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INTRODUCTION

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This report is based on a total of 400 interviews with residents of Topeka, Kansas. All interviews were conducted by telephone by experienced interviewers from a centrally supervised location in the offices of Central Surveys, Inc., in Shenandoah, Iowa. Interviewing dates were from August 27 through September 1, 1984.

Respondents were selected at random from the most recent Topeka telephone directory. Interviewing was limited to people who now have or recently have had children in school or who have recently attended public schools in Topeka themselves, except that no interviews were accepted with teachers or other school employees. The following qualifying questions were used as necessary to be certain that respondents meet these criteria.

"Do you or any member of your family work in the educational field?"

"Do you have children in school anywhere from kindergarten through Grade 12?"

"Do you have any children who completed high school in Topeka within the past five years or so?"

"Did you complete your own schooling in the Topeka school system within the past five years?"

No systematic procedure was used to eliminate people who live in school districts adjacent to District #501, but interviews were not accepted with any who volunteered this information at the beginning of the interview. A total of 13 percent of the respondents identify themselves as members of racial or ethnic minority groups - blacks, Hispanics, American Indians or Orientals. This proportion is close to census data for Topeka.

With a sample size of 400 interviews, the "margin of error" is approximately 5 percent. That is, there is 95 percent certainty that findings in the survey are within plus-or-minus 5 percentage points of what would have been found if a complete census had been made of Topeka residents who meet the sampling criteria. The "margin of error" is smaller than this whenever answers are given by large proportions (95%) or small proportions (5%). On the other hand, larger sampling errors can be expected whenever percentages are based on smaller groups of respondents such as those living on one side or the other of Topeka Avenue, those who say they are familiar with a given school, etc.

SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

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Most Topekans believe the public schools of this city are doing a good job. Nevertheless, most recognize that schools in the community differ in the racial composition of their enrollments and perceive some of the schools as black or minority schools, and others as white. Schools that are regarded as white schools are consistently seen as the ones with the best teachers, the best facilities and offering the best education.

Overall Rating of Topeka Schools

By a 4 to 1 margin, survey respondents answer favorably when asked to rate the schools in Topeka.

Rate schools in Topeka as very good or good	80%
Only fair or poor	19
Don't know, no opinion	1

Further evidence that Topekans are generally satisfied with the public schools is that quite a few people express no opinions when asked which schools are "the poorest" and which have "the poorest facilities."

Racial Perception of the Schools

Residents of Topeka evidently regard the enrollment in some of the city's schools as racially out of balance, judging by the fact that 63 percent say there are some they think of as "black or minority schools" and 61 percent say there are some they think of as "white schools."

When respondents are asked to name "black or minority schools," they most often mention Highland Park High, Topeka High, Lafayette Elementary, Belvoir Elementary, Highland Park North and Eisenhower Middle School. The actual 1983 minority enrollment in these schools ranged from 32 percent for Topeka High up to 62 percent for Highland Park North.

Topeka West High is named far more often than any other school as a "white school." The 1983 white enrollment at this school was 93 percent. Other schools mentioned as "white schools" include Landon Middle School, French Middle School, Jardine Middle School, Bishop Elementary, Gage Elementary, McCarter Elementary, Whitson Elementary, etc. All of these had 1983 enrollments of white students ranging from 86 up to about 94 percent, compared with a District #501 average of about 74 percent.

How School Quality Relates to Minority Enrollment

Before respondents were asked any questions relating to racial or ethnic enrollment in the schools, they were asked a series of questions regarding which are the best and the poorest schools in the city, which have the best teachers, which have the best buildings and facilities, which high schools offer the best preparation for college, and which of the schools people would most highly recommend to friends who were planning to move to Topeka.

Replies to these questions closely parallel answers about which schools are "minority or black" and which are "white." Topeka West High School, which is the school named most often as "white," is also named

most often as the best high school (in fact, the best school), the one with the best teachers, the best facilities, etc. Highland Park High, which is never said to be a "white school" by survey respondents, consistently ranks third behind Topeka West and Topeka High.

Similar patterns are found for the middle schools and elementary schools in the city, although the patterns are a little less clear and the percentages involved are smaller simply because Topekans tend to know less about any specific middle school or elementary school than about the three high schools. That is, the larger the school, the better known it tends to be.

The middle schools that tend to be rated most favorably on these questions are French and Landon, while Chase and Eisenhower are usually ranked at the bottom of the middle schools. Quite a few say Chase has among the most modern and up-to-date facilities, however.

Respondents were asked whether they are familiar with a selected list of schools, and were then asked to rate any schools they are familiar with as "excellent," "good," "only fair," or "poor." Later, they were asked whether they regard these same schools as "mainly a white school, a black or minority school, or a racially balanced school."

Replies to these questions show a close relationship. Schools regarded as "mainly white" are frequently seen as "excellent" or "good." This is summarized in the table on the following page.

The first column in this table shows the proportions rating the schools as "excellent" or "good," while the second column shows the proportions saying these schools are "mainly white." These percentages are based on the numbers of respondents saying they are familiar with the schools in question. The third column shows the actual percentage of 1983 enrollment that was "black or other minority," based on a report prepared for the Topeka Public Schools by Gerald A. Miller, Director of Demographic Services for District #501. In this table, the percentages have been rounded.

- Q.13: Considering the quality of teachers and facilities and the overall job the school does in educating children, please rate (name of school) as excellent, good, only fair or poor.
- Q.19: Do you think of (name of school) as mainly a white school, a black or minority school, or a racially balanced school?

	Q.13 Rate Excellent or Good <u> </u> %	Q.19 Mainly White <u> </u> %	1983 Percent Minority Enrollment <u> </u> %
Topeka West High School	87	72	7
French Middle School	83	68	6
Landon Middle School	78	68	6
McCarter Elementary	76	54	7
Whitson Elementary	76	58	9
Gage Elementary	72	42	8
Crestview Elementary	71	47	5
Quinton Heights Elementary	62	14	55
Eisenhower Middle School	60	7	42
Highland Park High School	57	-	40
Highland Park North Elementary	45	5	62
Lafayette Elementary	34	2	56
Belvoir Elementary	33	4	60

NOTE: In this table, schools have been listed in descending order based on the proportions rating the schools as "excellent" or "good." In interviewing, the list of schools was rotated so that each was named first in approximately 8 percent of the interviews.

