM
408	Providing a variety of curriculum choices for them to select from.	Apr 11, 2013 7:15 AM
409	The PTA purchased iPads for the teachers who indicated willingness to use them in their classrooms.	Apr 11, 2013 7:15 AM
410	iPads in the classroom Everyday Math-computers Fast Math-computers	Apr 11, 2013 7:14 AM
411	Infinite Campus is a useful tool, 6th grade teachers need to update it more frequently, though.	Apr 11, 2013 7:13 AM
412	Infinite Campus	Apr 11, 2013 7:11 AM
413	Infinite Campus	Apr 11, 2013 7:10 AM
414	The tools (school updates & websites) are nicely maintained and keep parents/families up to date.	Apr 11, 2013 7:10 AM
415	Wireles access & Infinite Campus	Apr 11, 2013 7:10 AM
416	Grades is my biggest one thank you	Apr 11, 2013 7:10 AM

Q7. What suggestions do you have for improving district technology services?

1	None at this point.	May 15, 2013 9:41 AM
2	When you sign in, it would be nice to have your sign in saved for you. Also, when the announcements are sent, I'd like to see the main topic in Bold under categories. Example: HELP NEEDED or CHOIR NEWS - there is so much information that I would like to scan the page to find the information that is relevant to us in a word or two.	May 1, 2013 11:42 AM
3	My child's teacher admits to being challenged by the technology. I realize finding time for more training is difficult, but classroom teachers can only do and be responsible for so much. Perhaps creating a permanent technology teacher in the computer lab and restructuring the day to incorporate more direct technology instruction. This person could be the on-staff technology trouble-shooter for the school.	Apr 30, 2013 10:12 PM
4	Encourage kids to create.	Apr 28, 2013 7:11 PM
5	VHS Media Center services are ineffective. It is not necessarily the need for more/newer equipment, but the need for trained personnel to be able to assist students with printing, glitchy teacher posts, etc. Even the tech person at the MC struggles to effectively assist the students.	Apr 27, 2013 12:49 PM
6	Only a small one on infinite campus - allow us to delete more than one message at a time.	Apr 25, 2013 10:45 AM
7	valley announcements can go to more than one email for the household just like the phone notification automated system.	Apr 23, 2013 8:32 AM
8	Students should not be allowed to freely search the internet. My daughter told me that some boys(when she was in 4th grade) got caught looking at porn. As a parent I feel that my child should be highly supervised when surfing the net. This is so important. Important for our child's safety.	Apr 19, 2013 9:27 PM
9	As a whole, we don't use technology well. Sometimes we over use it, such as with general announcements and activities announcements. The assumption is that people will actually read the e-mails or the attachments and the TV screens in the halls. Our students report that they do not look at the screens. The way technology is used for communication has led to apathy, not innovation in communication. Another topic, as a bill paying parent, I find the expense monitoring program, including the meals payments, to be lacking in any specificity for both fees and meals. I have no idea what my kids are consuming. A promised improvement was never forthcoming. Lastly, the sound system in the main gym is atrocious and embarrassing compared with other districts, speech and music are inaudible.	Apr 19, 2013 4:26 PM
10	Encourage each child to have a computer and to be able to access home work and reading materials online. Also begin teaching Excel and Word sooner	Apr 19, 2013 2:14 PM
11	I would like to know when my child hands in a project prior to grading ie: a teacher collects an assignment, prior to grading the teachers can make a simple notation on IC that the assignment has been received and a grade is pending. As a parent, we can be reassured that the teacher has received the assignment at which time we will know that the grade will follow, if the child does not hand it	Apr 18, 2013 7:02 PM

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in on time, it will automatically show as a late and we can follow up that day or the next with the child instead of finding out a week later. I have had discrepancies with a teacher noting a late when I know for a fact my child handed in the assignment on time...it will also save on asking the teacher how the child did on a test/assignment if we know the grade is pending.

12	None	Apr 18, 2013 11:23 AM
13	I was not aware of the 1:1 and do not know what it entails	Apr 18, 2013 10:47 AM
14	Would like to see more time devoted to computer usage at school if there is homework. not all parents have computers at home or if they do it is a work computer and the computer travels so the student may not be able to get homework done and may have to travel to public library for computer usage.	Apr 18, 2013 8:23 AM
15	Infinite campus should be made more accessible for non-english speaking families, other technologies for use by non-english speaking families could be improved greatly, so that non-english speaking families and ELL's have access to all the same information and resources. The use of the AT&T language line, or other such translation service could be available in all schools throughout the district to enhance communication on the rare occasions when other languages are needed in the offices and in staff/family communications. I'd also like to see greater use of tools that students could use to schedule homework, school events, and keep track of missing assignments, such as Outlook or similar tools. Planners are made available for younger students, but they will all use some sort of planner technology eventually, so why aren't we teaching them to use that in the schools?	Apr 17, 2013 10:37 AM
16	Please continue to focus on core fundamentals and teaching that. Technology is great, but there's too much multi-tasking brains being developed when we allow kids to do so many things at once. Restrict cell phone.texting during class time and be firm in enforcing that. Texting during class shouldn't be allowed. Simple solution---- have the kids turn in their phones when they walk into class & pick them back up when they leave. Easy and effective.	Apr 17, 2013 9:30 AM
17	More computer time in school.	Apr 16, 2013 7:52 PM
18	More touch screens would be nice, but does not have to be an iPad. Several other manufacturers have touch screen capabilities.	Apr 16, 2013 6:30 PM
19	...but, the execution is very rough. For instance, there is not even a way to print grades. I get super long, repetitive emails, every day, about activities that none of my children are involved in. It is tedious to scan emails daily for the chance of finding a piece of information that may be new and relevant. Also, I think the label of "technology" is ineffective here because it is so terribly broad. Why not be clear about what is being discussed? As such, the wrong questions are being asked and in the wrong way.	Apr 16, 2013 4:05 PM
20	Careful consideration of benefits and potential consequences before major investments. Just because iPads are super-cool, does that mean they have an educational benefit. Also consideration of upgrade and maintenance costs ongoing.	Apr 16, 2013 12:13 PM

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21	Students need more hands-on direct technology experience, and not just consumers of technology products. For example, applying newly gained knowledge to a robot, development of an app, or other technology projects. Students also need to be learning how to repair devices and how to develop their own technology devices.	Apr 16, 2013 11:15 AM
22	I think too much technology is not good for learning environment.	Apr 16, 2013 10:42 AM
23	More opportunities for iPads for our kids, figure a way to get each and every kid an ipad, create a WDM infinite campus app for apple and android, add announcements online and only send the link in emails.	Apr 16, 2013 10:38 AM
24	There are not a lot of tablets available to all students. It seems that this is not equal among grades.	Apr 16, 2013 9:51 AM
25	I don't see your filtering policy anywhere. Since you have access to wifi, make sure it's being filtered for things students don't need to be using at school. I envision a policy similar to a lot of employers- web surfing only for "work" and no social media. Be sure you aren't causing distractions through access to technology.	Apr 16, 2013 6:35 AM
26	My son says that access to H and S drives from home are often down. I realize he may be scape goating.	Apr 16, 2013 12:55 AM
27	iPads, or tablet computers	Apr 15, 2013 11:26 PM
28	give all high school students laptops with access to online text books so they arent carrying around 30 lb backpacks.	Apr 15, 2013 11:16 PM
29	Not real certain, but potentially look for ways to get more/improve on-line texts. Also, leverage tablets for mobile learning.	Apr 15, 2013 10:52 PM
30	The media staff could smile once in a while.	Apr 15, 2013 10:25 PM
31	newsletter technology is woeful - symbols and punctuation marks don't translate correctly, etc. System emails being with "do not reply" - which is not very customer (student/family) friendly -- why can't the emails come from a specific address that is reply-able - if not at least ebeing, reply to ____ address for Qs or more info -- not the unfriendly "DO NOT REPLY"	Apr 15, 2013 7:49 PM
32	Apple Computers.	Apr 15, 2013 7:47 PM
33	teachers when child turns in assignments dont wait a week to record grades!	Apr 15, 2013 3:45 PM
34	unsure	Apr 15, 2013 3:43 PM
35	Use of tablets in the classroom	Apr 15, 2013 3:40 PM
36	There seems to be multiple websites for schools such as PTA vs official district one Maybe PTAs should have a subset under district one.	Apr 15, 2013 3:40 PM
37	The grades sometimes take many weeks to get updated and by the time they are updated, it is more difficult to get with the teacher to help address issues that are found regarding grades.	Apr 15, 2013 3:07 PM

