

Family & Consumer Sciences Needs Assessment

Family & Consumer Sciences Department

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Chartiers Valley School District



MISSION

The mission of the Chartiers Valley School District, a community dedicated to shared leadership, is to graduate students who achieve personal success by providing an exceptional academic foundation in a safe, nurturing environment that inspires creativity and innovation while embracing diversity.

VISION

The Chartiers Valley School District Vision is to inspire excellence in instruction, learning and innovation to prepare our students to achieve personal success.

Background

Family & Consumer Sciences consists of:

- Human Development
- Personal and Family finance
- Housing and Interior design
- Food Science
- Nutrition
- Wellness
- Textiles and apparel
- Consumer Issues



Family & Consumer Sciences is focused on the art of living and working well in a complex world. Students learn knowledge and skills to lead better lives, be work and career ready, build strong families and make meaningful contributions to their communities.

Family Consumer Sciences courses currently offered at CV:

Middle School:

Foods

Sewing



High School:

Foods 1-3

Intro to Interior Design

Partners in the Kitchen

Child Development & Family Relationships



Best Practices

Instilling a Growth Mindset

Differentiated Instruction

Principles of Learning:

Class Discussions

Collaboration/Group Work

Real-World Authentic Learning

Hands-on learning

Project-based learning



Current Resources

- **Middle School:** Building Life Skills by The Goodheart-Willcox Company. Copyright 1999
- **High School:**
 - Food For Today by Helen Kowtaluk. Copyright 1997
 - The World of Food by Eva Medved. Copyright 1990
 - The Developing Child by Holly E. Brisbane. Copyright 1997
 - Working with Young Children by Dr. Judy Herr. Copyright 2002

Recommendation:

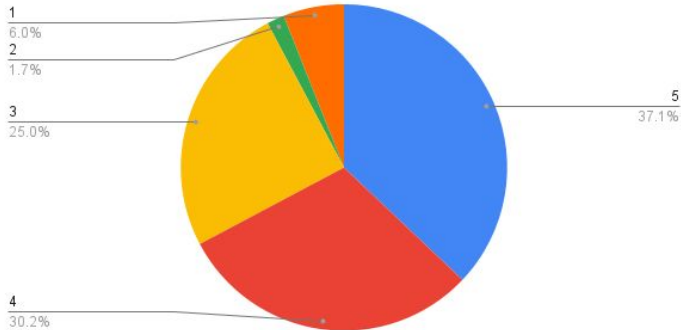
- Pilot new textbooks to replacing existing resources.
- Currently viewing textbooks from Goodheart-Wilcox Publisher



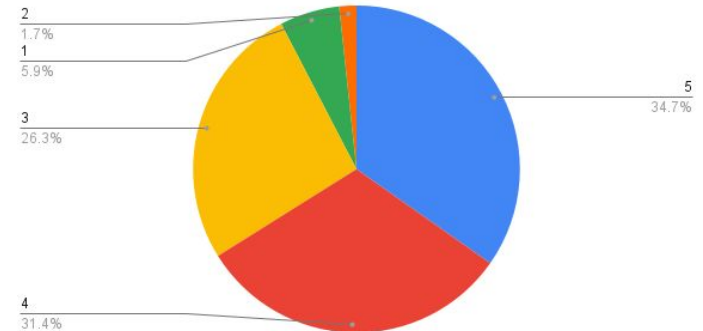
Survey Summary (5 =strongly agree to 1= strongly disagree)

My child enjoys Family & Consumer Sciences and has a positive attitude.

92% Agreed scoring 3-5



My child benefits from time spent in Family & Consumer Sciences courses. **92% Agreed scoring 3-5**



Program Strength and Areas for Growth

- **Strengths:**

- **State of the art facilities**

- **Middle School:**

- All students take FCS creating an opportunity to create a MakerSpace in collaboration with the Applied Engineering Technology Department (AET).

- **High School:** A variety of courses are offered including: Foods 1-3, Intro to Interior Design, Child Development & Family Relations, Partners in the Kitchen

- **Areas for Growth:**

- **Middle school:** Work collaboratively with AET to develop units of study to meet FCS standards.
- **High School:** Develop opportunities for students to include CIHS course offerings.

Program Recommendations

- **Middle School:** Recommendation is to collaborate with AET to create units of study that meet FCS Standards embracing a MakerSpace for students in a 9 week course offering.
- **High School:** Develop opportunities for students to include CIHS course offerings.
 - Explore and develop CIHS course offerings in Interior Design and Child Development.
 - Explore and considering adding Fashion and Textile course at the HS.
- **Textbooks:** Pilot new textbooks to replacing existing resources.
 - Currently viewing textbooks from Goodheart-Wilcox Publisher
 - Estimated cost of \$5000.

Thank you!

Any Questions?