SURVEY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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NOTE: At the beginning of each interview, several qualifying questions were used to determine that respondents now have children in school or have recently had children in school or have recently attended Topeka schools themselves, and that respondents are not teachers or other school employees. These criteria are explained more fully in the Introduction.

Unless otherwise indicated, percentages shown here are based on the total survey sample of 400 interviews.

Q.1: In general, how would you rate the schools in Topeka - very good, good, only fair, or poor?

Very good	26%
Good	54
Only fair	16
Poor	3
No opinion	1

Q.1a: (Asked of those saying "only fair" or "poor" on Q.1) In what ways should the schools be improved? What else could they do?

	Percent asked (19%)
Criticize teachers, administrators, favor a teacher review program, they should fire the deadwood, etc.	7%
Improve the curriculum, go back to the basics, stress reading, math, science, etc.	5
Better discipline, crack down on drugs and alcohol, schools are too lenient, etc.	4
Higher academic standards, stiff requirements for graduation, students pass too easily, etc.	3
Higher pay for teachers, merit pay for better teachers, etc.	2
More individual attention, help for slow learners, programs for bright students, etc.	2
Smaller classes, smaller buildings, etc.	2
Changes in school hours or school year	1
Better communication between schools and parents, more parental involvement in education	1
Miscellaneous other answers	2
Don't know, no suggestions	1

Q.2: Is it your impression that some schools in Topeka are better than others, or are they all about the same?

Some are better than others	58%
All are about the same	29
No opinion	13

Q.2a: (Asked of those who say "some are better than others" on Q.2) Which schools do you feel are better?

	Percent asked (58%)
Topeka West High School	23%
Topeka High School	7
Highland Park High School	5
Other high schools - Shawnee Heights, Hayden, Seaman, etc.	9
Jardine Middle School	4
French Middle School	3
Robinson Middle School	2
Landon Middle School	2
Chase Middle School or Eisenhower Middle School	1
District #501 elementary schools that had less than 11% minority enroll- ment in 1983**	14
District #501 elementary schools that had from 11% to 41% minority enroll- ment in 1983**	9
District #501 elementary schools that had more than 41% minority enroll- ment in 1983**	1
Schools on the west side of town, the ones here in the southwest, etc. (do not name specific schools)	5
Parochial schools	1
Miscellaneous other answers	5
Don't know, no opinion	4

**Schools are listed at the top of the following page.

Information on the minority enrollment in Topeka schools is drawn from a report dated September 15, 1983, that was compiled by Gerald A. Miller, Director of Demographic Services - USD 501 - Topeka Public Schools.

Elementary schools with less than 11% minority enrollment in 1983 include Bishop, Crestview, Gage, McCarter, McClure, McEachron, Potwin and Whitson.

Elementary schools with from 11% to 41% minority enrollment in 1983 include Avondale East, Avondale West, Highland Park Central, Highland Park South, Linn, Lowman Hill, Lundgren, Quincy, Randolph, Shaner, State Street, Stout and Sumner.

Elementary schools with more than 41% minority enrollment in 1983 include Belvoir, Highland Park North, Hudson, Lafayette and Quinton Heights.

Q.2b: (Asked of all naming specific schools as "better than others" on Q.2a)
Why is that?

	Percent asked (54%)
Better teachers, administrators, staff, a good principal, teachers who really care, etc.	21%
Better curriculum, teaching materials, courses, audio-visual equipment, books, variety of subjects taught, etc.	9
Better students or neighborhood, a better part of town, smarter kids, etc.	9
More personal attention to students, individualized instruction, help for poor students, programs for gifted students, etc.	8
Size of school, quality of building, newer and more modern building, clean, nice playground, a swimming pool, not crowded, etc.	7
Reputation, hearsay, awards, experience, people say it's the best, Merit Scholarships, high scores on achievement tests, our son says it is the best school in town, etc.	6
Parent-school relations, they get the parents involved, let parents know what is going on, have programs for the whole family, etc.	5
Higher standards, stiff requirements for graduation, they make kids study harder, etc.	3
Ethnic or racial reasons, not many blacks, no race riots or fights, less racial tension	3
Miscellaneous other reasons	6
Don't know why, vague answers	5

Q.2c: (Asked of those who say "some are better than others" on Q.2) Which schools would you rate as the poorest?

	Percent asked	(58%)
Topeka High School		9%
Highland Park High School		9
Robinson Middle School		1
Belvoir Elementary School		3
Highland Park North Elementary		2
Lafayette Elementary		2
Avondale East Elementary		2
Other specific elementary schools		4
Nonspecific references to the east, north or northeast areas of the city, or to the downtown or inner city area		6
Miscellaneous other answers		4
Don't know, not certain, none are really poor, etc.		28

Q.2d: (Asked of all naming specific schools as "the poorest" on Q.2c) Why is that?

	Percent asked (30%)
Poor teachers, administrators, staff, the best teachers won't go there, the principal is an idiot, the teachers don't seem to care, etc.	9%
Poor discipline, crime, drugs and alcohol, vandalism, the students are out of hand, etc.	9
Quality of students or neighborhood, it's not a very nice part of town, they don't get the best class of students, etc.	7
Building or facilities, too large, overcrowded, the building is old and ugly, poor furnishings and equipment, etc.	4
Curriculum or teaching materials, they don't offer much in the way of science or math, etc.	3
Ethnic or racial reasons, too many blacks, too much racial tension, fights between blacks and whites, etc.	3
Reputation, hearsay, experience, our son went there one year and said it was terrible, most people say it's not a good school, etc.	3
Lack of parental involvement, no parental support for education, etc.	2
Lower standards, low requirements for graduation, they let kids slide by, etc.	1
Miscellaneous other reasons	2
Don't know why, no reason, vague answers	3

Q.3: Which high school in Topeka, if any, has the best qualified or most experienced teachers?

Topeka West	28%
Topeka High	11
Highland Park	5
Shawnee Heights	3
Hayden	2
Seaman	1
Washburn rural	1
All are about equal	11
Don't know	43

Q.4: Which junior high or middle schools, if any, have the best qualified or most experienced teachers?

French	10%
Landon	9
Jardine	8
Robinson	6
Chase	4
Eisenhower	3
Other schools, not District #501	4
All are about equal	9
Don't know	56

Q.5: Do you think all of Topeka's elementary schools have equally qualified teachers, or do you think some elementary schools have better teachers than others?