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38	It would be nice if there was a way to combine the emails so that there was one email per day per child (like an email digest) with all of the information rather than getting four or five emails per day.	Apr 15, 2013 2:07 PM
39	Places for youth to use internet if they don't have internet/computer/printer at home	Apr 15, 2013 12:50 PM
40	Recently, VHS is sending out the announcements in an e-mail as a PDF attachment. I think this just impedes the likelihood of reading the announcements, if you have to download to your desktop and then read them. I think you should return to just sending the announcements out in the body of the e-mail.	Apr 15, 2013 12:44 PM
41	not every teacher is skilled in infinite campus.	Apr 15, 2013 12:39 PM
42	educating & training your staff on how to use the technology provided (including individual school's secretaries, front office) also how to use the programs (spreadsheets, Word, powerpoint, etc) themselves.	Apr 15, 2013 12:15 PM
43	N/A	Apr 15, 2013 12:14 PM
44	Integrating school technology for at home use.	Apr 15, 2013 11:15 AM
45	Infinite campus is not well explained for parents of 6th graders. My child's sixth grade teacher does not communicate well via email.	Apr 15, 2013 11:13 AM
46	starting typing lessons as our kids are going to be in front of keyboards more and more and I would love to see some lessons earlier than middle/high school	Apr 15, 2013 11:02 AM
47	Nothing	Apr 15, 2013 10:36 AM
48	no answer	Apr 15, 2013 9:55 AM
49	I am in favor or the older students each having a laptop or tablet to be used for academic purposes.	Apr 15, 2013 9:37 AM
50	Elementary teachers, in my experience, need more training on how to enter grades and track due dates, lates, corrections in Infinite Campus. My elementary student has an IEP/504 with technology accommodations- there are so many more apps that he could be using to benefit him and the teachers. There is a lack of App training in the special ed group from what I can tell.	Apr 15, 2013 9:26 AM
51	I wish when your child had a missing assignments there would be a pdf version of what they need to do so we could print it at home and get assignments or extra credit done from there. I think missing assignments should be texted to kids and parents since that seems to be the way things are going. I wish teachers could share comments on child from within the Infinite Campus.	Apr 15, 2013 9:05 AM
52	Provide tech support for laptops. Allow students to rent laptops for the school year.	Apr 15, 2013 9:02 AM
53	Friends in Eden Prairie, MN talked about grants their school received that allows for every student to have access to laptops and ipads for school purposes. This could be particularly valuable to less fortunate kids in our district- without regular	Apr 15, 2013 8:57 AM

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	access to technology, they could fall behind.	
54	I would like better access to my student's school records (performance) rather than via P/T conferences and emails. (Teachers have always been open to communicating via email)	Apr 15, 2013 8:45 AM
55	Make the announcements readable everyday and not an attachment to open to view....not sure if that was a temporary thing with LRC moving, but that was not always convenient from other mobile devices.	Apr 15, 2013 8:31 AM
56	n/a	Apr 15, 2013 8:28 AM
57	Teachers update grades more often	Apr 15, 2013 8:16 AM
58	I would like to see more ipads available in the classrooms so more children can use them.	Apr 15, 2013 8:11 AM
59	I would like to see more computers in the classroom, so the students have a better opportunity to use technology. Also, everyday math has wonderful aps for the ipad. It would be nice to see these used in the classroom as well. I would also like to see classes in the school day that teach children how to use microsoft word and powerpoint. My two oldest 4th grade and 2nd grade are interested in becoming more knowledgable about these programs.	Apr 15, 2013 8:08 AM
60	I wish you could print the course grade sheet in infinite campus so that it prints well on the page and doesnt take three pages to tprint. For example, the first page is always just the student's photo.	Apr 15, 2013 8:06 AM
61	I Have A Plan Iowa needs a ton of work Need an electronic submission of forms for paperwork needed in your Special Educ program	Apr 15, 2013 7:51 AM
62	make sure to pick the correct technology and programs that are most adapted to the outside world.... it does not help our children if they are able to use a piece of technology that they will not see outside of school	Apr 15, 2013 7:27 AM
63	The daily Valley Vibes announcement is now sent out as an attachment which HOGS my in box space, perhaps a link to a website can be provided instead. The other item with the Valley Vibes is that you have to read the all the announcements to see if anything is changed...as opposed to having any new items or changes highlighted...this drives the readers to just stop reading if they have to re-read everything every day.	Apr 15, 2013 7:21 AM
64	Stop sending the Valley announcements out in PDF or any form of attachment!!!	Apr 15, 2013 7:00 AM
65	I can't think of anything now. The ability to access from home is getting better. I know there were struggles in some areas with that before.	Apr 15, 2013 6:51 AM
66	1:1 technology. Implement it for 2013-14 school year. Just do it :-)	Apr 15, 2013 6:47 AM
67	Virtual backpack is hard to access fro mobile devices.	Apr 15, 2013 6:31 AM
68	Internet stability seems poor.	Apr 15, 2013 6:12 AM
69	none	Apr 15, 2013 6:04 AM

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70	I had to go to the office and ask why I hadn't been receiving emails home which I didn't know I wasn't getting until after spring break! According to the lady in the office my "boxes" hasn't been checked. As a parent of a kindergartener and not having othe kids at the school I was upset about no knowing what was going on at school! Why do "boxes" need to be checked shouldn't all parents recieve emails about school closing a and activities going on?!?	Apr 15, 2013 5:32 AM
71	N/a	Apr 15, 2013 1:12 AM
72	None at this time	Apr 15, 2013 12:55 AM
73	On the app - I would like to have the quarters broken down by classes they're in at the time. Instead of having them all on one screen. For instance a class that my child took 1st semester is on the same screen as this semester's courses. That makes it hard to look through all of the courses for the ones that he is actually taking right now.	Apr 14, 2013 11:45 PM
74	I feel you need to better educate parents at an earlier grade on infinite campus.	Apr 14, 2013 11:43 PM
75	There are children in the district where their families cannot afford computers and there are teachers that don't seem to see this or understand this. Some assignments from some of the classes (VSW) have to be done with a computer and are not allowed to work on it in class. It is assigned as homework so now the child has to be taken to the library to complete the assignment which is an inconvenience for the parent especially if there is only one. I believe if the district is going to allow teachers to make homework done only on the computer then the district needs to be able to provide that child with a laptop that the child can take home. Maybe get a few laptops that are traveling ones so these children can still do their homework at home like the majority of kids do. If this is not possible then make sure the teachers do not assign computer based homework and if done at school, the child needs to be given time to do it. This does happen contrary to anyone else's belief and I think this needs to be fixed.	Apr 14, 2013 11:10 PM
76	Last I looked, it was still Novell based and very windows centric. Platform agnosticism would serve the public better.	Apr 14, 2013 11:06 PM
77	I do not understand what the 1:1 technology device is at all...I need at least some information before I can even attempt to answer this question.	Apr 14, 2013 10:36 PM
78	Does this include e-mail? I strongly DISLIKE that the emails now are just PDF's that need to be opened to read. Takes too long to open them on my phone. I rarely open them anymore. I miss being able to read them as a normal email!!! I'm also frustrated (on behalf of my son) that teachers send him to get assignments on Inf Camp and the site seems to be down quite often lately.	Apr 14, 2013 10:33 PM
79	teachers need to put assignments on the calendar and update infinite campus regularly. Some are very good at this. Some do not.	Apr 14, 2013 10:13 PM
80	I am aware that the teachers throughout the district are to update Infinite Campus, however, it would work more efficiently IF the teachers actually enter their upcoming assignments and record grades in a timely fashion.	Apr 14, 2013 10:11 PM
81	Making it easier to work on school projects at home for students who don't have	Apr 14, 2013 10:02 PM

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	windows computers because in reality: most people don't have Microsoft software. It makes it very difficult for my child to work on projects from home.	
82	ON-LINE REGISTRATIONS!!! for beginning of the school year. It is ridiculous WDM Schools does not have this service! Small school systems like Polk City and other surroundings communities have online registrations for their students. WDM parents still have to stand in line and go through a variety of steps and time at the school to register...it is archaic.	Apr 14, 2013 9:33 PM
83	none	Apr 14, 2013 9:27 PM
84	Better information for parents on how to access their students info. I.E. VPN and email access	Apr 14, 2013 9:14 PM
85	I feel we need to work harder to maintain what we already have & improve the speed/response time of our current computers. We're wasting time & money pursuing additional newer toys (IPads,etc.) which are personal devices that our current school policies bar the children from using during school hours.	Apr 14, 2013 9:08 PM
86	Books on Internet or ipad	Apr 14, 2013 8:58 PM
87	Provide laptop or Ipad to each student	Apr 14, 2013 8:42 PM
88	every student gets a laptop.	Apr 14, 2013 8:35 PM
89	Would be great for all classrooms to have iPads!	Apr 14, 2013 8:35 PM
90	Get Elementary students involved with technology more on a one to one basis. Send them with homework that can be completed on an Ipad or laptop.	Apr 14, 2013 8:25 PM
91	This questionnaire is too broad. I have no idea what you are asking. What mobile devise are you referring to???	Apr 14, 2013 8:22 PM
92	?	Apr 14, 2013 8:08 PM
93	Each student needs a laptop or iPad. All the teachers have them but do not allow the students to use them. That is pathetic. Teachers need more training because the students know more than the teachers do. When student bring their device to school it is confiscated (iPod or iPhone). BYOD. Get with technology instead if punishing students for it.	Apr 14, 2013 8:06 PM
94	More I pads, more recommendations for valuable teacher proven educational websites.	Apr 14, 2013 7:59 PM
95	Too many e-mails with students at three different schools. Teachers and office staff send out things it seems on a whim because it is easy but the parents are getting bombarded with too many of repeat messages, corrections because the first e-mail was wrong, announcements that don't change, etc	Apr 14, 2013 7:49 PM
96	Not all student can get the students drive at home or on a laptop?	Apr 14, 2013 7:46 PM
97	No need to.	Apr 14, 2013 7:42 PM
98	Would like to see the kids more exposed to real-world technology. We love the	Apr 14, 2013 7:38 PM

