

WHY NOT WESTON?

RESULTS OF A WESTON PUBLIC SCHOOL EXIT SURVEY

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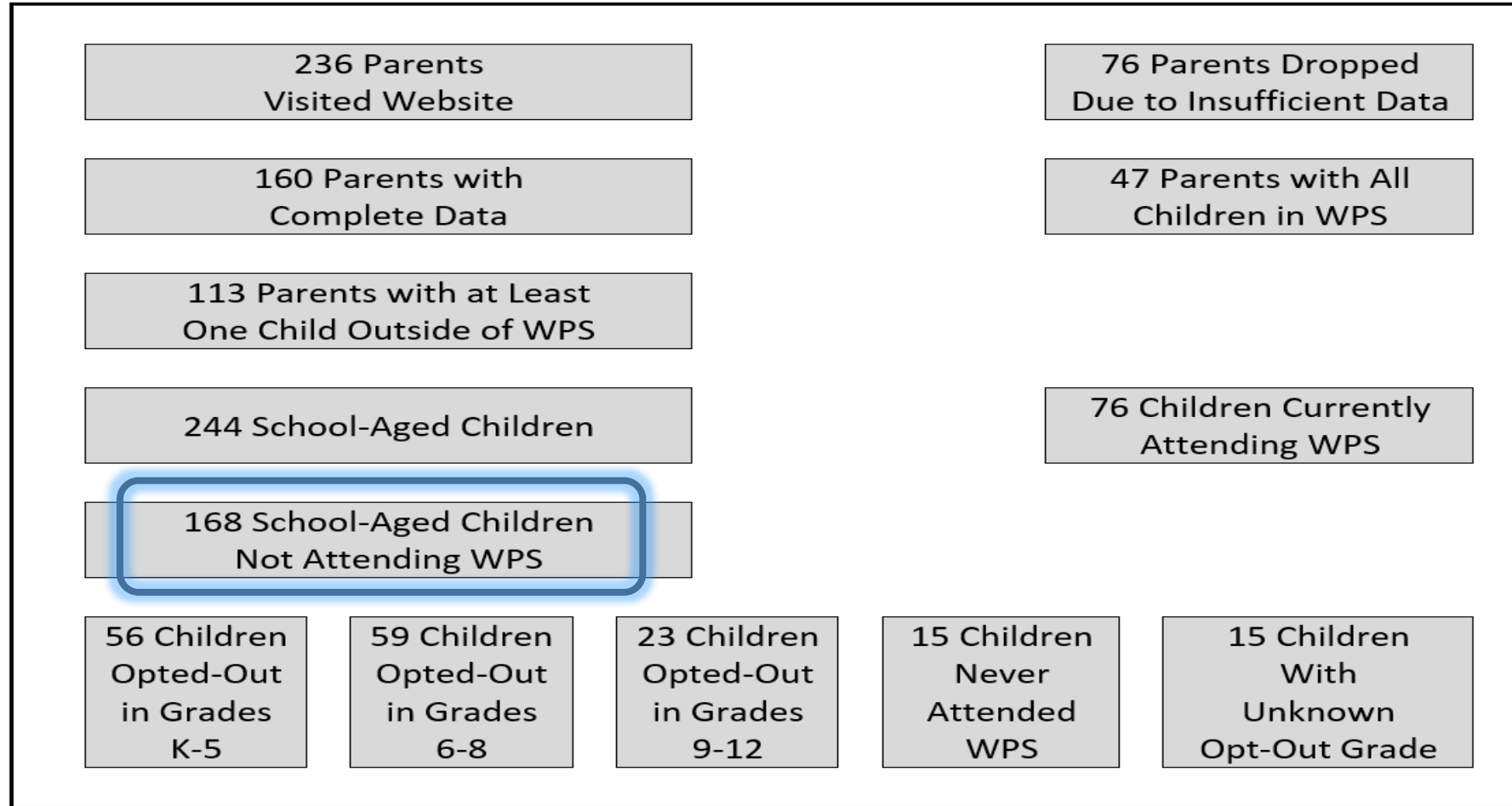
Why Not Weston?