All have equally qualified teachers	38%
Some have better teachers than others	37
Don't know	25

Q.5a: (Asked of those who say "some have better teachers than others" on Q.5) Which elementary schools do you think of as having especially good teachers?

	Percent asked	(37%)
Bishop		6%
Randolph		4
Gage		3
Whitson		3
McEachron		2
McCarter		2
Potwin		2
Avondale West		2
Highland Park South		2
Quinton Heights		1
Stout		1
Highland Park Central		1
Lafayette		1
Lundgren		1
McClure		1
Shaner		1
State Street		1
Sumner		1
Miscellaneous District #501 schools named by no more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% each		2
Schools not part of District #501		3
Don't know, not certain		11

Q.6: Which high school has the most modern facilities, thinking of such things as libraries, recreational facilities, computers and so forth?

Topeka West	49%
Topeka High	8
Highland Park	6
Shawnee Heights	5
Seaman	2
Washburn rural	1
Hayden	1
Capital City	*
None, all are about equal	5
Don't know, no opinion	29

Q.7: Which high school has the poorest facilities?

Highland Park	22%
Topeka High	18
Topeka West	1
Shawnee Heights, Washburn rural, Seaman or Hayden	1
None, all are about equal	6
Don't know, no opinion	55

Q.8: Which middle schools have the most modern, up-to-date facilities?

French	18%
Chase	11
Robinson	10
Jardine	8
Landon	7
Eisenhower	3
Shawnee Heights	2
Seaman	*
Miscellaneous others	1
None, all are about equal	3
Don't know, vague answers	48

*Less than $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 percent.

Q.9: Which middle schools have the poorest facilities?

Eisenhower	7%
Robinson	3
Jardine	3
Chase	2
French	*
Landon	*
Miscellaneous other answers	2
None, all are about equal	4
Don't know, vague answers	80

Q.10: Do you think all of Topeka's elementary schools have comparable buildings and facilities, or do you think some have more modern and up-to-date facilities than others?

All are comparable	31%
Some have more modern and up-to-date facilities than others	61
Don't know, no opinion	8

*Less than $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 percent.

Q.10a: (Asked of those who say some elementary schools have more modern and up-to-date facilities than others on Q.10) Which elementary schools do you think of as having especially good facilities?

	Percent asked	(61%)
Bishop		11%
McEachron		4
Whitson		4
Highland Park Central		3
Highland Park South		3
McCarter		3
McClure		3
Avondale West		2
Quinton Heights		1
Randolph		1
Stout		1
Gage		1
Quincy		1
Crestview		1
Miscellaneous District #501 schools, each named by no more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1%		2
Nonspecific references to schools in the west or southwest areas of the city		4
New schools, schools in newer areas of the city, etc.		2
Public schools not in District #501		3
Parochial schools		2
Don't know, not certain		22

Q.10b: (Asked of those who say some elementary schools have more modern and up-to-date facilities than others on Q.10) Which elementary schools do you think of as having poor facilities?

	Percent asked	(61%)
Lafayette		6%
Sumner		4
Belvoir		3
Gage		3
Highland Park North		3
Highland Park Central		2
Randolph		2
Hudson		2
State Street		2
Highland Park South		1
Quincy		1
Avondale East		1
McEachron		1
Stout		1
Miscellaneous District #501 schools, each named by no more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1%		3
Nonspecific references to schools in the east, northeast, or downtown or inner city areas		6
Older schools, schools in the older parts of town, etc.		1
Public schools not in District #501		*
Parochial schools		1
None are really poor		1
Don't know, not certain		31

*Less than $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 percent.

Q.11: Which high school seems to do the best job of preparing students for college?

Topeka West	39%
Topeka High	13
Highland Park	5
Shawnee Heights	5
Hayden	4
Washburn rural	2
Seaman	2
Capital City	*
Miscellaneous other answers	*
All are about equal	8
None of them does a good job	1
Don't know, not certain	29

Q.12: Please tell me whether or not you are familiar with each of the following schools.

NOTE: List of schools was read aloud in a rotating sequence. Each school was mentioned first in approximately 8 percent of the interviews. Schools are listed below in descending order according to the proportions saying they are familiar with them.

Topeka West High School	83%
Highland Park High School	75
French Middle School	53
Landon Middle School	50
Quinton Heights Elementary	49
Eisenhower Middle School	46
Gage Elementary	45
Whitson Elementary	40
Crestview Elementary	37
McCarter Elementary	35
Highland Park North Elementary	34
Lafayette Elementary	33
Belvoir Elementary	25

*Less than $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 percent.

Q.13: (Regarding each school respondents say they are familiar with on Q.12) Considering the quality of teachers and facilities and the overall job the school does in educating children, please rate (name of school) as excellent, good, only fair or poor.

NOTE: Percentages are based on all 400 respondents in the first table, and on just those familiar with these schools in the second table.

	Excel- lent	Good	Only Fair	Poor	Don't Know	Not Familiar
	(Percentages read across)					
Topeka West High School	34%	38	4	2	5	17
Highland Park High School	8%	35	20	4	8	25
French Middle School	15%	29	2	1	6	47
Landon Middle School	10%	29	4	*	7	50
Quinton Heights Elementary	2%	29	9	*	9	51
Eisenhower Middle School	5%	23	9	2	7	54
Gage Elementary	8%	24	6	1	6	55
Whitson Elementary	8%	22	4	*	6	60
Crestview Elementary	3%	23	5	-	6	63
McCarter Elementary	6%	21	3	*	5	65
Highland Park North Elementary	1%	14	11	3	5	66
Lafayette Elementary	2%	10	10	5	6	67
Belvoir Elementary	1%	7	7	5	5	75

	Number Familiar	Excel- lent	Only Good Fair	Poor	Don't Know	
	(Percentages read across)					
Topeka West High School	330	41%	46	5	2	6
Highland Park High School	301	11%	46	26	6	11
French Middle School	212	27%	56	5	1	11
Landon Middle School	200	19%	59	8	1	13
Quinton Heights Elementary	196	4%	58	18	1	19
Eisenhower Middle School	183	10%	50	20	4	16
Gage Elementary	181	17%	55	13	2	13
Whitson Elementary	160	20%	56	9	1	14
Crestview Elementary	146	9%	62	14	-	15
McCarter Elementary	140	16%	60	7	1	16
Highland Park North Elementary	137	4%	41	31	9	15
Lafayette Elementary	130	5%	29	32	15	19
Belvoir Elementary	100	3%	30	26	21	20

*Less than $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 percent.