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	fact that powerpoint and word is introduced in grade school. Would like to see spreadsheets introduced as well.	
99	My son is pre-k and not sure what technology services are provided to higher grade kids	Apr 14, 2013 7:35 PM
100	maybe providing laptops or tablets to students	Apr 14, 2013 7:34 PM
101	It would be nice if the email messages could be further refined or consolidated. I average 4-5 messages per day from the schools (I have three children at three different schools). For example, one message could have been sent out by the district regarding the recent stranger situation; however, I received a message from each school. Additionally, while it's commendable that the teachers promote the use of productivity software for projects, I would like to see more curriculum added that would teach students how to access some of the added features of the software. As an IT manager, I would love to see my kids learn how to use VBA, create charts, and work with pivot tables in Excel and develop skills that would benefit them in the working world. There needs to be more promotion/instruction on the use of the Infinite Campus software for parents. I think my wife and I missed some info because neither one of us knows where to access this info or what our logins are. Our kids seem to have a handle on it, however. Again, with multiple children in different schools, I don't know if there is a single portal I can access that will display all of my children's info, or if I have to use three different logins--one for each child.	Apr 14, 2013 7:31 PM
102	More online learning	Apr 14, 2013 7:19 PM
103	Sometimes it is overwhelming receiving and retrieving information from e-mail, Endeavor, edmodo, Infinite Campus. One source would be better. The Endeavor lesson plans are not updated in a timely fashion.	Apr 14, 2013 7:18 PM
104	Increase the number of iPads in each classroom so the numbers are more equitable for the students.	Apr 14, 2013 7:09 PM
105	Provide additional technology options specifically for gifted students, as gifted programming is severely lacking in the district. Integrate a variety of technologies into ALL classrooms, and train teachers on how to EFFECTIVELY utilize them within (and across) the curriculum to enrich the learning environment. (ie. high-level games and simulations, alternate reality games, iPads, iPods, collaborative environments such as www.mindmeister.com , Cloud computing, etc.). At this point, it seems to be teacher/class specific and based solely on the teacher's abilities and desire, not on district support or direction. To reach full potential, appropriate teacher training and significant attitudinal shifts (teachers, and in some cases parents) must accompany any technology improvements.	Apr 14, 2013 7:01 PM
106	Make sure the valley website has upcoming info posted on the calendar. For example conferences were not listed on the site until right beforehand.	Apr 14, 2013 6:54 PM
107	We come from a city that gives every student an ipad. The students no longer interact . I feel sticking to the basics gives our children the best foundation for success.	Apr 14, 2013 6:46 PM
108	more ipads in classrooms,	Apr 14, 2013 6:43 PM

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109	Recently, Valley announcement starting going out in PDF form - this is horrible and many parents agree. We don't want the announcements in an attachment!!!!	Apr 14, 2013 6:43 PM
110	none	Apr 14, 2013 6:42 PM
111	We are satisfied.	Apr 14, 2013 6:29 PM
112	More experience in researching topics on the computer.	Apr 14, 2013 6:12 PM
113	More laptops should be available for students. Teachers often have to rearrange their lesson plans if the carts aren't available.	Apr 14, 2013 6:02 PM
114	I am not familiar with all of the technology in the district so it is hard for me to say.	Apr 14, 2013 6:00 PM
115	Hope you add more IPAD to classrooms as there are only 4 per class and kids need to take turns.	Apr 14, 2013 5:58 PM
116	More computers and tablets in the classrooms	Apr 14, 2013 5:57 PM
117	Require all teachers to use infinite campus and the S drive for high school students. The classes in which my son can look up questions on the S Dr. where the teacher has posted classroom notes have been extremely helpful.	Apr 14, 2013 5:55 PM
118	Use technology in the classroom as a method of teaching - some teachers prohibit this, and this may cause learning barriers for our students.	Apr 14, 2013 5:50 PM
119	For some reason (only for 4th quarter) the grades are not itemized in each subject. I've written a query to Infinite Campus without getting any answer.	Apr 14, 2013 5:45 PM
120	More info in the daily updates a lot of my son's club meetings are not in the daily updates e-mail and I have to go by what he tells me about up coming meetings.	Apr 14, 2013 5:41 PM
121	Update existing computers-my kids tell me they all have different software and are very slow.	Apr 14, 2013 5:12 PM
122	Go platform-agnostic district-wide.	Apr 14, 2013 5:10 PM
123	It would be terrific if students were provided with mobile technology, or if there was a school wide platform that parents could purchase students mobile devices to take advantage of.	Apr 14, 2013 5:09 PM
124	Keep it simple and available for all parents regardless of their computer abilities.	Apr 14, 2013 5:07 PM
125	I would like library books to be available on his kindle/ipad.	Apr 14, 2013 5:04 PM
126	I moved to WDM from Michigan two years ago and still have my Michigan cell number and no land line. I do not get texts when school is closed due to the districts policy on no texts to any other cell number than area code 515. With that being said, I have to get on the WDMCS website to get updates. I have my email as primary, but still did not get any notification on school closings. Texting to all area codes would be a huge improvement!!	Apr 14, 2013 5:02 PM

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127	iPads or more laptops for students to use at school	Apr 14, 2013 4:58 PM
128	Offer training on using infinite campus not just a handout Less email updates gets overwhelming and quit looking. Love the text updates	Apr 14, 2013 4:55 PM
129	It seems as if communicating with teachers should be easier than it is. If you have a simple question, wouldn't it be nice to have an 'Edmodo' for parents? :)	Apr 14, 2013 4:51 PM
130	Liked the daily emails better when they were not attachments.	Apr 14, 2013 4:48 PM
131	Making account information available to parents so that address and phone numbers can be updated easier.	Apr 14, 2013 4:47 PM
132	More computers available in each class. Access to something like MS Office 360 so all students have access to the software. Ability to video chat into class when home sick. It could also contain interactive presentation similar to WebEx or GoTo Webinar. Fully utilize edmodo where students could use a "facebook" like interactive interface controlled, moderated, and monitored by the school. I think much of the technology and infrastructure is in place, now we need to get the teachers to embrace and use it. This could involve a bit of training and teacher to teacher mentoring on how to fully utilize the features.	Apr 14, 2013 4:46 PM
133	Please monitor that teachers are not replacing classroom learning with online, in class assignments more closely. Technology should enhance teachers ability to teach, not replace it.	Apr 14, 2013 4:42 PM
134	Keep up the good work	Apr 14, 2013 4:41 PM
135	None	Apr 14, 2013 4:39 PM
136	There should be workshops either during or after school that use programs like those in Khan Academy, CodeAcademy or even better GameStar Mechanic.	Apr 14, 2013 4:37 PM
137	don't use moodle its not user friendly use edmodo	Apr 14, 2013 4:34 PM
138	Grades are not updated soon enough on infinite campus	Apr 14, 2013 4:33 PM
139	If a parent knows their student will be absent, I think it w/b helpful for the secretaries to have an email or process set up so this could be done online.	Apr 14, 2013 3:11 PM
140	I preferred the old format of the daily emails where the content is in the body of the email not as an attachment. The attachment format makes it more cumbersome to via on mobile devices.	Apr 14, 2013 11:54 AM
141	portable laptops that our previous high schools have that they can take home and able to use back and forth then turned in a tend of school.yr.	Apr 14, 2013 11:45 AM
142	Have iPad text books and save money and enhance student experience	Apr 14, 2013 7:46 AM
143	My cousins child in 4th grade in Madrid (Methodist?) provides all children 4th grade and up a laptop. It would be nice for at least the Valley Southwoods and Valley high school student a laptop.	Apr 13, 2013 9:52 PM
144	N/A	Apr 13, 2013 9:11 PM

