



# UPNS PARENT SURVEY

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# What adjectives best describe UPNS?



Personal, Attentive

Caring, Community

Happy, Cozy, Nurturing

Thoughtful

Experienced

Competent

Child Focused

Socio-emotional Intelligence

Special

Welcoming

Warm, Joyful



Imaginative

Reliable

Comfortable

Loving

Family-like

Excellent Leadership

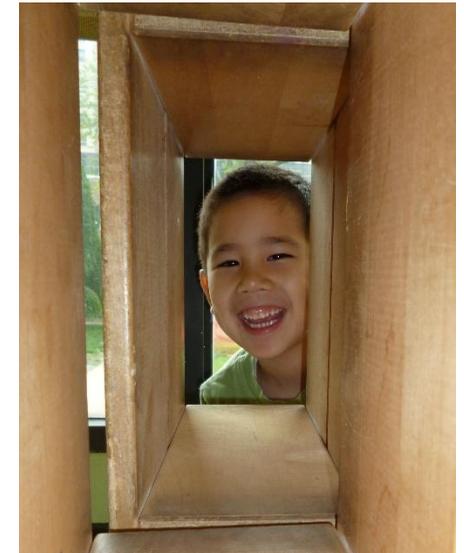
Fun, Brilliant

Experiential Learning

Friendly, Small

Diverse, Inclusive, Supportive

Professional



# What do you value most about UPNS?



In all my dealings with NYC schools thus far, I have yet to meet a set of teachers more concerned with the emotional well-being of the children they serve. Come what may, these teachers make it their business to ensure that the children feel safe and happy and ready to learn every day.

I like that my kids feel that it's like

a second home! They know all the teachers and feel so comfortable in the space. Also, Loyan!!!!

My child is both happy and engaged at UPNS. He is learning about the world but most importantly he is learning to be in this world, to express his needs, opinions and wishes and to ask for what he needs, to interact with others by being kind and listening and contributing to a classroom where all children are welcome and cared for.

UPNS has created an environment of joyful exploration and growth. Our daughter wakes up each morning excited to go to school (and sorely disappointed on the weekends when she can't) and comes home each afternoon describing days filled with wonder.

We as parents in the Blue Room, value the professionalism and nurturing environment that UPNS provides.

The communication between teachers and parents at UPNS is excellent and seamless. UPNS is a happy and nurturing place in which children learn to be kind to each other.

Our son did not speak a single word of English two months ago. Thanks to the inclusive UPNS environment, he now speaks and interacts very naturally with his school friends.





I value that the teachers at UPNS are child development professionals and not just care providers. They are very focused on helping children advance into childhood with the skills they need.

Each child is made to feel like everyone has been waiting for them each morning!

We love the strong, committed parent community. Most importantly, we love knowing that our children are loved, respected, and known by my each of their teachers and that they love going to school each day.

That the school is run like a family or small group of friends and not an impersonal business.

The teachers really care for the children and are passionate about their growth. And the curriculum is wholesome focusing on EQ and IQ.

We think that the size and focus of UPNS are an advantage.

We value the true sense of a community and the immense efforts the UPNS team displays during the difficult pandemic time.

I value the teachers and the community. The teachers really care about your child and fostering their growth. They have a knack and a passion for what they do. The other parents are interesting, welcoming, and people you are glad to bump into in the neighborhood for the rest of your life.

Teachers love the children and are always available to talk with parents about whatever (the classroom, activities, or child).

The UPNS community has become like our extended family. UPNS teachers pay attention to each child and their individuality. It is remarkable how well teachers know my child and help him in the process of growing into his own person

The warmth of the teachers, the individual attention given to each child, and the close interactions with parents.



# What makes UPNS distinct?



Low teacher turn-over = consistency.

UPNS is a small school with the capacity to pay individual attention to the needs of each child. Each child is seen and valued and accommodated and made to feel like they truly belong there.

The teachers are amazing, understanding, skilled, and trained. They're a cut above the rest.

UPNS is a real community. Parents and teachers work together to create a warm and nurturing environment for each child. We always felt the teachers were seeing our child for whom he is, valued his strengths and helped him grow in the areas he needed to.

UPNS is an excellently run school, it has shaped my child into the little person he is today and really is as they say the best kept secret around here!

UPNS's small size and cooperative structure make it an incredibly intimate community. There is a real sense of shared purpose and partnership among teachers and parents, all centered on the growth and development of the children.

That the school is a small community where the parents and faculty are there for each other.

Nature and extent of parent involvement; extent to which parents are listened to and their concerns responded to.

Great school, teachers, and families.

We considered a broad range of nursery schools for our daughter, but none of them had that same sense of warmth and intimacy that UPNS did. We have since been delighted with our choice, as UPNS has been a wonderful community in which our daughter has grown so much.





The co-op nature of UPNS makes it a unique place with a tight-knit community in which teachers and parents work together to make the school the best it can be, always keeping the children first.

The warm community - across parents, teachers, and staff - is so special and allows parents to

have a lens into the classroom and to better understand their children as learners. Parents are a valued part of the community.

We cannot compare with other school as this is the first school for our son. But his first months were smooth, he is happy, and he learns a lot.

Their love of the children in their care. It is about crafting a wonderful growth experience for that specific child. It is always thoughtful, and no one ever phones it in.

The best-behaved children in the neighborhood go to UPNS ... just sayin' ;-)

With only 40 children all age 2 to 5, our son gets the attention he would not get at a larger school. We also think the Co-op structure leads to a greater parent involvement.

Brilliant teachers and a community focus that serves the families they work alongside. I feel like they are partners with parents in raising children.

The teachers and director are remarkable.

I have special needs children. In the case of the first, UPNS did not shy away from the tough conversations (as previous preschools had) and supported me as I got him the appropriate supports. For my second, they graciously integrated him and his supports into the classroom. Because of the way they cherish and care for the children, both of my children have thrived in ways that I never thought possible. Bottom line: Your children will be thought about and cared for in the way that every parent hopes for when their child embarks of his school adventure. It is a special place.