Q.14: If friends of yours were planning to move to Topeka and asked your advice on where to send their children to school, which high school would you recommend first?

Topeka West	52%
Topeka High	23
Highland Park	10
Shawnee Heights	7
Seaman	4
Hayden	3
Washburn rural	3
None	1
No opinion	7

Q.15: Which junior high or middle school would you recommend?

French	24%
Landon	16
Jardine	15
Robinson	9
Eisenhower	8
Chase	8
Shawnee Heights	3
Miscellaneous other answers	5
None	1
No opinion	23

Q.16: Which elementary school would you recommend?

Whitson	10%
Bishop	9
Randolph	7
McCarter	6
Gage	6
McClure	5
McEachron	5
Crestview	4
Avondale West	4
Highland Park South	4
Potwin	3
Quinton Heights	3
State Street	3
Stout	3
Highland Park Central	2
Lafayette	2
Sumner	2
Quincy	1
Miscellaneous District #501 schools, each named by less than 1%	9
Public schools not in District #501	7
Miscellaneous other answers - none, parochial or private schools, men- tion area of the city but not any specific school, all are equal, etc.	3
No opinion	18

Q.17: Are there any schools in Topeka that you think of as black or minority schools?

Yes, there are	63%
No, there are not	33
No opinion	4

Q.17a: (If "yes" on Q.17) Which ones?

	Percent asked (63%)
Highland Park High	29%
Topeka High	19
Lafayette Elementary	18
Belvoir Elementary	12
Highland Park North	10
Eisenhower Middle School	6
Highland Park Central	4
Highland Park South	4
Chase Middle School	2
Lowman Hill Elementary	2
Quinton Heights Elementary	2
Sumner Elementary	2
Hudson Elementary	2
Robinson Middle School	1
Linn Elementary	1
Miscellaneous District #501 schools, each named by no more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1%	2
Schools not in District #501	2
The east side, northeast area of the city, downtown, the inner city, etc.	5
Don't know, not certain	2

Q.18: Are there any schools in Topeka that you think of as white schools?

Yes, there are	61%
No, there are not	36
No opinion	3

Q.18a: (If "yes" on Q.18) Which ones?

	Percent asked (61%)
Topeka West High	44%
Landon Middle School	12
French Middle School	11
Jardine Middle School	6
Bishop Elementary	5
Gage Elementary	5
McCarter Elementary	5
Whitson Elementary	5
McClure Elementary	4
McEachron Elementary	3
Randolph Elementary	3
Crestview Elementary	2
Avondale West Elementary	2
Potwin Elementary	1
Stout Elementary	1
Miscellaneous District #501 schools, each named by no more than ½ of 1%	3
Schools not in District #501	10
The western part of town, the south- west area, etc.	6
Don't know, not certain	1

Q.19: (Regarding each school respondents say they are familiar with on Q.12)
Do you think of (name of school) as mainly a white school, a black or
minority school, or a racially balanced school?

NOTE: Percentages are based on all 400 respondents in the first table, and
on just those familiar with these schools in the second table.

	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Bal- anced</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Not Familiar</u>
	(Percentages read across)				
Topeka West High School	59%	1	19	4	17
Highland Park High School	-	29%	43	3	25
French Middle School	36%	1	9	7	47
Landon Middle School	34%	1	10	5	50
Quinton Heights Elementary	7%	5	30	7	51
Eisenhower Middle School	3%	9	25	9	54
Gage Elementary	19%	*	21	5	55
Whitson Elementary	23%	1	9	7	60
Crestview Elementary	17%	1	12	7	63
McCarter Elementary	19%	-	10	6	65
Highland Park North Elementary	2%	13	16	3	66
Lafayette Elementary	1%	17	11	4	67
Belvoir Elementary	1%	15	5	4	75

	<u>Number Familiar</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Bal- anced</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
	(Percentages read across)				
Topeka West High School	330	72%	1	22	5
Highland Park High School	301	-	39%	56	5
French Middle School	212	68%	2	17	13
Landon Middle School	200	68%	1	21	10
Quinton Heights Elementary	196	14%	10	62	14
Eisenhower Middle School	183	7%	20	53	20
Gage Elementary	181	42%	1	47	10
Whitson Elementary	160	58%	2	23	17
Crestview Elementary	146	47%	3	33	17
McCarter Elementary	140	54%	-	28	18
Highland Park North Elementary	137	5%	37	49	9
Lafayette Elementary	130	2%	50	34	14
Belvoir Elementary	100	4%	62	19	15

*Less than $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 percent.

- Q.20: Do you have any children in elementary school?
- | | |
|---|-----|
| Yes, have children in elementary school | 43% |
| No, do not | 57 |
- Q.21: Do you have any children in junior high or middle school?
- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Yes, have children in middle school | 18% |
| No, do not | 82 |
- Q.22: Do you have any children in high school?
- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Yes, have children in high school | 30% |
| No, do not | 70 |
- Q.23: Do you live east or west of Topeka Avenue?
- | | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| East of Topeka Avenue | 31% |
| West of Topeka Avenue | 69 |
- Q.24: What is the highest grade you had the opportunity to complete in school?
- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Less than complete high school | 7% |
| High school graduate | 39 |
| Some college but less than four years | 28 |
| Four or more years of college | 26 |
| Refused | * |
- Q.25: What is the occupation of the main wage earner in your family?
- | | |
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| Professional, technical and managerial | 39% |
| Sales and clerical | 23 |
| Skilled labor and craftsmen | 4 |
| Semiskilled and industrial labor | 20 |
| Unskilled labor | 2 |
| Service and domestic workers | 3 |
| Retired or widows | 3 |
| Military, students or unemployed | 5 |
| Refused | 1 |

*Less than $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 percent.

Q.26: Is your total family income before taxes less than \$15,000 per year, between \$15,000 and \$30,000, or more than \$30,000?

Less than \$15,000	18%
\$15,000 to \$30,000	37
More than \$30,000	39
Refused, or don't know	6

Q.27: This question is to assure that we have talked to a broad mix of people in the community. Could you please tell me if you are black, white, or Hispanic?