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145	digital textbooks?	Apr 13, 2013 7:37 PM
146	new attachments for emails is not beneficial. I am not able to open your attachments at work; s:drive doesn't always work as it should; provide the kids with the technology they need to do their projects - don't expect the kids have access to all Microsoft office products at home	Apr 13, 2013 5:44 PM
147	more access for computers at school, you would need more room too I would think.	Apr 13, 2013 4:50 PM
148	Stop the PAPER. Younger kids still bring home permission slips, etc. that would be more efficiently tracked electronically.	Apr 13, 2013 9:22 AM
149	Offer more technology- more computers in the classrooms,laptops, iPads etc. hard to dodo me homework at home when we don't have those programs used at school - ie: publisher.	Apr 13, 2013 9:21 AM
150	It's pie-in-the-sky because of the granularity issues, but I'd like a customizable, subscribe-able (e.g. .ics) calendar for my son's school. I realize this would be difficult because it would require opting into activities+school+teacher to create a truly custom calendar, but one of the more (relatively) annoying things is transposing different calendars into my personal calendar.	Apr 12, 2013 8:26 PM
151	More teachers using Infinite Campus for syllabus.	Apr 12, 2013 7:18 PM
152	All students should be provided lpads	Apr 12, 2013 5:40 PM
153	Teach your teachers how to use infinite campus and do so in a timely manner	Apr 12, 2013 5:32 PM
154	I'm not sure if giving all students an lpad or personal laptop is the answer, because what I see with the newest generations are a lack in social and communication skills. The cell phones, lpads, lpods, texting, etc...are not teaching our kids how to appropriately communicate and socialize in a face to face setting. Technology is becoming part of everyones lives, but if a person cannot interview well and answer questions appropriately, how do they expect to geet the job over someone who does. I believe we need to teach more face to face communications in schools and get away from some of the technology that is preventing this.	Apr 12, 2013 5:27 PM
155	Buying a forms solution package from me. Kevin Jones	Apr 12, 2013 5:03 PM
156	mobile technology	Apr 12, 2013 4:52 PM
157	Extremely disappointed with Southwoods, by not allowing the students to use e-readers. E-readers are encouraged at Indian Hills and allowed at Valley High School. It is very easy to verify the student is reading and if the student is not causing a problem, e-readers should be allowed. I was shocked that my student could use them in 7th and 8th but not 9th. This seems like a MAJOR step back for the 9th grade students and a lack of embracing technology for our students as well.	Apr 12, 2013 3:40 PM
158	Use of text for emergency messages.	Apr 12, 2013 3:14 PM
159	I would like more information on what access our kids can have from home - ex:	Apr 12, 2013 2:35 PM

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everyday math and fast math...are there others? I'd like to see more STEM programs - especially for girls. Things like computer club and science club more often and at all schools. For working parents, it is hard to get kids to another school for an activity after school.

160	To continue to emphasize technology for educational purposes. Technology needs to be tied to actual educational ends, not simply a way to provide entertainment for the students. Students today are very comfortable with a variety of technology devices and need to be instructed on how to use them in an educational manner. I think they fully understand the entertainment aspect.	Apr 12, 2013 2:27 PM
161	None	Apr 12, 2013 2:16 PM
162	Ipad usage for every student when appropriate for classroom work	Apr 12, 2013 2:02 PM
163	Provide homework assignments online. Provide ebooks for checkout. Provide links to good, educational websites from the district website.	Apr 12, 2013 12:51 PM
164	Provide more opportunities or incentives for youth to be engaged in technology (for educational purposes) after school and through the summer. Maybe in the form of a creative learning / after school program, arts through technology, etc. However, a balance between time with technology and socializing within the community (nature hikes, exercise) should constantly be reinforced. Maybe mobile technology is attached to a scavenger hunt or an exercise or sport activity.	Apr 12, 2013 11:37 AM
165	None currently	Apr 12, 2013 10:23 AM
166	It is very important to read the research. Most (as of a couple years ago) show no improvement to proficiency. CASTLE has put out some information on findings as well as Goodwill. He has a publication titled One-to-one laptop programs are no silver bullet. If you would like these publications, please contact me. Mollie Lyon, mollyn2003@gmail.com	Apr 12, 2013 10:22 AM
167	Providing the opportunity for e-text books. The weight of books that are carried back and forth is detrimental to health. Many schools offer ipads or other electronic alternatives to carrying textbooks.	Apr 12, 2013 9:53 AM
168	I hear that a lot of teachers get to take the iPads home for their personal use. I think this is wrong. The iPads are very expensive and they are for the kids, not the teacher's personal lives. I feel strongly that tighter control over any of the electronic devices needs to be in place. I find it disturbing how many staff members use "our" iPads in their personal lives. These should remain at school!!!!!! Many many parents feel the same way!	Apr 12, 2013 9:44 AM
169	The only improvement, that I think I would like to see is the infinite campus mobile app for android devices.	Apr 12, 2013 8:42 AM
170	More real training in early grades - typing and computer software skills. Many teachers don't know some basic skills and have trouble helping the students learn them. My 4th grader wanted to copy a powerpoint onto her USB so she could work on it at home, but her teacher didn't know how to save it. My senior was rarely taught anything - most teachers just expected her to know how to use	Apr 12, 2013 8:34 AM

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multiple programs and be computer literate just because "all the kids are good at that." Not true. Both teachers and students need real training on how to use common software.

171	Increase homework requirements online. Forces students to use computer and take advantage of computer information.	Apr 12, 2013 8:16 AM
172	I would like to see grade books updated more often on IC.	Apr 12, 2013 7:39 AM
173	Some teachers do not keep grades updated, which can cause problems such as asking a son why a paper has not been turned in, when it has. This is probably not your area, but we would like to see more class offerings and extra curricular opportunities for our district students to learn engineering and technology skills. Valley seems to lag behind other schools in this area.	Apr 12, 2013 6:55 AM
174	Software available at home for classes that require it (photo shop etc).	Apr 12, 2013 6:00 AM
175	None. More government funding to promote further development of 21st century curriculum.	Apr 11, 2013 11:16 PM
176	Get more iPads	Apr 11, 2013 10:48 PM
177	My son says that the library laptops (not the ones in the mobile carts) are slow, that they run very hot, and that they aren't adequate for most of the tasks for which students use the computers.	Apr 11, 2013 8:50 PM
178	I hope your teachers update more consistently than those at Roosevelt and Central Academy did.	Apr 11, 2013 8:25 PM
179	Not sure	Apr 11, 2013 7:53 PM
180	Ultrabooks with superfast boot times for students to use in class...borrow, rent, purchase. Computer Club. How To's... Wireless ePrinters and AirPrinters...limit 3-5 pages per person per day.	Apr 11, 2013 7:38 PM
181	using the technology for paying school registration fees would be awesome	Apr 11, 2013 6:05 PM
182	The district systems work only when the current system is running. Many times there have been glitches in the district system to cause failure. I would like to see more technology in the classroom ASSISTING teachers to strive to make the students as best as they can be.	Apr 11, 2013 6:00 PM
183	So much time is spent on technology. Technology is good but I think that it is often used when more teacher/student interaction would be good.	Apr 11, 2013 5:25 PM
184	Would like to see keyboarding focused on earlier before bad habits develop. Would like to see a LITTLE something for teacher websites- not taking up TOO much of their time, but a little something would be nice. Jordan Creek is adding the use iPads in classrooms, but are ALL the schools? Very motivational for kids. Can students access their drives at home if they're using a mac system? Maybe increase communication about what's going on/available- sometime see stuff on Facebook, but more mediums or different ways to make aware might be good. Sometimes the amount of email from "messenger" gets overwhelming. Some people get so many work/other emails the information gets lost/buried.	Apr 11, 2013 5:10 PM

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185	Educate the teachers on how to use technology more.	Apr 11, 2013 5:04 PM
186	Continue using technology services and updating as available.	Apr 11, 2013 4:53 PM
187	Teachers need to keep things on the web cite more up to date.	Apr 11, 2013 4:49 PM
188	Understanding that it takes a while to grade all papers needed, could there be a check mark for handed in awaiting grade so that a missing assignment notice is not sent a month after it was assigned? Easy print option for Infinite campus is needed.	Apr 11, 2013 4:44 PM
189	I would like to see more i-pads, chrome books, and the use of computers in all areas of instruction. We are a technology world now and our children need to catch up beyond texting and facebook. Real world applications!	Apr 11, 2013 4:38 PM
190	I was going to write about the use of technology for assignments at home and then I saw the statement below this question. We have 1 computer at home for four children. I am not complaining because they have to share and that is OK, but it is difficult when the assignments require the use of a computer (either through moodle, submitting assignments through drop box, electronic presentations, etc) and they are then not able to access it because another child is already using it. Technology is an important aspect of education. The world in which we live in now requires us to be able to be proficient in many computer programs. In order for our children to compete in the world in regards to technology, they will have to have access to it, learn about it and be able to practice those skills. I definitely believe having a 1:1 device be it laptop, Ipad, etc. would be highly beneficial to my children.	Apr 11, 2013 4:32 PM
191	Mentoring from upper grades.	Apr 11, 2013 4:26 PM
192	Rschoools - for kids west payments - is one of the most non-user-friendly tools I have ever used. The only reason I am responding to this survey is to log a complaint about how bad it is. I should only need 5 minutes a month on that tool to make a payment. Rschoools takes forever.	Apr 11, 2013 4:09 PM
193	It isn't Infinite Campus's problem with updating grades. The teachers' need update and enter the grades.	Apr 11, 2013 3:59 PM
194	I think all kids need to have access to Ipads at all times. I know it is expensive but a lot of other districts have them available.	Apr 11, 2013 3:46 PM
195	Updated computers	Apr 11, 2013 3:38 PM
196	More usage of online interactive learning tools	Apr 11, 2013 3:11 PM
197	A couple years ago students could not use phones at school or were encouraged not to bring phones to school. This year one teacher asked who has a phone in one class as if it was a requirement for the class. I don't think this is right for those that cannot afford a phone or do not have the latest phone internet capabilities.	Apr 11, 2013 3:09 PM
198	1. One signon for all embedded site links; 2. Not your site, but the ability to migrate \$ in the School Lunch program - I accidentally paid into Breakfast and	Apr 11, 2013 3:04 PM

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moving it to Lunch involved phone calls and emails (tedious). 3. Content help for classes (links, pages) - 4. The S: drive is a mess to navigate 5. S: drive is not always compatible between iOS and Windows machines - I recall a video demonstration of how to sew on a button my son tried to access but it failed to load/play on our Macs.