- ✓ Why “Why Not Weston?”
- ✓ A thirteen-item survey.
- ✓ Thanks to Scott Formica, SSRE



Summary of Parent/Guardian Survey Respondents

113 Parents/Guardians of 168 School-Aged Youth



Source: Why Not Weston Report (p.5)

Important Caveats of the Survey

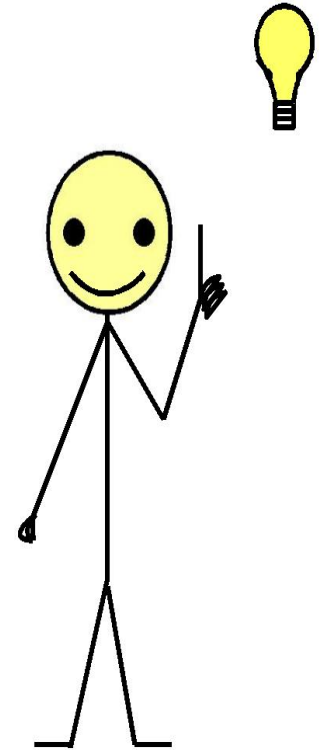
- ✓ Results are representative of the responding population only
 - Not generalizable to all parents in WPS
- ✓ Some responses are dated and not reflected of today's WPS
- ✓ Some responses are based on perception rather than experience with the district

- ✓ Results do inform and drive self reflection

One (mine) Take-Away to Why Not Weston

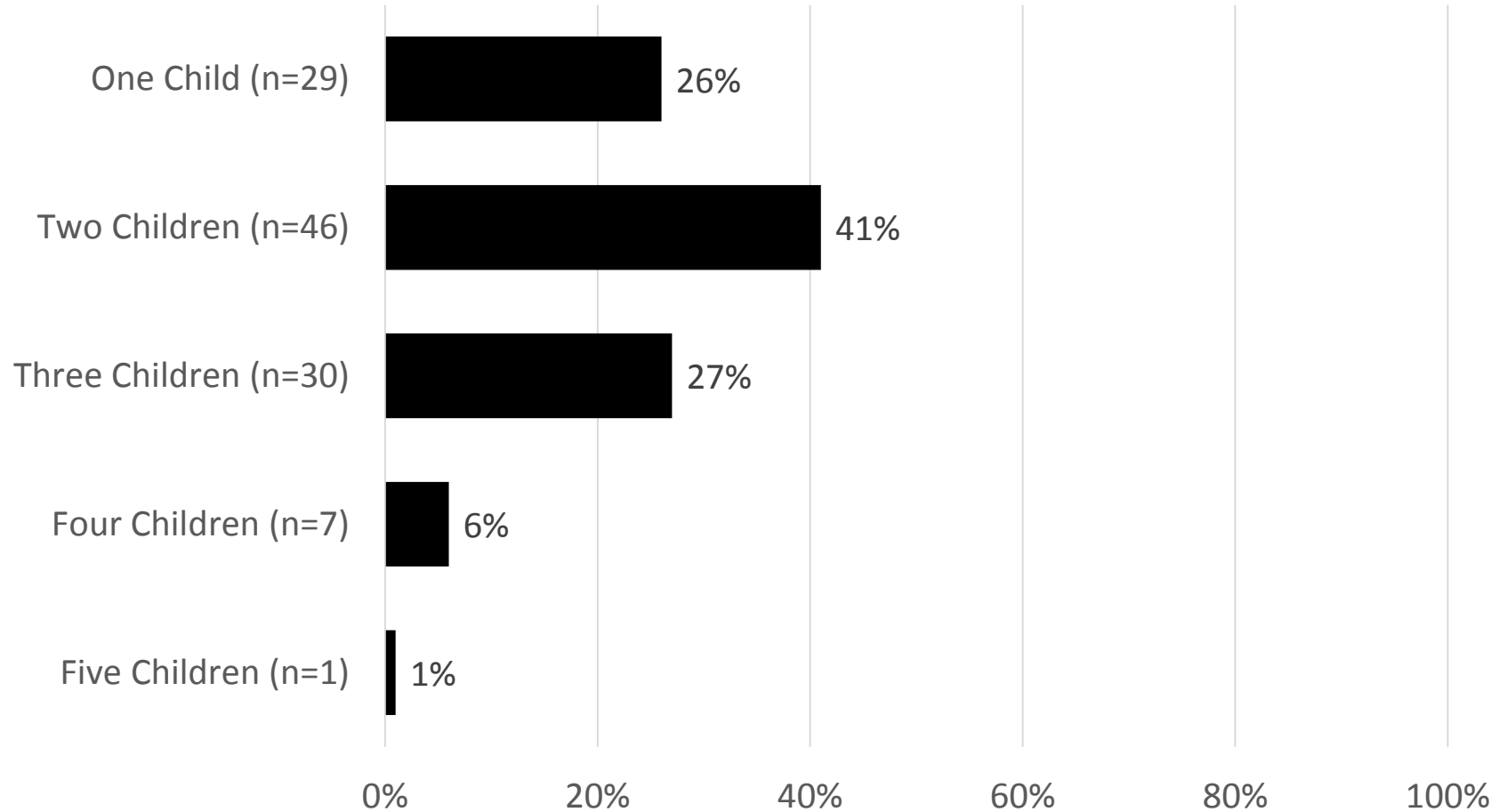
Underlying issue:

- A perceived lack of customized, individual attention for their child
- You are not doing enough to meet my child's needs regardless of his/her level
- The needs of all students are not being addressed in an equitable manner



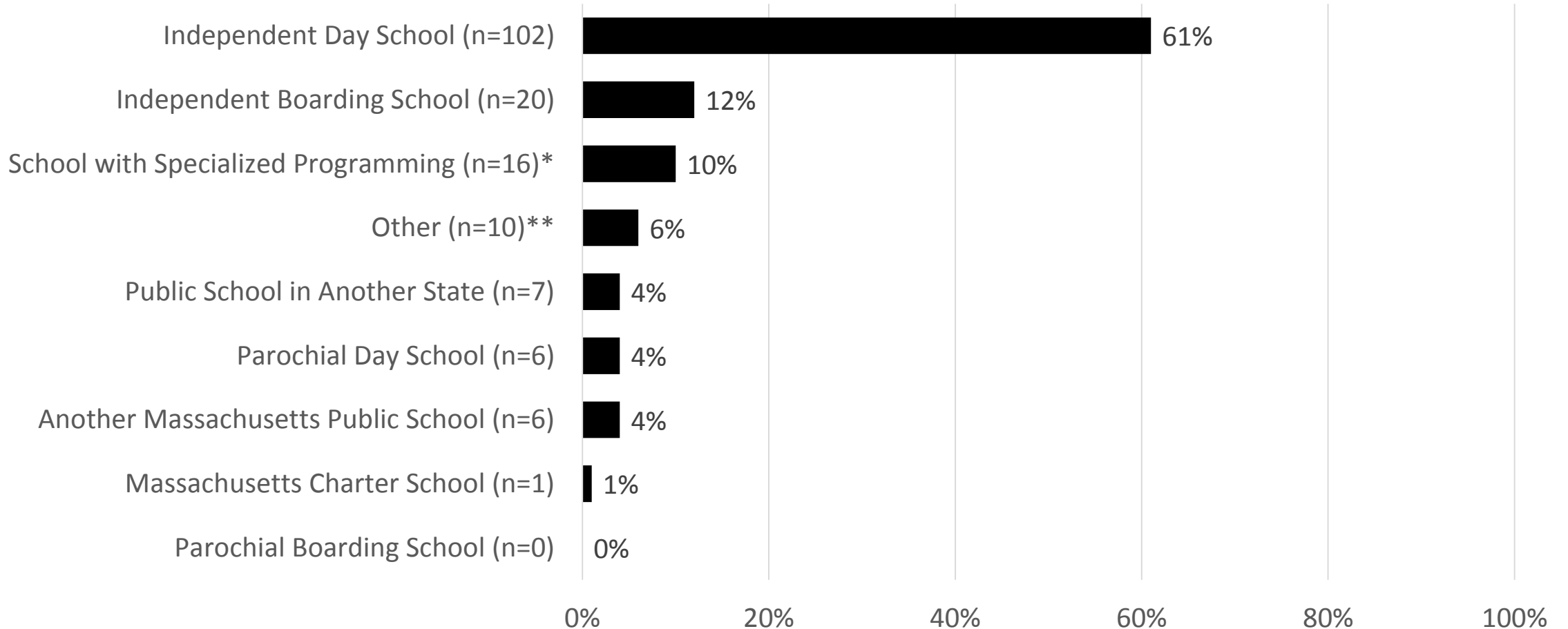
Number of School-Aged Children Among Respondents