White	87%
Black	8
Hispanic	3
Other - American Indian or Oriental	2

DISCUSSION OF SURVEY FINDINGS

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Racial Identification
of Topeka Public Schools
(Q.17, 17a, 18 & 18a)

Well over three-fifths of the survey respondents (63%) say there are schools in Topeka that they think of as black or minority schools, and almost that many (61%) say there are some that they think of as white.

Questions 17a and 18a asked respondents which Topeka schools they think of as black or white and, with few exceptions, their perceptions are very accurate. All of the schools named as "black or minority" by 1 percent or more of the respondents had a 1983 minority enrollment that exceeded the district average of 26 percent. All of the schools named as "white" by 1 percent or more had a minority enrollment below this figure.⁽¹⁾

To some extent, the proportions mentioning different schools are a reflection of the size of the schools. For example, Highland Park High and Topeka High are named most often as black schools, while Topeka West is the school named most often as a white school. These three schools do not have the highest or lowest percentages of minority enrollment, but they are the largest schools in the city and more people are aware of them than they are of any single middle school or elementary school.

Replies to these questions are shown on the following pages with the actual 1983 percentages of minority enrollment for the schools named.

(1) All of the enrollment figures used in this volume are drawn from a report compiled by Gerald A. Miller, Director of Demographic Services for District #501, the Topeka Public Schools. The report is dated September 15, 1983, and reflects enrollment at that time. Percentages have been rounded in this report to facilitate comparisons.

Q.17: Are there any schools in Topeka that you think of as black or minority schools?

Yes, there are	63%
No, there are not	33
No opinion	4

Q.17a: (If "yes" on Q.17) Which ones?

	<u>Survey Responses</u> (63%)	<u>1983 Percent Minority Enrollment</u>
Percent asked		
Highland Park High	29%	40%
Topeka High	19	32%
Lafayette Elementary	18	56%
Belvoir Elementary	12	60%
Highland Park North Elementary	10	62%
Eisenhower Middle School	6	42%
Highland Park Central	4	29%
Highland Park South	4	28%
Chase Middle School	2	33%
Lowman Hill Elementary	2	40%
Quinton Heights Elementary	2	55%
Sumner Elementary	2	33%
Hudson Elementary	2	46%
Robinson Middle School	1	29%
Linn Elementary	1	31%
Miscellaneous District #501 schools, each named by no more than ½ of 1%	2	
Schools not in District #501	2	
The east side, northeast area of the city, downtown, the inner city, etc.	5	
Don't know, not certain	2	

Q.18: Are there any schools in Topeka that you think of as white schools?

Yes, there are	61%
No, there are not	36
No opinion	3

Q.18a: (If "yes" on Q.18) Which ones?

	Survey Responses (61%)	1983 Percent Minority Enrollment
Percent asked		
Topeka West High	44%	7%
Landon Middle School	12	6%
French Middle School	11	6%
Jardine Middle School	6	14%
Bishop Elementary	5	10%
Gage Elementary	5	8%
McCarter Elementary	5	7%
Whitson Elementary	5	9%
McClure Elementary	4	5%
McEachron Elementary	3	9%
Randolph Elementary	3	15%
Crestview Elementary	2	5%
Avondale West Elementary	2	19%
Potwin Elementary	1	4%
Stout Elementary	1	25%
Miscellaneous District #501 schools, each named by no more than 1/2 of 1%	3	
Schools not in District #501	10	
The western part of the city, the southwest area, etc.	6	
Don't know, not certain	1	

As shown on the preceding pages, some Topeka residents say they think of certain schools as mainly black or mainly white that are actually very close to the district average minority enrollment of 26 percent, such as Highland Park Central, Highland Park South, Robinson Middle School and Stout Elementary. The two Highland Park schools are regarded as "mainly black," we suspect, because some people associate them with Highland Park North which has the highest percentage of minority enrollment in the city.

Taken together, these answers which might be regarded as "mis-perceptions" of the enrollment of a few schools are not very significant. Most of the answers are surprisingly accurate. Topeka residents clearly do recognize which schools in the community have a large enrollment of students in ethnic minority groups, and which do not.

It should be pointed out that questions relating to racial or ethnic enrollment in the schools were not asked until late in each interview in order not to influence or bias answers to questions asking people to evaluate the schools in Topeka, the teachers, the buildings, etc.

Familiarity with Selected Schools
(Q.12)

Several survey questions were asked specifically in regard to a selection of Topeka schools - two high schools, three middle schools and eight elementary schools. Question 12 asked whether respondents are familiar with each of the schools. The proportions saying they are familiar with the various schools seem to relate to three factors.

1. The larger the school, the better known it is. More people say they are familiar with the high schools listed than with any of the middle schools or elementary schools.
2. The location of the school can be important. More people say they are familiar with Quinton Heights than with any of the other elementary schools. This presumably is the result of the school's very visible location on Topeka Avenue.
3. The racial makeup of the school's enrollment also appears to be important. With the exceptions noted above, the best known or most familiar schools are generally those with the smallest percentage of minority students.

Q.12: Please tell me whether or not you are familiar with each of the following schools.

High Schools

Topeka West	83%
Highland Park#	75

Middle Schools

French	53
Landon	50
Eisenhower#	46

Elementary Schools

Quinton Heights#	49
Gage	45
Whitson	40
Crestview	37
McCarter	35
Highland Park North#	34
Lafayette#	33
Belvoir#	25

#Schools with 1983 minority enrollments of 40% or more.

Predictably, answers to Question 12 differ somewhat depending on whether respondents live to the west or to the east of Topeka Avenue.

Q.12: Please tell me whether or not you are familiar with each of the following schools.

Number of respondents	Residence:	
	<u>East of Topeka Ave.</u> (125)	<u>West of Topeka Ave.</u> (275)
Topeka West High School	70%	88%
Highland Park High School	88	69
French Middle School	33	62
Landon Middle School	38	56
Quinton Heights Elementary	46	51
Eisenhower Middle School	59	40
Gage Elementary	30	52
Whitson Elementary	19	49
Crestview Elementary	23	43
McCarter Elementary	20	42
Highland Park North Elementary	47	28
Lafayette Elementary	40	29
Belvoir Elementary	31	22

When compared with respondents who live to the west of Topeka Avenue, those living in the eastern part of the city are relatively more familiar with Highland Park High School, Eisenhower Middle School, and Highland Park North, Lafayette and Belvoir elementary schools. All of these are schools that had minority enrollments of 40 percent or more in 1983.