199	Infinite Campus needs to take the next step and get more of the teachers participating in regularly updating their grades on infinite campus. Some are great and immediately update or at least bi-weekly others are only updating 2 or 3 times a quarter or trimester and typically right before conferences. It would also be far more useful if the assignments and project deadlines were out there in advance too so the parents and students wouldn't have to rely on what the student jotted down in their planner. In fact it would be nice to see the students start using an electronic planner I might see more information recorded!	Apr 11, 2013 2:52 PM
200	I am not very tech savvy so I do not have any suggestions.	Apr 11, 2013 2:50 PM
201	More Application of common technology in coursework	Apr 11, 2013 2:48 PM
202	NA	Apr 11, 2013 2:28 PM
203	More ipads	Apr 11, 2013 2:01 PM
204	Everything seems to be going well for now.	Apr 11, 2013 1:53 PM
205	I would like to see all teachers get their updates made to infinite campus within a day or two if possible so the reports accurately reflect where the student is at.	Apr 11, 2013 1:42 PM
206	Consistent input from teachers into infinite campus would be beneficial. Using technology in the classroom to enhance learning, not use it just to use it.	Apr 11, 2013 1:38 PM
207	Not sure but I know UNI is giving courses in instructional technology. My older daughter took two of them.	Apr 11, 2013 1:35 PM
208	The school district is not updating lunch payment information fast enough. I continue to get "low funds" notices for a few days after payment.	Apr 11, 2013 1:33 PM
209	Having the availability of 1 I-Pod per student for learning purposes in selected subjects.	Apr 11, 2013 1:32 PM
210	more computers in the classroom	Apr 11, 2013 1:27 PM
211	Messages that show up when we log on to Infinite Campus from a computer need to also show up when accessing from a mobile device (phone). They do not currently. Food service/nutrition department information is dramatically lacking in the information provided to parents of what is purchased and associated cost. It has been very frustrating that the benefit of the doubt is provided to the "inputter" of charges vs. what happened according to the student....maybe could be avoided by providing up to date information thru Infinite Campus or some other method of communication from the district.	Apr 11, 2013 1:16 PM
212	Laptops for the kids. Even small rural schools have them.	Apr 11, 2013 1:05 PM
213	I think its time for each child to have something like a chrome book.	Apr 11, 2013 12:31 PM

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214	Website is still somewhat difficult for users to find info. Need more usage of messengers for info on upcoming events. More availability to access online textbooks! 1:1 needs to be looked at for the near future.	Apr 11, 2013 12:29 PM
215	I don't appreciate when the teachers do not update the grades on infinite campus and I continuously receive late assignment notices when the assignment has been turned in	Apr 11, 2013 12:24 PM
216	The teachers apparently don't have the time to grade home work and tests as they always tell me that an assignment marked as missing may be in the stack of paperwork they haven't graded yet. This is very frustrating as a parent.	Apr 11, 2013 12:11 PM
217	more ipads per class room; more access to pcs with keyboards	Apr 11, 2013 12:09 PM
218	More technology in support of athletics and activities programs.	Apr 11, 2013 12:02 PM
219	This is more of training, but do the students go through a formal keyboarding class? My 6th grade hunts and pecks. For the classwork required from the computer, I think that would be a huge benefit.	Apr 11, 2013 11:55 AM
220	Use of audio/video conferencing as an option for some learning and communication.	Apr 11, 2013 11:39 AM
221	Need improvement on Infinite Campus. The current "Grades" option is terrible. It shows grades for Q4 semester exam or Q4 final grade which obviously hasn't happened yet. Under reports, for the Q3 report card, several classes are missing grades. Need better explanations if some classes are not graded by quarter and only by semester. teachers are inconsistent in updating grades or missing assignments. Would to have an option to print current grades in a format that is readable or printer friendly.	Apr 11, 2013 11:31 AM
222	Often the infinite campus grades do not show up for the right quarter. I have frequently seen in the first quarter of the year, my child will have no grades in the 1st quarter section, but grades showing up in the 2nd quarter section. I really preferred the old daily newsletters when I didn't have to open and attachment.	Apr 11, 2013 11:31 AM
223	Many teachers don't consistently update Infinite Campus which makes it frustrating for the student and parents to know exactly how their kids are performing in each class. I've tried for months to Unsubscribe to the Valley Southwoods daily emails and have been unsuccessful. I have no need for these emails, called the school, and they don't know how to discontinue them either.	Apr 11, 2013 11:25 AM
224	On daily announcements, please indicate which school the announcements are for? I have three children, one in elementary, junior high, and high school. Sometimes it's very confusing.	Apr 11, 2013 11:20 AM
225	create ways for children to learn indepent of their classroom on subjects that add in to their school work. Look at ideas sources like Self-Organized Learning Environment (SOLE) or "Distracted" learning.	Apr 11, 2013 11:07 AM
226	N/A	Apr 11, 2013 11:05 AM
227	possibly more ipads or tablets	Apr 11, 2013 11:00 AM

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228	No changes.	Apr 11, 2013 10:57 AM
229	as #6	Apr 11, 2013 10:53 AM
230	I think keyboarding skills are way low. Modules are available at an elementary level, but not stressed. I wish there was a keyboarding/typing class available at a Jr High level or HS level. (Maybe there is and I don't know about it?) All this technology will do no good if a kid can't utilize it in a time efficient manner because he is typing with his thumbs or pecking at a keyboard.	Apr 11, 2013 10:53 AM
231	None	Apr 11, 2013 10:51 AM
232	Computer classes,as a weekly or bi weekly special, in the elementary schools. The students are expected to type homework w/o formal teaching/ practice at school. Ipads for students, for valley, to use for homework would b great. I dont feel like wdm does much for teaching computer skills.	Apr 11, 2013 10:46 AM
233	Each child should have a school issued laptop and all work should be uploaded for teacher review/grading. Students should not be required to print off their work in hard copy for grading.	Apr 11, 2013 10:45 AM
234	More computes for the larger classes	Apr 11, 2013 10:45 AM
235	Update computers at school- they are very old at my child's school. Add more computers they do not have enough for all the children in class. Maybe if they were smaller they would have room for more:)	Apr 11, 2013 10:41 AM
236	Add more computers to the classrooms. Computers should be readily available to ALL students on a daily basis.	Apr 11, 2013 10:39 AM
237	I do not receive all of the emails that are sent out thru infinite campus. I get some but not all of them unless I log on to infinite campus to check to the email messages.	Apr 11, 2013 10:37 AM
238	None at this time - realize what is being done is probably somewhat constrained by budget.	Apr 11, 2013 10:31 AM
239	I would like to see better use of the grade book. Students should be able to use it as a planner to see what tests and projects are coming up and help them stay organized. This would also help parents help their child make better use of their time at home by being able to look up what their student should be working on at home. Having study guides and rubrics available on the drives is also very helpful.	Apr 11, 2013 10:26 AM
240	have teachers/administrators inform parents as to what technology services are being used	Apr 11, 2013 10:19 AM
241	My child is struggling still with typing alone	Apr 11, 2013 10:16 AM
242	quit sending building news as attachments!!! send the news in the body of the email. I never read it now. and the blogs that are white letters on black -- have you seen studies on readability? readers will ditch very quickly with that color scheme compared to black on white....can't believe I'm paying for that.	Apr 11, 2013 10:07 AM