113 Parents – 244 Children



Type of School Children Are Currently Attending

168 Children Not Currently Attending WPS

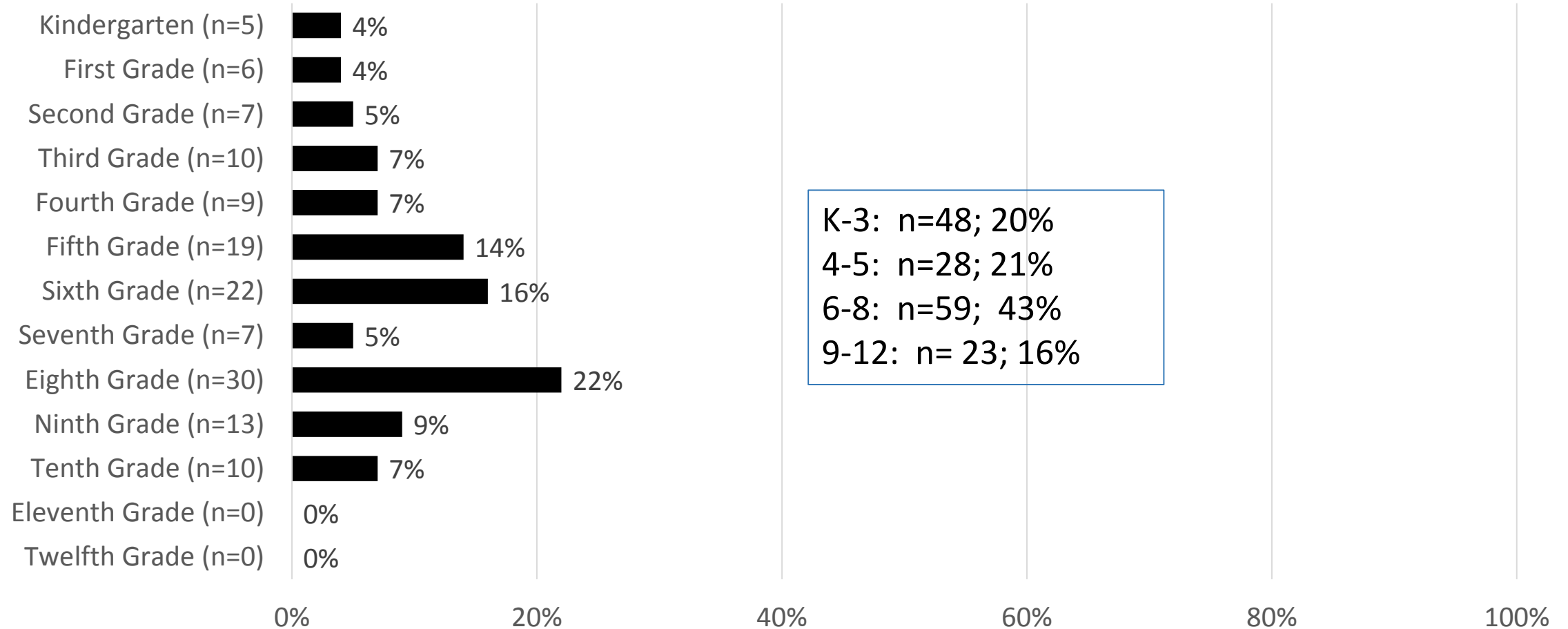


Source: Why Not Weston Report (p.3)

* School with Specialized Programming for Learning Needs or to Meet IEP.