Perceived Racial Balance
of Selected Schools
(Q.19)

As shown below, sizable majorities say a number of the schools listed in these questions are "mainly white." A few of the schools are said to be "mainly black or minority."

Q.19: (Regarding each school respondents say they are familiar with on Q.12) Do you think of (name of school) as mainly a white school, a black or minority school, or a racially balanced school?

	Number <u>Familiar</u>	<u>White</u> (Percentages	<u>Black</u> read across)	Bal- <u>anced</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>	1983 Percent Minority <u>Enrollment</u>
Topeka West High School	330	72%	1	22	5	7%
French Middle School	212	68%	2	17	13	6%
Landon Middle School	200	68%	1	21	10	6%
Whitson Elementary	160	58%	2	23	17	9%
McCarter Elementary	140	54%	-	28	18	7%
Crestview Elementary	146	47%	3	33	17	5%
Gage Elementary	181	42%	1	47	10	8%
Quinton Heights Elementary	196	14%	10	62	14	55%
Eisenhower Middle School	183	7%	20	53	20	42%
Highland Park North Elementary	137	5%	37	49	9	62%
Belvoir Elementary	100	4%	62	19	15	60%
Lafayette Elementary	130	2%	50	34	14	56%
Highland Park High School	301	-	39%	56	5	40%

There are only two instances where a majority say a school is a black or minority school - Belvoir Elementary and Lafayette Elementary - while there are five that are designated as white schools by majorities. This could mean that some respondents are reluctant to "stigmatize" schools as "black schools."

Considering that both Quinton Heights and Highland Park North have more than 50 percent minority enrollment, it is somewhat surprising to find that a great many Topekans describe these schools as racially balanced. This may relate to such factors as the kind of area or neighborhood in which the schools are situated, the number of years in which minority students have made up a majority of their enrollments, or other factors.

Rating of Selected Schools
(Q.13)

Before respondents were asked about the racial balance of these schools, they were asked to rate them - as shown below.

Q.13: (Regarding each school respondents say they are familiar with on Q.12) Considering the quality of teachers and facilities and the overall job the school does in educating children, please rate (name of school) as excellent, good, only fair or poor.

	<u>Number Familiar</u>	<u>Excellent or Good</u>	<u>Only Fair or Poor</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
	(Percentages read across)			
Topeka West High School	330	87%	7	6
French Middle School	212	83%	6	11
Landon Middle School	200	78%	9	13
McCarter Elementary	140	76%	8	16
Whitson Elementary	160	76%	10	14
Gage Elementary	181	72%	15	13
Crestview Elementary	146	71%	14	15
Quinton Heights Elementary	196	62%	19	19
Eisenhower Middle School	183	60%	24	16
Highland Park High School	301	57%	32	11
Highland Park North Elementary	137	45%	40	15
Lafayette Elementary	130	34%	47	19
Belvoir Elementary	100	33%	47	20

The following table compares three figures for each of the 13 schools listed in these questions. The first shows the proportion of those familiar with the schools who rate them as excellent or good. The second is the proportion saying these schools are mainly white. The third is the actual percentage of minority enrollment in these schools as of September, 1983.

	Q.13 Rate Excellent or Good	Q.19 Mainly White	1983 Percent Minority Enrollment
	%	%	%
Topeka West High School	87	72	7
French Middle School	83	68	6
Landon Middle School	78	68	6
McCarter Elementary	76	54	7
Whitson Elementary	76	58	9
Gage Elementary	72	42	8
Crestview Elementary	71	47	5
Quinton Heights Elementary	62	14	55
Eisenhower Middle School	60	7	42
Highland Park High School	57	-	40
Highland Park North Elementary	45	5	62
Lafayette Elementary	34	2	56
Belvoir Elementary	33	4	60

It seems fairly obvious from these comparisons that most residents of Topeka are aware of differences in the racial or ethnic balance of schools, their perceptions on this point are usually correct, and they tend to believe that the best schooling is offered by predominantly white schools.

Opinions about Topeka Schools in General
(Q.1 & 1a)

Topekans generally give their schools high marks. Four-fifths rate the schools as "very good" (26%) or at least "good" (54%) while 16 percent rate them as "only fair" and just 3 percent say the schools in the community are "poor."

Those who are critical of the schools call for improvements in the teaching or administrative staff (7%), curriculum (5%), discipline of students (4%), academic standards (3%), pay for teachers (2%), etc.

People who live to the west of Topeka Avenue are somewhat more satisfied with the city's schools than are those living to the east, as shown in comparisons on the following page.

Q.1: In general, how would you rate the schools in Topeka - very good, good, only fair, or poor?

Number of respondents	Residence:	
	East of Topeka Ave. (125)	West of Topeka Ave. (275)
Very good	19%	29%
Good	56	53
Only fair	18	15
Poor	6	2
No opinion	1	1

Q.1a: (Asked of those saying "only fair" or "poor" on Q.1) In what ways should the schools be improved? What else could they do?

	Percent asked (24%)	(17%)
Criticize teachers, administrators, fire the deadwood, etc.	10%	6%
Improve the curriculum, go back to the basics, stress reading and math	3	5
Better discipline, crack down on drugs and alcohol, etc.	7	3
Higher academic standards, students pass too easily, etc.	2	3
Higher pay for teachers, merit pay for the best teachers, etc.	3	2
More individual attention, help for slow or gifted students, etc.	1	3
Smaller classes, smaller buildings	2	2
Changes in school hours or year	2	1
Better communication between schools and parents	1	1
Miscellaneous other answers	2	1
Don't know, no suggestions	-	1

Which Schools are Better or Poorer
(Q.2, 2a, 2b, 2c & 2d)

By a 2 to 1 margin (58% to 29%), survey respondents agree that some Topeka schools are better than others. When asked which schools they feel are better, they name a great many different schools. In fact, most of the schools in the district are regarded by someone as the best schools. On the whole, however, there are far more references to schools that have only a small percentage of minority students than to schools with large minority enrollments.

As is found in reply to many questions, respondents are more apt to name high schools (which are fairly large) than junior high or middle schools or elementary schools. The references to high schools given in answer to Question 2a are shown below.

Q.2a: (Asked of those who say "some are better than others" on Q.2) Which schools do you feel are better?