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243	None. I would limit computers use as much as possible.	Apr 11, 2013 10:06 AM
244	Not sure ipads are the answer to tech in the classroom. These date quickly and aren't word processors. They are fun for the kids. I think more laptops (eg, Surface style) might be better, even though more expensive. Not sure, at this point, a ipad in each child's hands does much. Also, huge need to really improve typing skills. Access to tech at young age does not guarantee ability to appropriately use that technology. In 8th grade (or as after school offering), a class on Powerpoint or Word would be very helpful for many kids struggling to understand how to use the technology to get better grades.	Apr 11, 2013 10:06 AM
245	Update Infinite Campus more frequently	Apr 11, 2013 10:00 AM
246	Attendance calls should not be made after attendance status has been updated in Infinite Campus.	Apr 11, 2013 10:00 AM
247	Let people know what systems/technology you are using for what services. Example: I learned the district was using Pay Schools for the transportation pmnts. I went to pay & the option was no longer available. I called the school 3" - THREE times w/no return call. It wasn't until I got a email notice that directed me to a WDM District site that had the option for payment for transportation pmnts & IT WASN'T PAY SCHOOLS. I WAS SOOO UPSET. I feel like WDM must not know how to get thier act together and they are "TEACHING" my child -Lots of little issues like this make me want to take my child out of WDM Public schools.	Apr 11, 2013 9:57 AM
248	i pads for the students	Apr 11, 2013 9:56 AM
249	Continue to investigate ways to engage students with even more technology services.	Apr 11, 2013 9:53 AM
250	I wish infinite campus would be able to link a grade on an assignment of test directly to the assignment or test so that, as a parent, I could see what subject areas my son is understanding and which ones he is struggling with.	Apr 11, 2013 9:49 AM
251	i-pads for each student	Apr 11, 2013 9:44 AM
252	would like to see teaching of appropriate use of technology and suggested time limits on devices that are age appropriate.	Apr 11, 2013 9:40 AM
253	More consistency.	Apr 11, 2013 9:39 AM
254	Sometimes it is such nice to have conversations, etc, seems like we rely to much on technology.	Apr 11, 2013 9:37 AM
255	Develop access to off-hours resources somehow. My child has had homework in Powerpoint that requires Office 2010, which many families (including mine) don't personally own.	Apr 11, 2013 9:35 AM
256	More use of Web 2.0 tools that could enhance education	Apr 11, 2013 9:30 AM
257	Make WiFi available easily in the elementary schools.	Apr 11, 2013 9:30 AM
258	Armed guards in schools since the Des Moines Register nationally published and colored coded with addresses all defenseless schools.	Apr 11, 2013 9:29 AM

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259	Teaching email communication at the early level and using the powerpoint presentations that will help kids fight their stage-fear and express in front of a group about their ideas.	Apr 11, 2013 9:23 AM
260	I think typing opportunities should be given more frequently in the lower levels to develop speed.	Apr 11, 2013 9:22 AM
261	I Think teachers need to communicate more through technology when they have a difficult day with a child. I think you should have a web cam available for parents can look in to see how there child is behaving because it has been proven throughout this world that teacher can be very dishonest and so now when my child who has been honest with me tells me a different story then the teacher and the teacher is always making her out to be the bad person and my child is coming home crying what do I do. I would like to see for myself. if she is acting up in school she is not going to do it with me there so me visiting not going to work.	Apr 11, 2013 9:22 AM
262	Other districts are providing kids with mobile devices to students and West Des Moines is lagging behind in this area.	Apr 11, 2013 9:21 AM
263	More use of Ipads, computers, etc. etc. in classrooms and student usage. The world is moving in this direction and it seems at times we are still in the "old age."	Apr 11, 2013 9:15 AM
264	None.	Apr 11, 2013 9:14 AM
265	Make the website easier to navigate. It takes forever to find the school and information you need.	Apr 11, 2013 9:14 AM
266	1:1 will be a good start.	Apr 11, 2013 9:11 AM
267	More mobile technology such as iPads should be implemented.	Apr 11, 2013 9:10 AM
268	The computers in my son's classroom are very old and tend to not work all the time.	Apr 11, 2013 9:09 AM
269	keep up to date with what you have, increase computers to a percentage of students if there is an increase. Computers are like phones, every household has one.	Apr 11, 2013 9:09 AM
270	Get away from Microsoft products. My child comes home and has to work on a PowerPoint presentation. We do not have PowerPoint so we need to convert it to LibreOffice (which is free by the way) and back again. I'm sure we aren't the only ones who do not have Microsoft Office products at home. Why does the district need to spend money on Microsoft Office products when there are free open source products that do essentially the same thing available? Also, start teaching students how to do some basic programming at a young age. Show them how they can make the computer do what they need it to do, not just how to use what is already on the computer as far as software.	Apr 11, 2013 9:08 AM
271	The website could be more User friendly and could be updated to reflect school achievements.	Apr 11, 2013 9:07 AM

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272	More iPads in class.	Apr 11, 2013 9:04 AM
273	none	Apr 11, 2013 9:02 AM
274	Entry level Engineering courses and hi tech CAD-Cam type of education	Apr 11, 2013 9:01 AM
275	The Kids West online payment site is terrible. Security warnings every time a link is clicked, extra steps to add a child, two different drop downs to choose a date range, prompted every week (!!) to verify what grades my kids are in...	Apr 11, 2013 9:00 AM
276	website redesign was not an improvement, it is now more difficult finding relevant information. More assignments in upper elementary should utilize a technology component in our school very limited exposure.	Apr 11, 2013 8:54 AM
277	None	Apr 11, 2013 8:49 AM
278	Sorry, none.	Apr 11, 2013 8:45 AM
279	special education severely lacking in access to speech assistive devices. Joy Lyons is spread way too thin.	Apr 11, 2013 8:44 AM
280	each student needs a device checked out to them for the year. Teachers must require the students to work on them daily. These devices must be used in ways other than internet access. They must learn to create artifacts and apply knowledge using new programs available through technology. These higher level thinking skills required for success in today's world cannot be met unless EVERY student has daily access to a device and is required to use it.	Apr 11, 2013 8:43 AM
281	more consistency on how teachers update the portal	Apr 11, 2013 8:43 AM
282	Need additinoal hardware (computers and laptops	Apr 11, 2013 8:41 AM
283	Teachers need to do a better job of inputting the kids grades in a timely fashion. Many are very good at this while others take a long time to enter them in	Apr 11, 2013 8:40 AM
284	Increased communication with parents about where we are and what the vision is for the next few years. This might include infrastructure updates as well. To implement the 1:1, you would need a strong network.	Apr 11, 2013 8:40 AM
285	I feel like the district doesn't know me. My family has been in the district for 12 years with 3 kids. Every year for every kid the want to know all my basic information.	Apr 11, 2013 8:38 AM
286	I don't know that the services need to be improved as much as the use and the encouragement to use and teach how to use the services to the students. For example there should be writing classes on email edict, functions and capabilities of word and excel, etc.	Apr 11, 2013 8:37 AM
287	More teacher/leader guidance during computer work time. Teachers just put the kids at the computer and don't monitor.	Apr 11, 2013 8:34 AM
288	better access to more devices	Apr 11, 2013 8:33 AM
289	My kids constantly complained of not being able to use computer for tests at	Apr 11, 2013 8:30 AM

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Stilwell. They constantly ran into problems and had to come back and take a test or finish a test due to technical problems.

290	INFINITE CAMPUS FOR ALL GRADES	Apr 11, 2013 8:29 AM
291	mobile devices	Apr 11, 2013 8:29 AM
292	There needs to be a dedicated technology instructor (with a degree in technology not library science) in each school who is active with the children on a biweekly basis in order for the kids to keep up with other districts.	Apr 11, 2013 8:28 AM
293	Infinite Campus so that the reporting of what is due when, what is actually late and what is actually missing and what has actually been completed and turned in needs improved.	Apr 11, 2013 8:26 AM
294	My son has an ipad, is there support for lesson specific apps that we could use?	Apr 11, 2013 8:26 AM
295	It would seem in a district of this size, budget and reputation, that up-to-date technology would simply be a given. We don't believe such is the case. We have nephews and nieces in much smaller districts with much smaller budgets where students are issued iPads, laptops, and are even allowed to use smartphones as a learning tool in class(es). In our district, "we" are still requiring 6th graders to utilize cursive hand writing, when in other districts that practice has been gone for years! Technology is only going to keep moving forward, the administrators, teachers and staff need to move forward with it as well.	Apr 11, 2013 8:26 AM
296	We moved from a smaller district school area, our students were provided with personal laptops to do their homework at home. I understand that most people have access now to personal computers, however not everyone does, or there are conflicts at home with one or more students in the household. Having personal laptops gives the student added personal responsibility and no excuses for not having homework turned in, when they do have access to their school programs.	Apr 11, 2013 8:25 AM
297	It looks like having more computers/ipads per student would be a benefit	Apr 11, 2013 8:24 AM
298	It would be really nice if the district could offer some online courses for students, especially specialty ones or high level academic ones that could be completed in the summer. My daughter would love to try something like that and we could support her at home in the process. I tested recently a new table - prometheum - in which students collaborate in real time. Have you seen that? It's pretty amazing ... probably pricey, though, so this is one of those dream things that would be "nice to have" but... mentioning just for the sake of saying that there's a fantastic tool out there that some districts are getting (we're purchasing one at Drake for our students to explore).	Apr 11, 2013 8:22 AM
299	Just don't put more focus on technology than teaching our children how to read and write. Teach them to use these tools to communicate and receive education.	Apr 11, 2013 8:22 AM
300	Too many different systems. One for Kids West payments, another for transportation, yet another for nutrition. Add to that conference scheduling, infinite campus... we have 5 different systems to learn and interact with and 5	Apr 11, 2013 8:21 AM

