

Region	District	Country	School	Combined answers to open-ended questions.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	Foods offered for lunch needs great improvement. There need to be more and healthier options.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	The lunch process established by this school doesn't work properly. My child shouldn't need to have a card to choose his lunch option or for having seconds. It doesn't work!
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	I receive no communication on how well my child is doing, or where they have challenges.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	I would like to know if and when children discuss acceptance of people of all cultures , including not fitting into gender norms for dress or chosen activities .
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	My child has had several comments about their not fitting into all traditional gender norms.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	How dare you give our kids the "flu vaccine" in 2022 which was an unlabeled vile. How dare you allow that nonsense.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	My son said one boy gave another boy felacio in the school restroom. It was greatly disturbing to him. Several knew. They should be offered counseling for that trauma.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	Also. Why are we perpetuating the lie of mask safety (especially when 99% of masks in the school are REUSED every day!). You are making a generation of emotionally scarred children by perpetuating the PLANSdemic . Teach them to stand up to tyranny so we don't have another Germany 1933. Teach them that wokeism is demonic and anti American values .
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	The new class setup isn't effective
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	Before the current principle took over the leadership of this school, PES was one of the top DODEA schools. I feel that the current principle is less a leader and more a dictator. she relies more on technical input than she does on face to face interaction. there are so many instances of, what i feel are, poor leadership examples, that i cannot keep track or articulate in this survey.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	Common Core curriculum is hurting our kids. they are forced to learn ways and means that will never be used in higher level grades. if a child can demonstrate mastery of one technique in order to solve a problem, why make them demonstrate other techniques that they do not understand? Let me ask you, if you can solve a problem the way you know how, why then would you solve a problem in a different way that you are less familiar with, thus lending to a possible flawed outcome? if we do not do it as adults, why would we force our children to do what we don't?
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	spend some time reevaluating your stance on child education. it is not about test scores, it is about life skills and the things our children need to know in order to succeed in life. when was the last time you took a structured test once you completed your schooling?
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	I disagree with the " 21st century Learning ". small students (k-2) already have a problem concentrating, and by having them in large classrooms where they are more easily distracted does not lend to good instruction/learning environment. Additionally, i have been told by the teachers that they are not allowed to move/set up their classrooms as they see fit to best suite their children. their classroom setup is dictated by the principle, who does not sit in every class of every grade to get an understanding of what actually goes on. the teachers are not trusted by the school administration, and that is wrong.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	My child's teachers are great. they are passionate, compassionate, thorough, and diligent. they have the student's best interests at heart.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	I do not feel that the leadership of the school listens to parents or teachers, and runs the school without any bottom up refinement. The communication on situations at the school, new routines, or just general information is late, or nonexistent. i am dissatisfied with the schools administration.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	None of this matters. If we are truly equal, then stop binning us into different categories. We are people/Americans. That is all.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	we have tried to have our child evaluated for ADD/ ADHD b/c of his attention span both at home and at school. the services both through the school and through the clinic on base have been less than responsive. we were told once by a single person that they don't think he has a problem, and then we dove into diet and did not spend any more time evaluating his behavior.

Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	i am less than impressed with our psychological/behavioral assistance within this school/garrison.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	I feel my child's teachers have his best interest at heart. i do not feel the principle listens to students, teachers, or parents when it comes to instruction and classroom organization.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	I feel that the current principle is a horrible leader. she relies more one technical input than she does on face to face interaction. One example: i have had complaints from my child that the way that the classrooms are set up are distracting. when he is in class with his teacher, the walls are open and he can hear the other teachers instructing, or hear his friends in the other part of the class talking about their assignments. I have been told by the teachers that they are not allowed to move the walls in their classrooms to maximize their level of instruction and student attention. they are being forced to "deal" it. The principle had a "study" done by an outside organization to test the sound within the classrooms. it came back normal. so that is what she is going with. not with the feedback from the teachers saying they can do better with the students if they have the ability to run their classes the best way they know how, and not with feedback from students or parents.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	My child's teachers are great. they are passionate, compassionate, thorough, and diligent. they have the student's best interests at heart.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	I do not feel that the leadership of the school listens to parents or teachers, and runs the school without any bottom up refinement. The communication on situations at the school, new routines, or just general information is late, or nonexistent. i am severely dissatisfied with the schools administration.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	So, are we not all Homosapiens? If we are all equal, why then must we be binned into different classes? that does not spell equality. it spells division, and as long as we continue to do this, there will always be division among us.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	21st century learning is the wrong way to teach, there's too many students, nit enough teachers to concern themselves with the individual needs. Communication to parents is so bad when there is communication . Normally it's nonexistent
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	Stop the 21st century learning style, communicate with the parents better, hire Ireland quality teachers
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	The 21st century open concept learning is horrible. It is the worst idea for teaching children. All it is doing is setting them farther and farther behind. My daughter complains of the utter chaos in the classroom, the inability to focus and the teacher inability to teach. 83b4th graders to 3 teachers all sitting together in one large room is the worst idea ever. Every parent feels the same way yet the principle makes no changes. Is they dodea? Parents are writing to their Congressmen . It is absolutely the worst I have ever seen. Please stop teach9ng this way. Get more teachers and put the kids in a traditional classroom. The style of learning has been tried, failed and discontinued everywhere else....why are we still doing it? Please stop it. Allow our children to succeed and become competitive to our world counterparts. Please!
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	The communication from teachers has been very poor. In second grade we have had ZERO work sent home. Even after a parent/teacher conference, I genuinely have no idea how my second grader is actually doing. We get no feedback.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	We have two students at this school. I feel that communication is lacking in both classrooms. In second grade, we have had ZERO work come home. I genuinely have NO idea how my student is really doing. (And, yes, I attended parent/teacher conference and have had a separate conference.) I would like to see occasional completed work come home. Fourth grade is better, but much less work came home second quarter. I generally feel in the dark about how my students are doing.

Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	<p>The 21st century method seems to be leaving children behind. It's chaotic and distracting. We were told there would be an outdoor classroom--and that seems to be in only one grade level and there is no furniture or fixtures to make use of this space at all. The "blue chair" area near the school is only used as a meeting place and not as an area for learning. There are so many missed opportunities here--if only the administrators were stronger and better leaders. Children who need more of a challenge aren't getting it, or are being left out or being distracted by children who aren't paying attention. Teachers aren't using flexible seating (or view wobble chairs as a hazard or distraction rather than an important tool for kids who may need to move while learning). The whole school is a mess</p>
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	<p>This school lacks consistency and strong overall leadership. Administrators are not leading by example or taking responsibility when things go wrong. The school was designed with outdoor learning spaces are not being utilized and which are empty and have no fixtures or furnishings for children to even utilize them as outdoor classrooms. The younger students should have more recess and unstructured for free time even in the form of open ended manipulatives like blocks, steam/stem materials etc. we were "sold" this idea of 21st century learning which is not happening here.</p>
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	<p>The school experience we had in 4th Grade was very bad however 5th grade is better so my feedback is a little mixed as the experience has been inconsistent. There does not seem to be a standard in the school that all teachers work with and each teacher still very much does things different ways.</p>
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	<p>As a parent I need to see more leadership come directly from Administration through quality communication skills in how you respond to parent concerns with a teaching team. Often times the Teaching teams do not get timely or effective communication so they are often blindsided by parents.</p>
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	<p>I believe most of my students needs are met in curriculum, instruction and support but feel that lack of a team environment between administration and teachers and the lack of quality information from administration has caused a lot of confusion and feelings of frustration by parents and teachers. Effective, consistent and quality communication is lacking from administration and it trickles down to the staff.</p>
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	<p>I believe the school psychologist and other Counselors are providing the information and services needed for physical and mental health safety. I do not believe the administration(Principle and Vice Principle) are participating enough in also pushing out imperative information, it feels one sided when information is shared and often not soon enough.</p>
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	<p>Transitioning Patch Elem. from the old school location to the New School was less than stellar. It was a ridiculous time crunch and our students and school staff suffered. The amount of stress our school staff was put through was insane not to mention the many safety and ongoing construction concerns for our children. Because you couldn't commit to a timeframe you left the community in the dark. I have never felt like a school opening was so "hush, hush". There were items stolen from our school, many things did not make it over to the new school due to a lack of appropriate storage. Many things that were needed for classrooms just flat out weren't purchased or never came. Also, the school's PTA funded big items to make up for it. This is completely and utterly unacceptable. DoDEA you had no problem having a ribbon cutting ceremony for dignitaries to pat yourselves on the back but no parent representative to say this school isn't satisfactory or safe its not time to celebrate.</p>

Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	When parents of students attend any meetings that have questions and glaring concerns about playground safety, parking situations, transportation issues, how DODEA vs. other organizations fund our school we need to feel like solutions or at least some sort of action taken is presented at the following meetings. Often times parents feel rushed to accommodate school representative schedules and more often no solution or action has happened; its like we sit and debate angrily all over again about an issue so we then have to wait another 2-3months for another meeting. An example: if you tell parents you've contacted other sources to address parent complaints and concerns you better be able to then follow up with parents on email dates, phone call dates and an appropriate follow up date from your resource. We often go through more than half the year before things begin to scratch the surface to a resolution.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	I feel as though my daughter has stepped down in her learning. There is too much going on in the rooms. I feel like they are moving from lesson to lesson too quickly and students aren't actually learning what is being taught. The teachers are outstanding for the most part however, the expectations are out of reach causing students to be left behind. In past schools we have gone to the expectations were high however the children were grasping the fundamentals. Here I feel as though the fundamentals are being gone through so quickly they aren't able to truly grasp the content for more than a moment.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	The 21st century school is a great concept but poorly executed. 89 students in 4th grade is outrageous for only 3 teachers. My 1st grader isn't able to do reading because they do not have subs. Something has to be done.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	I feel I have a partnership with Teachers not so much with Administration and Teachers as a Team.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	Leadership and communication skills could be improved so that the entire school looks like a team.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	More Transparent quality communication could be improved(more details)
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	Significantly needs better communication and execution skills (parents should get regular updates about a New School opening)
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	Grades should be given above 1st grade. We parents have been overruled regarding 21st century set up of school. Large class sizes have been given as an excuse by teachers to not help struggling students
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	The 21st century learning model is so hard to come into. The system requires such training for students and staff, but both of those populations are revolving doors. The theory sounds wonderful, but it's a complete mess in practice.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	There seems to be a hostile environment between school administration, teachers, and parents that prevents effective partnership.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	Changes need to be done responsibly.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	New implement of a new method of teaching - 21 century learning method - without any guidance, communication and preparation. Careless and irresponsible transition. No warnings to the students, parents and teachers. Extremely disappointing.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	No comments about discrimination and I don't believe it is an issue there.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	My daughter has not used the school psychological services to my knowledge but she knows who the Counselor is. I commented on the above questions because her teacher (b)(3):10 U.S.C. §1306 has helped her learn some age-appropriate communication skills and is also responsive to our concerns when our daughter is having a hard time staying engaged in class and completing her work.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	When classrooms are in a neighborhood setting, teachers should be able to close the sliding doors at certain times during the day or if certain students need a quiet more focused environment to understand and retain what they are learning.

Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	I emailed my child's request for attendance excuse due to vacation and was told by my child's teacher that it was not received by the school administration. I was prompt in my reply in completing the form and it was obviously overlooked. I understand the volume of forms received during the holiday season but there was no follow up to turning in the requested form which could have been perceived as apathetic behavior on my part as a parent.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	"Lemon" teachers need to get out of Europe. If they don't perform well as teachers don't reward them with a job in Europe. It feels overwhelmingly like they are here to travel, not teach.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	Communicate - please. We know they're being tested plenty, the results or a summary of the results need to be shared. Two years in a row we have received negative comments about math but absolutely nothing was sent home prior to that second quarter report card.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	Communication is a black hole. Parents are not requested to volunteer like last year, emails are often ignored , twice my child has been injured at school and seen the nurse and I only hear about it from her. At her parent teacher conference he could barely come up with a specific comment, as if he didn't quite know who my child was. When we raised our math concerns we were given a generic common core pamphlet. Once, I sent an email to this teacher after she missed four days to plan if necessary a way to help her get caught up, and the only response received was "I am in receipt of your email." Our teacher went from a " Testing " grade level to a non Testing grade level and he is fulfilling every stereotype I have about the quality of teachers who make that sort of move. Out only saving grace is that 21st century learning, which is far from perfect as it is inhibiting my child's ability to form deep social bonds, does allow her to rotate amongst the other, stronger teachers in her grade level. Nothing, absolutely nothing, comes home to apprise me of her progress and with emails not answered it has made this school year relatively terrible.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	21st century learning seems to operate under the assumption that more is better but I fear more just means your spread thinner and go deeper less. There are few opportunities for meaningful friendships to develop or even. Strong bond with a teacher.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	Communication is less than ideal. The preschool team is filled with lovely people but I have no idea what she's learning.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	Every grade level in the school seems to have different approaches to this new style of learning and teaching. It's not fair.. Get on board with 21st century style of learning and teaching or move to a new school.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	Parents such as I do not have a voice in instruction and curriculum decision. For example, the school is recently starting the 21st Learning Approach- the results are chaos and ineffective instruction- I have voiced the concerns that my child is not learning- no response form teachers or administrator to address the ineffective instruction
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	Students are treated unfairly at this school based on military ranking and gender. I feel that when the parents of high ranking officers complained the administrator responded immediately- but enlisted parents pleaded for help- teachers and administrator don't responded.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	I do not see any of my child's classwork. "Newsletters" are sent out rarely and have passed dates of events or items to look for. When asked what my child is doing on a regular basis for classwork or lessons, no specifics are given. I do not know where/what my child is working on or the progress they are making or not making.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	There have been situations that students are using racist comments toward each other.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	There is a lack of consistency with policy on each grade level. There is also a lack of consistency with grading at each grade level and students are suffering the consequences from the varying expectations and/or lack of expectations.
Europe	EE	Germany	Patch ES	Excellent staff! Excellent communication , especially my son's third grade team. I also see teachers at after school events and volunteering their time for after school clubs . We are so grateful for our teachers and staff!