	<u>Survey Responses</u> (58%)	<u>1983 Percent Minority Enrollment</u>
Percent asked		
Topeka West High School	23%	7%
Topeka High School	7	32%
Highland Park High School	5	40%
Other high schools - Shawnee Heights, Hayden, Seaman, etc.	9	

As pointed out in the Introduction, people were not interviewed if they mentioned to interviewers that they live outside of District #501, but they were not specifically asked where they live so there are almost certainly some respondents who live in Shawnee Heights or other areas outside of the district.

Only a few respondents name middle schools or junior high schools in reply to Question 2a.

Q.2a: (Asked of those who say "some are better than others" on Q.2) Which schools do you feel are better?

	Survey <u>Responses</u> (58%)	1983 Percent Minority <u>Enrollment</u>
Percent asked		
Jardine Middle School	4%	14%
French Middle School	3	6%
Robinson Middle School	2	29%
Landon Middle School	2	6%
Chase Middle School	1	33%
Eisenhower Middle School	*	42%

*Less than $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 percent.

If 2 percent out of 400 respondents give an answer (such as the 2 percent mentioning the Robinson or Landon schools in answer to Q.2a), the possible sampling error is more than a percentage point. For this reason, there is virtually no significant difference between 1, 2 or 3 percent in the preceding table.

Respondents mention a great many different elementary schools in answering Question 2a. Most commonly, they mention schools with very low minority enrollments such as Bishop, Crestview, Gage, McCarter, McClure, McEachron, Potwin and Whitson. These schools are named by a total of 14 percent as "better than others." Only 1 percent mention elementary schools with large minority enrollments including Belvoir, Highland Park North, Hudson, Lafayette or Quinton Heights.

A number of respondents express no opinions when asked which of the Topeka schools are "poorest," including some who say that, although some schools are "better than others," none are "poor."

Q.2c: (Asked of those who say "some are better than others" on Q.2) Which schools would you rate as the poorest?

	Survey <u>Responses</u> (58%)	1983 Percent Minority <u>Enrollment</u>
Percent asked		
Topeka High School	9%	32%
Highland Park High School	9	40%
Belvoir Elementary School	3	60%
Highland Park North Elementary	2	62%
Lafayette Elementary	2	56%
Avondale East Elementary	2	37%
Robinson Middle School	1	29%
Other specific elementary schools	4	
Nonspecific references to the east, north or northeast areas of the city, or to the downtown or inner city area	6	
Miscellaneous other answers	4	
Don't know, not certain, none are really poor, etc.	28	

In explaining their opinions that certain schools are better or poorer than others, respondents refer to such things as the quality of teachers and administrators, the curriculum and teaching materials, the students themselves or the neighborhood they come from, the discipline in the school, the building or facilities, etc.

Answers to these questions differ somewhat depending on whether respondents live to the east or west of Topeka Avenue, as shown in comparisons on the following pages.

Q.2: Is it your impression that some schools in Topeka are better than others, or are they all about the same?

Number of respondents	Residence:	
	East of Topeka Ave. (125)	West of Topeka Ave. (275)
Some are better than others	54%	59%
All are about the same	35	27
No opinion	11	14

Q.2a: (Asked of those who say "some are better than others" on Q.2) Which schools do you feel are better?

	Percent asked (54%)	(59%)
Topeka West High School	18%	25%
Topeka High School	7	7
Highland Park High School	10	2
Other high schools - Shawnee Heights, Hayden, Seaman, etc.	11	8
Jardine Middle School	1	5
French Middle School	1	3
Robinson Middle School	2	3
Landon Middle School	2	2
Chase Middle School	1	*
Eisenhower Middle School	2	-
District #501 elementary schools that had less than 11% minority enroll- ment in 1983	3	19
District #501 elementary schools that had from 11% to 41% minority enroll- ment in 1983	7	10
District #501 elementary schools that had more than 41% minority enroll- ment in 1983	2	1
Schools on the west side of town, the ones here in the southwest, etc. (do not name specific schools)	6	5
Parochial schools	-	1
Miscellaneous other answers	5	5
Don't know, no opinion	3	4

*Less than ½ of 1 percent.

Q.2b: (Asked of all naming specific schools as "better than others" on Q.2a)
Why is that?

	Residence:	
	East of Topeka Ave. (125)	West of Topeka Ave. (275)
Number of respondents		
Percent asked	(50%)	(55%)
Better teachers, administrators, they have teachers who really care, etc.	11%	25%
Better curriculum, teaching materials, courses, books, etc.	8	9
Better students or neighborhood	9	8
More personal attention, help for slow or fast students, etc.	6	8
Size of school, quality of building, newer and more modern, etc.	8	7
Reputation, hearsay, awards, exper- ience, etc.	8	5
Parent-school relations	4	5
Higher standards, graduation require- ments, they make kids study, etc.	2	3
Ethnic or racial reasons, fewer black students, less racial tension, etc.	3	2
Miscellaneous other reasons	6	6
Don't know why, vague answers	4	6

Q.2c: (Asked of those who say "some are better than others" on Q.2) Which
schools would you rate as the poorest?

	Percent asked (54%)	(59%)
Topeka High School	11%	7%
Highland Park High School	7	9
Belvoir Elementary School	6	1
Highland Park North Elementary	3	2
Lafayette Elementary	2	1
Avondale East Elementary	2	1
Robinson Middle School	-	2
Other specific elementary schools	4	4
Nonspecific references to the east or inner city areas of town	6	6
Miscellaneous other answers	4	4
Don't know, not certain, none are really poor, etc.	22	30

Q.2d: (Asked of all naming specific schools as "the poorest" on Q.2c) Why is that?

	<u>Residence:</u>	
	<u>East of Topeka Ave.</u>	<u>West of Topeka Ave.</u>
Number of respondents	(125)	(275)
Percent asked	(32%)	(29%)
Poor teachers, administrators, etc.	8%	9%
Discipline problems, crime, drugs, alcohol, vandalism, etc.	10	8
Quality of students or neighborhood	7	7
Building or facilities, overcrowded, old and ugly building, etc.	6	3
Curriculum or teaching materials, not much variety in courses, etc.	4	3
Ethnic or racial reasons, racial ten- sion, etc.	2	3
Reputation, hearsay, experience, etc.	2	3
Lack of parental involvement	2	2
Lower academic standards, they let kids pass too easily, etc.	1	1
Miscellaneous other reasons	2	1
Don't know why, no reason, nonspecific	3	3

Comparisons of High Schools
(Q.3, 6, 7, 11 & 14)

Of the three District #501 high schools, Topeka West is consistently rated the most favorably and Highland Park the least favorably. This parallels the 1983 minority enrollment figures of 7 percent for Topeka West, 32 percent for Topeka High and 40 percent for Highland Park.