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	different logins to keep track of. Additionally, when announcements are made, we get emails to my business and personal email, my spouses personal email, a text to my cell, a text to my spouses' cell, a facebook message to me, a facebook message to my spouse, and in the event of an early school closing calls to the house and each cell. While I appreciate the multiple opportunities to communicate, perhaps there could be some centralized method to select which form of communication we prefer.	
301	Virtual Backpack is not very clean	Apr 11, 2013 8:21 AM
302	More access to technology. I feel having a technology course for K-6 is more important than having a Spanish class for today's learning environment.	Apr 11, 2013 8:19 AM
303	Every student should have access to a computer and textbooks should be as an e-book they are accessible anytime, anywhere	Apr 11, 2013 8:19 AM
304	Having to download the daily email is a pain and sometimes I can't get it open. I need to read it. Why did we switch to that?	Apr 11, 2013 8:18 AM
305	Communication tied to specific questions that come up (especially at high school level) for parents still feels lacking. Realize can be a person preference thing--but Infinite Campus is such a great tool for instructors/parents to "see" what's coming and assigned to help support those teachers' efforts as we work with our kids. Hugely disappointing that for many teachers elect to not use that proactively to show what students are doing, testing that's coming, etc. (Some do--but may don't). Just feel like great tool that could be utilized more for that. Also some classes where there's not much posted ever if you look over a given quarter or semester. Unclear since trying to support as a team effort encouraging our students to be proactive if that means it's not being posted...or not doing much. Especially for classes that are "double credit" involving two combined classes. Have shared that feedback at conferences...to no avail. That should be evaluated at school and technology level since unclear as a parent if that means they're not doing much or simply not being posted....either way concerning. Also realize tough with volume of students/district but feel like easy to get lost in "key things" going on at school board level with initiatives given pace of parent lives with work, etc and to keep up. Also have been a few times when I've wanted to check something and it's asked me for a different type of log on/signing up to even provide feedback...that's cumbersome and unsure on security side if issues there since unclear what's outsourced and what's internal to district servers--reselling or redistribution tied to those third parties is a concern (and we're technology people--so realize most people don't even think about that)...but unclear how much that's evaluated at district level and at some point could really be an issue with sensitivity of data captured (ie. student names, addresses, pictures, ages, etc in a wireless world where hacking and someone gaining access for negative purposes isn't that hard if the wrong person wanted to do so).	Apr 11, 2013 8:18 AM
306	Most of the iPad app suggestions are for parents' iPads....in-class apps with curriculum would be fun for them in addition/in lieu of computer work	Apr 11, 2013 8:17 AM
307	Android tablets	Apr 11, 2013 8:17 AM
308	Just like there is a shop class there should be IT classes for jr high and high	Apr 11, 2013 8:17 AM

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	school students	
309	I think students should be taught to use their personal technology (ipods, phones, etc) appropriately and for research and assignments at school.	Apr 11, 2013 8:17 AM
310	We need more access to see the syllabus and assignments coming due, not just find out about missing assignments after the fact. We need more guidance on registration for classes. Although I don't expect it, I'd like student reviews of classes online to provide guidance for what coursework to take.	Apr 11, 2013 8:16 AM
311	The teachers need to do a better job of updating grades on Infinite Campus. In some cases, it is days or even weeks before grades are entered. How are we supposed to stay on top of our child's performance if the grades aren't updated?	Apr 11, 2013 8:15 AM
312	Tablet focus seems to only be on Apple products, which are the most expensive tablets available. I know of a number of people who only have Android tablets where they cannot get the applications that their children are using. I'm not sure how to remedy this, beyond giving each child an iPad, or providing a discount program.	Apr 11, 2013 8:15 AM
313	Avoid monopoly products such as MS Word and Apple iPad. Teach how technology is made, not just how to be a user. Look at open source products and teach a real computer language such as Python, not Scratch.	Apr 11, 2013 8:14 AM
314	all texts should be available on-line.	Apr 11, 2013 8:14 AM
315	I'd like to see all homework assignments for each class available online/ahead of time. Also, posting notes from the 'black board' would be great. I can't think of all the differences, but I took a college level statistics class online through a college in New Mexico - we did everything online. It was very nice. All assignments were posted online, and the work was turned in online as well. Grades could be turned in just a smidge faster - especially at the elementary levels. Sometimes, I'll get a notification that something is late, but it just hasn't been posted to infinite campus yet.	Apr 11, 2013 8:10 AM
316	More iPads for all grade levels	Apr 11, 2013 8:08 AM
317	Email msgs should include teacher name, subject/class and what school they are from(i.e. VHS, VSW). Teachers are sending msgs with only their name. With multiple students in the WDSM school system it's difficult to figure out which student the msg is for and what class it pertains to.	Apr 11, 2013 8:08 AM
318	More iPads or latest devices. I feel it is the way of the future and they are going to need to be at the top with this	Apr 11, 2013 8:07 AM
319	It seems that all work that needs technology is done at home. I don't know if this is because of availability or time?	Apr 11, 2013 8:05 AM
320	Students save homework at school, some are accessible some are not. Sometimes frustrating. I would like a homework schedule put online, for 7th and 8th. We are emailed a 7th grade schedule from tiger time teacher. I like that.	Apr 11, 2013 8:05 AM
321	Although our teacher uses iPad as a reward for good behavior, I feel it should be	Apr 11, 2013 8:05 AM

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	an integrated part of the curriculum. His would be an opportunity for 1:1 for the elem age students.	
322	Install cell phone jamming technology in all schools to eliminate that distraction for the few hours hours each day that kids are supposed be focused on learning first	Apr 11, 2013 8:02 AM
323	Just continue to try and use new technology as it becomes available.	Apr 11, 2013 8:01 AM
324	I think the students need to be given more time at school to use technology.	Apr 11, 2013 8:00 AM
325	I would like to see more technical programs. i.e. Autocad, data analysis programs, etc.	Apr 11, 2013 8:00 AM
326	Continue to grow in elementary level with practical applications for technology, not just playing games	Apr 11, 2013 8:00 AM
327	None	Apr 11, 2013 7:59 AM
328	Implement either a 1:1 or BYOD technology for students.	Apr 11, 2013 7:57 AM
329	Increase teacher training. Technology should be used to enhance instruction not used just to say you use it. Teachers lack knowledge on how to enhance current curriculum with technology and sometimes it feels they just use technology to say, yep we use it. Teachers need to be shown ways it can be used and enhance required curriculum and discuss how to evaluate if using technology will enhance the learning target for kids. Can you get rid of labs and go to multiple carts of ipads/tablets, etc? Also, the printing is an issue. Kids are afraid to print anything. Sometimes things need to be printed.	Apr 11, 2013 7:57 AM
330	Technology is not always available at home, this becomes a problem when a school has 1 small computer lab.	Apr 11, 2013 7:56 AM
331	There are certain teachers who seldom post grades to Infinite Campus. If there is not currently a requirement for teachers to grade and post assignments on a weekly basis, there should be,	Apr 11, 2013 7:56 AM
332	Infiinite Campus-grades should be updated within 48 hours. How can we speak with our children as to whether assignments have been turned in or missing. I have spoken to many parents and students who experience the same. My child's math teacher (homework assigned daily) has a policy of 24 hr turnaround time and does an excellent job. Other teachers who periodically have projects or tests...sometimes it takes weeks for the update. This needs to be changed for the benefit of all!!!!!!	Apr 11, 2013 7:55 AM
333	Every student should have a laptop or iPad	Apr 11, 2013 7:54 AM
334	It would be nice to see more text books available on-line. I know backpacks can get heavy when walking home from school.	Apr 11, 2013 7:54 AM
335	Technology is not a solution unto itself. Teachers, parents and staff need to understand that googling facts and pasting them on a collage is not learning. A student that does this should not be given any credit. We still need to teach kids to understand the difference between facts and opinion while determining bias of	Apr 11, 2013 7:54 AM

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source. Technology is not an end but instead can be a tool. Do teachers check quotes or are they letting students use "quote generators?" Do students understand the context of the quote? As a school we have spent too much on "technology" which should be reallocated to learning.

