

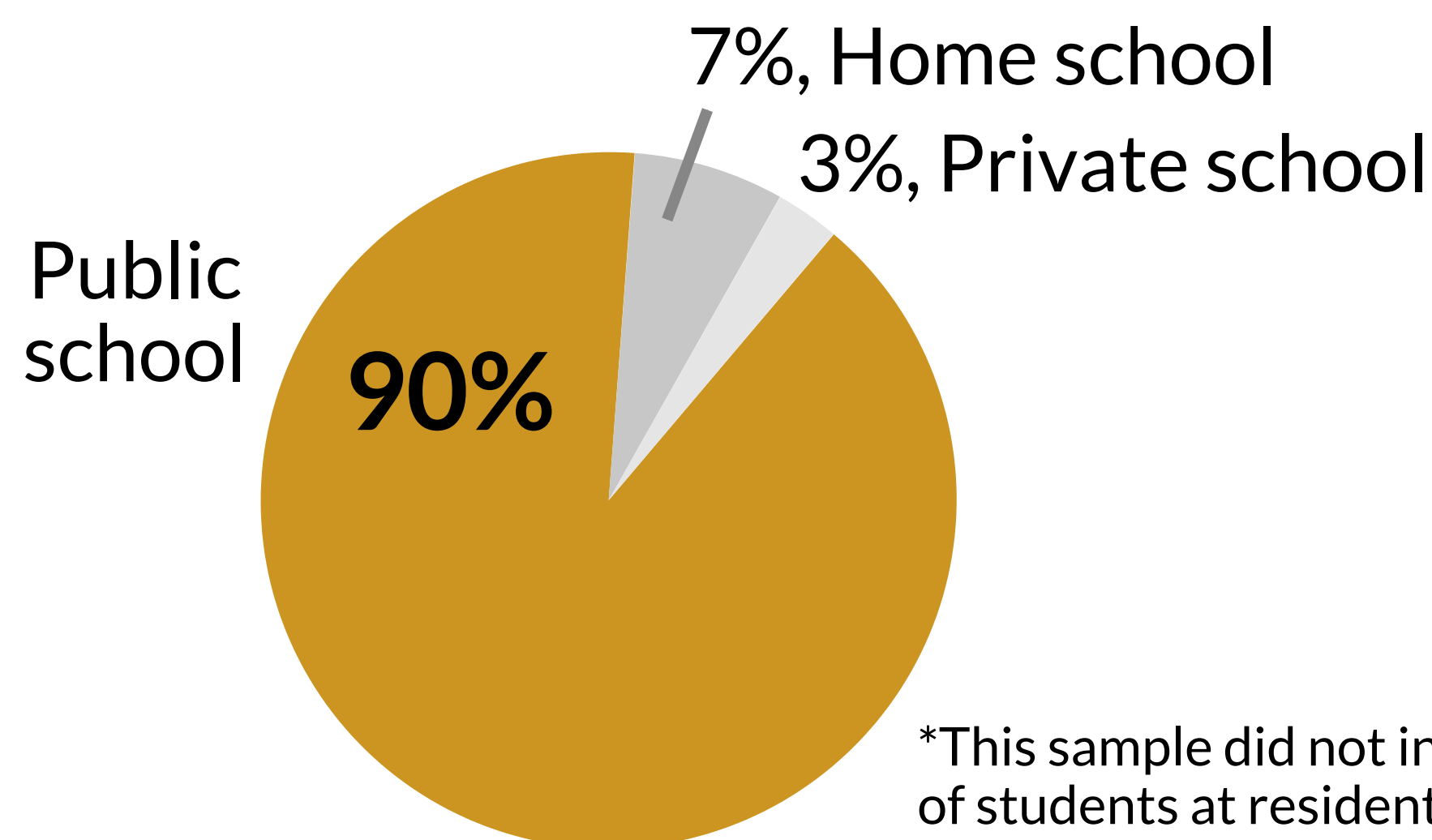


Braille Challenge Parent Survey

The Florida Instructional Materials Center for the Visually Impaired (FIMC-VI) partnered with the National Instructional Materials Access Center (NIMAC) and Evergreen Evaluation & Consulting, Inc. (EEC) to administer a parent survey during the Braille Challenge held in Tampa, FL on January 24, 2020. Thirty parents of children who are blind or visually impaired completed the survey.

What type of school does your child attend?

Most students whose parents completed the survey attend **public school**.*



What do you/your child like about using braille in school?

Parents shared a number of things that they/their child like about using braille in school. The biggest words are some of the words that parents used most frequently.

able peers
learn/learning
gives access
helps read
independence reading

Parents shared that they/their child like the following:

Braille promotes literacy, learning, & communication



- “Braille helped her learn punctuation/spelling, and how to format documents.”

Braille makes learning easier and more accessible



- “[Braille] makes schoolwork/test/homework much more accessible.”
- “[Braille is an] alternate means for learning when eyes fatigue.”

Braille supports independence and success



- “It is important for my daughters to have Braille materials so they can become fluent readers, feel confident, successful in society, and be able to get a job!”

Braille helps students keep up with their peers



- Braille helps him “to do all that his classmates are able to do.”

Other likes



- “My child likes having a unique talent.”
- “Challenge, it really motivates my child.”
- “Fun, he enjoys reading braille.”



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How can the braille in school be improved to make it easier for your child to learn?

Parents shared a number of ways that braille in school can be improved to make it easier for their child to learn. The biggest words are some of the words that parents used most frequently.

technology
lessons **accessible** **access**
help **child** **books**
work **home**
available

Parents shared that the following would make it easier for their child to learn in school:

Increasing access to technology



- "Introduce the technology as early as possible."
- "...find funds where the family can purchase the technology for the kids to have at home."

Increasing accessibility of braille



- "...have more Braille books available in the classroom, school library, and public libraries."
- "More materials so she can do more at home."

Increasing the number of TVIs



- "Offer TVIs at more schools."
- "More TVIs and braillists to help more children."

Providing training for sighted peers



- "Have the classmates learn some braille along with my child. Maybe a lesson or two."
- "To have trainings or lessons for the sighted peers in my daughters' classes."

