

# ***School is Such a Chore!***

## **2024 Parent Survey**

Responses Received:  
April 30-May 28, 2024

29 Parent Participants

Self-ID Urban vs. Rural:

- 24 Rural
- 5 Urban

## Why did parents choose to send their children to NHCS?

- Agriculture and experiential learning
- Alternative education option
- Community values
- Close to home

"I value the approach of agricultural skills and rural atmosphere over more traditional forms of school...this school approach seemed to offer more benefits and little to no negatives."

"I wanted my child to have an enriched learning experience at an early school age, supporting agriculture and grassroots community-based events."

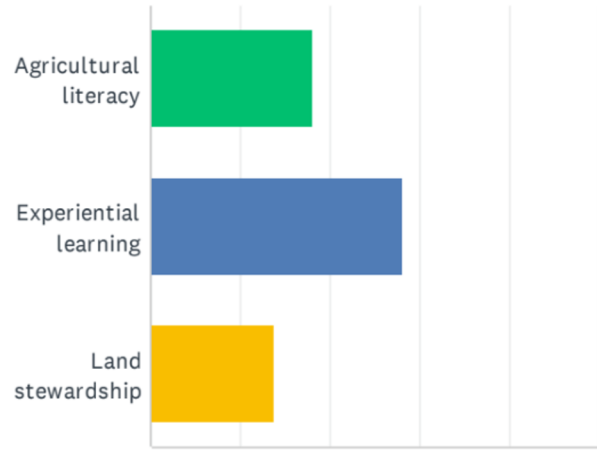
"Absolutely love that the children learn self sustainable, life skills. That they get to be children and a not stuck in a classroom desk all day. They learn real life responsibility, accountability and care for all living beings"

## What are the strengths of NHCS as seen by parents?

- Community-oriented, caring staff, experiential learning and agriculture

## Which of the three Charter Outcomes do parents feel are most important for their children's learning?

Answered: 26



"The way the[y] integrate all ages and grades together, to work together, to teach and learn and play together

Community-mindedness"

"As a parent, I feel that New Humble has a really caring staff that ensures a good social environment for the kids...My children feel safe and included and I feel this is due to the caring and hands-on approach of the staff."

"Kids get to benefit from spending more time outdoors and outside of the classroom and different ways of learning from traditional instruction."

# What benefits do parents believe their children will gain from attending a school that focuses on agricultural literacy, experiential learning, and land stewardship?

- Understanding of agriculture
- Improved learning experiences
  - Problem solving
  - Real-world applications
- Practical and personal life skills
  - Empathy
  - Responsibility
  - Growth mindset

“Yes, by having the experiential learning opportunities with agriculture and environmental literacy, my children are learning to think more deeply and critically. I have also noticed that they are able to connect what they learn in school to real life. Their knowledge clearly translates.”

“Life skills predominantly - Empathy, care for one another and animals as well as responsibility are all unique outcomes”

“Being able to interact with animals and involved with chores is a huge benefit. Giving children that have an issue in a regular class setting an opportunity/ responsibility gives them a feeling of purpose and accomplishment”

“They will be more informed on how our food sources are handled and where they come from. Be able to raise and grow these food sources for themselves in the future if they choose”

## In what ways, if any, do parents feel NHCS is important to its surrounding community?

- Increased sense of community
  - Between parents, students, and wider population
  - Community-wide events and volunteering
- Promotion of local businesses through fundraisers
- Promotion of local agriculture
  - Inspiring future farmers, honoring current farmers

"Builds a bigger sense of community between kids that wouldn't have met each other otherwise. Getting to know my neighbours too"

"New Humble is a great example to the community for power in numbers and community support. It is an asset to a community to have such cohesion, providing a foundation for local business' and farms."

"Helps future growth, raise future generations the importance of agriculture and can contribute to the community utilizing local resources. I strongly encourage more small towns having agricultural schools."

"New Humble receives so much support from the community and local farms and business because they believe in the school and the foundation that it is building up in the next generation. So with that New Humble has truly given back to the community simply by offering this type of unique education."

## What limitations in terms of specific knowledge and life skills do parents feel students at NHCS may face because of the school's Charter focus?

- Lack of extracurriculars and team sports
  - Leadership development
- Difficulties transitioning to more “traditional” educational institutions and urban environments
- Small concerns with literacy and numeracy skills

“Team sports - being part of a school team can bring other leadership qualities.”

“Secondly more extra curricular programs being offered in larger schools with more teachers and possibly more funding can offer a larger life experience in ways that might be missed at New Humble by either not having the space, teachers, or funding.”

“I think students may struggle with learning in a traditional classroom setting once they move on from NHCS. Being so active in their learning may hinder their ability to conform to traditional learning pedagogies.”