- Q.3: Which high school in Topeka, if any, has the best qualified or most experienced teachers?
- Q.6: Which high school has the most modern facilities, thinking of such things as libraries, recreational facilities, computers and so forth?
- Q.11: Which high school seems to do the best job of preparing students for college?
- Q.14: If friends of yours were planning to move to Topeka and asked your advice on where to send their children to school, which high school would you recommend first?

	<u>Q.3</u>	<u>Q.6</u>	<u>Q.11</u>	<u>Q.14</u>
Topeka West	28%	49%	39%	52%
Topeka High	11	8	13	23
Highland Park	5	6	5	10
Shawnee Heights	3	5	5	7
Hayden	2	1	4	3
Seaman	1	2	2	4
Washburn rural	1	1	2	3
Other answers	-	*	*	-
All, none, or all are equal	11	5	9	1
Don't know	43	29	29	7

*Less than $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 percent.

Adding together those mentioning Topeka High or Highland Park on these questions, Topeka West leads the other two combined by margins of from 1.6 to 1 on Question 14 up to 3.5 to 1 on Question 6.

Question 7 asked, "Which high school has the poorest facilities?" Quite a few respondents name Highland Park (22%) or Topeka High (18%) but only 1 percent mention Topeka West. More than half express no opinions in reply to this question.

Comparisons of Middle Schools
(Q.4, 8, 9 & 15)

Respondents are more likely to express no opinions when asked about middle schools than they are when asked about high schools. Again, replies about middle schools appear to be related to minority enrollment except that Chase and Robinson are named a little more often than Jardine or Landon for having the most modern facilities.

Q.4: Which junior high or middle schools, if any, have the best qualified or most experienced teachers?

Q.8: Which middle schools have the most modern, up-to-date facilities?

Q.15: Which junior high or middle school would you recommend?

	<u>Q.4</u>	<u>Q.8</u>	<u>Q.15</u>	<u>1983 Percent Minority Enrollment</u>
French	10%	18%	24%	6%
Landon	9	7	16	6%
Jardine	8	8	15	14%
Robinson	6	10	9	29%
Chase	4	11	8	33%
Eisenhower	3	3	8	42%
Others, not District #501	4	3	8	
All, none, or all are equal	9	3	1	
Don't know	56	48	23	

Question 9 asked, "Which middle schools have the poorest facilities?" In reply, 7 percent mention Eisenhower Middle School, while other schools are named by extremely small proportions of 3 percent or fewer. Most people (80%) express no opinions on this point.

Comparisons of Elementary Schools
(Q.5, 5a, 10, 10a, 10b & 16)

Most Topeka respondents say that some elementary schools have more modern and up-to-date facilities than others, but fewer than 2 out of 5 say some have better teachers than others.

Q.5: Do you think all of Topeka's elementary schools have equally qualified teachers, or do you think some elementary schools have better teachers than others?

Q.10: Do you think all of Topeka's elementary schools have comparable buildings and facilities, or do you think some have more modern and up-to-date facilities than others?

	<u>Q.5</u>	<u>Q.10</u>
All are about equal	38%	31%
Some are better than others	37	61
No opinion	25	8

Questions 5a and 10a asked, in effect, which elementary schools in Topeka have the best teachers or the best facilities, while Question 16 asked which elementary school respondents would recommend to friends who were moving to Topeka. The city has a large number of elementary schools so it is not surprising that the proportions naming any one school tend to be quite small. Nevertheless, it is apparent that most people are favorably referring to schools that had 1983 minority enrollments below the district-wide average which was 26 percent.

Answers about the different elementary schools do not precisely parallel minority enrollment percentages, as shown on the following page. School size, how new the school buildings are, school location and other factors undoubtedly influence these replies.

Q.5a: (Asked of those who say "some have better teachers than others" on Q.5) Which elementary schools do you think of as having especially good teachers?

Q.10a: (Asked of those who say some elementary schools have more modern and up-to-date facilities than others on Q.10) Which elementary schools do you think of as having especially good facilities?

Q.16: Which elementary school would you recommend?

		Q.5a	Q.10a	Q.16	1983 Percent Minority Enrollment
	Percent asked	(37%)	(61%)	(100%)	
Whitson		3%	4%	10%	9%
Bishop		6	11	9	10%
Randolph		4	1	7	15%
McCarter		2	3	6	7%
Gage		3	1	6	8%
McClure		1	3	5	5%
McEachron		2	4	5	9%
Crestview		*	1	4	5%
Avondale West		2	2	4	19%
Highland Park South		2	3	4	28%
Potwin		2	*	3	4%
Quinton Heights		1	1	3	55%
State Street		1	*	3	25%
Stout		1	1	3	25%
Highland Park Central		1	3	2	29%
Lafayette		1	*	2	56%
Sumner		1	*	2	33%
Quincy		*	1	1	19%
Lundgren		1	*	*	17%
Shaner		1	*	*	20%
Linn		*	*	*	31%
Avondale East		*	*	*	37%
Lowman Hill		*	*	*	40%
Hudson		*	*	*	46%
Belvoir		*	*	*	60%
Highland Park North		*	*	*	62%

*Named by a fraction of 1 percent, or not named in reply to this question. Table omits those expressing no opinions, those naming schools not in the district, etc.

With several exceptions, the schools regarding as having the poorest facilities tend to be those with large enrollments of minority students.

Q.10b: (Asked of those who say some elementary schools have more modern and up-to-date facilities than others on Q.10) Which elementary schools do you think of as having poor facilities?

	Percent asked	Survey Responses (61%)	1983 Percent Minority Enrollment
Lafayette		6%	56%
Sumner		4	33%
Belvoir		3	60%
Gage		3	8%
Highland Park North		3	62%
Highland Park Central		2	29%
Randolph		2	15%
Hudson		2	46%
State Street		2	25%
Highland Park South		1	28%
Quincy		1	19%
Avondale East		1	37%
McEachron		1	9%
Stout		1	25%
Miscellaneous District #501 schools		3	
Public schools not in District #501		1	
Other answers		8	
Don't know		31	

Most of the schools with only a small minority enrollment such as Potwin, McClure, McCarter and Whitson are seldom or never mentioned in reply to this question.