336	Foster an idea-sharing community (teachers & parents) of positive uses of technology. Give parents access to a list of apps that teachers think are helpful for learning.	Apr 11, 2013 7:53 AM
337	I want notification of final grades by quarter & semester with details on how to access the information. I want this to be printable information in a "report card" format so I can see the consolidated grades.	Apr 11, 2013 7:52 AM
338	I would like to see the district formulate more technology-focused courses, especially in the 5-12 grade range. E.g., basic programming and basic computing platform concepts in the 5-6 grades (yes, for all kids) - could be a week-long or a month-long section that focuses on getting elementary kids up to speed on the differences between mobile phones, mobile computing, ere-to-fore desktop computing, and tablet computing; what a server is; how the internet is thrown together; and so on. Progressively, the children could opt for a junior-high level course, perhaps akin to Stilwell's cooking class that runs either a 1/4 or a semester that goes into more detail about what a transistor is; how a computer computes; modern system design (hardware, concepts), the differences between a mainframe, a microcomputer, a PC, etc.; what makes a LED shine; and a programming language intro such as BASIC or Pascal or C. And, one or two high-school electives that cover topics such as App Building or JAVA or database design/management... I don't know why we are not even offering or talking about these types of curriculum courses. We seem bent on hanging on to band, choir, and forcing our kids to learn spanish from an early elementary age, why not also throw technology (something useful) into the mix for our children's benefit?	Apr 11, 2013 7:52 AM
339	My son refuses to learn how to type - can you teach this. I learned this in school why can't they. He tries to get everyone else to type is school work because "he can't type"	Apr 11, 2013 7:51 AM
340	None	Apr 11, 2013 7:51 AM
341	Go 1:1 at a minimum of grades 7-12. We must prepare our children for today's world of technology.	Apr 11, 2013 7:51 AM
342	more specific course time to show them how to use technology in life.	Apr 11, 2013 7:51 AM
343	Suggest keeping up with technology. Use technology as a tool for learning	Apr 11, 2013 7:50 AM
344	I feel that each classroom in the elementary schools would benefit from having their own iPad in each of their rooms.	Apr 11, 2013 7:49 AM
345	1. Don't rely on PowerPoints as teaching aids. Teachers may think this is "using technology," but it's often boring and repetitive for students. More engaging teaching (with or without technology) is essential. 2. Consider using iPads to encourage interactive teaching if this is an affordable method. 3. Figure out how to deliver emails without PDFs. Don't repeat announcements endlessly on each	Apr 11, 2013 7:46 AM

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email. 4. GET STUDENTS TO LEARN TO TYPE CORRECTLY!!! How did this get overlooked in your curriculum? Everyone will need to type in our society. But my 9th grader never learned and I don't recall her being required to take what used to be called "typing class" or tested on keyboard proficiency. She has now acquired bad typing habits she may never break. I could go on but you get the idea...

346	Teaching kids to program and understand how computers work from young ages (especially girls.) Hands on is critical for kids to get interested and be able to function as they grow up.	Apr 11, 2013 7:46 AM
347	I know I had sent many messages to teachers throughout this year so far and didn't receive any response. Not sure if the message wasn't getting through or if the teacher didn't want to interact with me about my child's education.	Apr 11, 2013 7:45 AM
348	I would suggest more task done on computers. Spelling test, math. It would save paper and prepare the kids for the real world.	Apr 11, 2013 7:44 AM
349	Technology is going to be such a large part of this generations life. I would like to see them also teach how to safely use technology by having them use it for more than just the subjects they are learning but also to manage their education.	Apr 11, 2013 7:44 AM
350	repeated orientation of the school technology	Apr 11, 2013 7:42 AM
351	I do not feel that the email communication is as good for Jordan Creek. It seems to be sporadic.	Apr 11, 2013 7:42 AM
352	Device availability in secondary schools, organization of information for students (i.e. a student portal that housed/organized all information relevant for that student). Much information a student needs is scattered on many internet sites and can be difficult to keep organized.	Apr 11, 2013 7:42 AM
353	More basics. Math and science! Stop with all the field trips! Stay in the classroom and teach! More homework! No more field trips!	Apr 11, 2013 7:41 AM
354	Can't think of anything right now.	Apr 11, 2013 7:41 AM
355	Teachers seem to "expect" the students to have an iPad at home. We do not. If it's an "expectation" maybe they need to be provided.	Apr 11, 2013 7:40 AM
356	Sometimes late assignments are posted via e-mail and in many cases in the past it was due to a teacher error and the assignment was not in fact late	Apr 11, 2013 7:39 AM
357	I am surprised that mobile devices are not provided for students, as they are in many other districts throughout the country. Also, technology instruction could be improved.	Apr 11, 2013 7:39 AM
358	Allowing kids to submit assignments to teachers via email rather than printing everything out	Apr 11, 2013 7:39 AM
359	i would like to see more 'technology/social responsibility' lessons taught in a younger age. Western Hills had an eye opening incident regarding Instagram this past month and kids need to know what is and is not allowed at school, and social responsibility talks. They obviously aren't getting it at home enough.	Apr 11, 2013 7:38 AM

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360	School websites that are useful, including a school calendar with grade specific calendars. Definitely grade updates, 6th grade in particular as a whole. Some teachers do not update until inservice days at the end of the quarter in upper grades. This is stressful as your child's grade is unknown until it's too late to correct or improve. I think having more on the S drive for students resources, including text books. Also, now that parents cannot get into the S drive, another source for some of the resources should be created for parents.	Apr 11, 2013 7:37 AM
361	MORE GIS and pure TECH TRACK courses There will be a BILLION times more TECHNOLOGY in 25 yrs than exist today.....I am taking my son and tooling him up now that you all are done	Apr 11, 2013 7:32 AM
362	Our school published a list of ipad apps that they use in the classroom. I don't know if this was done district wide, but i think it would be beneficial to parents who want their child focusing on more educational games, especially during the summer.	Apr 11, 2013 7:31 AM
363	Would like to see more social technology consistent grade reporting via technology.	Apr 11, 2013 7:31 AM
364	Continued technology training for the teachers. Would like to see it used more in communication to parents. (i.e. Twitter and even just emails to the parents about what is going on in the classroom). Are there any good translation software that could be used? We are needing to translate much of our communications and have to give a week lead time. Seems archaic.	Apr 11, 2013 7:27 AM
365	none	Apr 11, 2013 7:27 AM
366	Invest. Not 1-2 here and there...INVEST!	Apr 11, 2013 7:26 AM
367	Its constantly changing so don't get wrapped into a certain standard that would be to costly or time consuming to change later. Stay away from Apple and Google products.	Apr 11, 2013 7:26 AM
368	Technology comes and goes, the Apple IIe that I used in 1980 at Clive School was neat, so were the BASIC commands that I learned, but I do not use BASIC in my life today. HOWEVER, on a daily basis I use the math skills, reading skills and writing skills I learned at Clive, Indian Hills and Valley. I do not think the district should overinvest in technology, but focus on teachers willing to teach the basics of Math, Reading and Writing rather than focusing on teaching BASIC.	Apr 11, 2013 7:26 AM
369	Eliminate/block all cell/smartphone usage from students while attending classes.	Apr 11, 2013 7:26 AM
370	Integration of software between PC and Mac could be much much better - we are a mac family and there are always issues with compatibility of files, such as excel and powerpoint - that is often problematic.	Apr 11, 2013 7:21 AM
371	School bus fee payment reminders thru emails	Apr 11, 2013 7:21 AM
372	Unsure	Apr 11, 2013 7:21 AM
373	The glitch in Infinite Campus is when a teacher is gone for a day and assignments are automatically tagged as Missing. It causes distress for	Apr 11, 2013 7:20 AM

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374	seems that some students get a stronger technology education in the elementary schools than others, improve consistency	Apr 11, 2013 7:20 AM
375	Availability to students to be able to complete homework when families don't have access to computers.	Apr 11, 2013 7:20 AM
376	each child in 10 thru 12th grades should have their own valley high school issued laptop and eliminate the need for paper textbooks	Apr 11, 2013 7:18 AM
377	More ipads	Apr 11, 2013 7:18 AM
378	More computers in the classrooms --	Apr 11, 2013 7:15 AM
379	Some of the DMACC credits were drop and students did not get the classes they wanted due to changes in sign up in the spring 2012.	Apr 11, 2013 7:15 AM
380	Increase technology in the elementaries. Technology carts instead of classrooms. Most of these students will never use a desktop. It reminds me of the typewriter that was forced upon me when I had a PC at home. It created a divide between the students and teachers with the students being more knowledgeable.	Apr 11, 2013 7:15 AM
381	The district does a wonderful job	Apr 11, 2013 7:14 AM
382	More iPads, better and more consistent use of Smart Boards.	Apr 11, 2013 7:13 AM
383	None	Apr 11, 2013 7:10 AM
384	The campus portal is a great tool but the 6th grade teachers lack consistency when updating the grades. It seems like when conferences are coming up...they input all of the grades instead of keeping it up to date.	Apr 11, 2013 7:10 AM
385	digital textbooks and the use of tablet computers	Apr 11, 2013 7:10 AM
386	My daughter is hearing impaired an we have difficulty receiving notes, assignments, etc in a written format in a timely manner. It would be great if these were made more easily acceptable (the shared drive is difficult to get to and painfully slow most of the time to acces remotely)...	Apr 11, 2013 7:10 AM
387	Technology is a great thing, and I love that I have access to my children's grades and can keep up with what they are doing. However, it should never take the place of personal connection between teachers and parents when a child is struggling. I believe that is becoming the case for many teachers.	Apr 11, 2013 7:08 AM