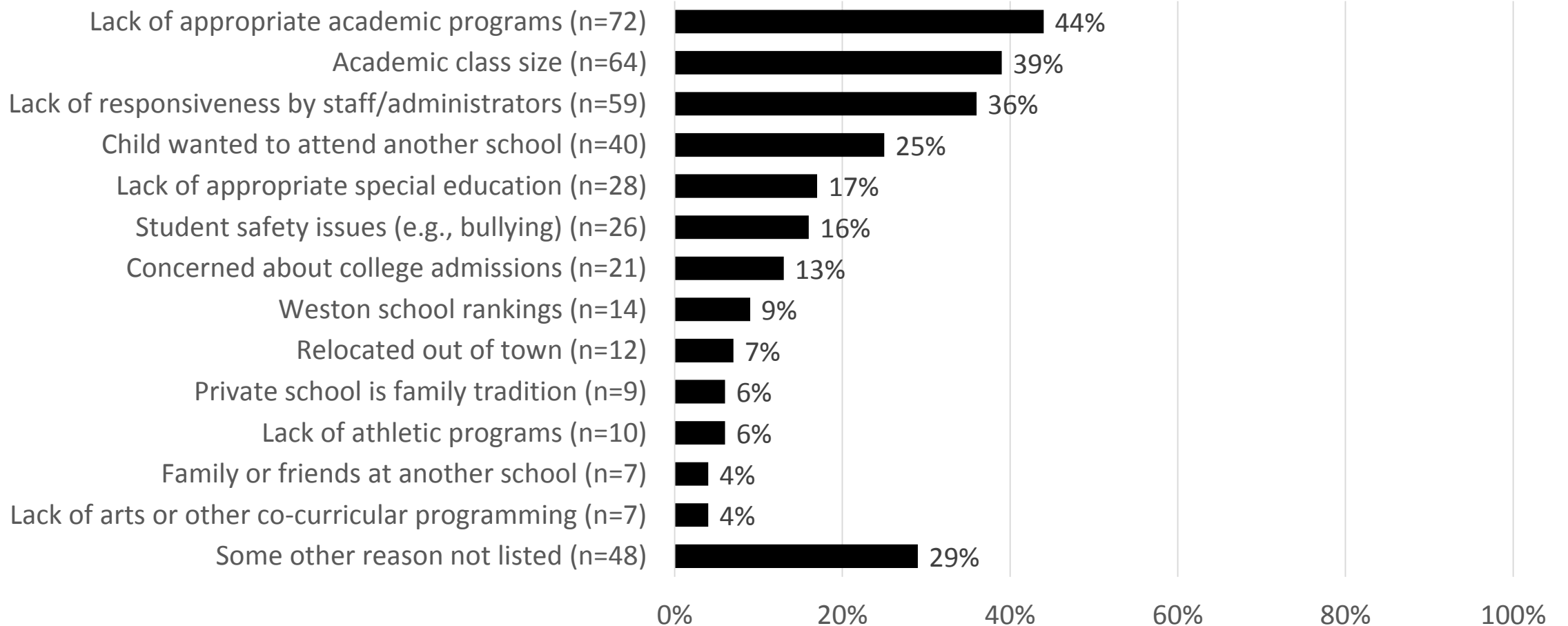
** The most common Other write-ins were home schooled and online school.

Last Full Grade in WPS Among 138 Children Who Ever Attended WPS



Source: Why Not Weston Report (p.4)

Reason(s) for Departure* Among All Children (n=168)

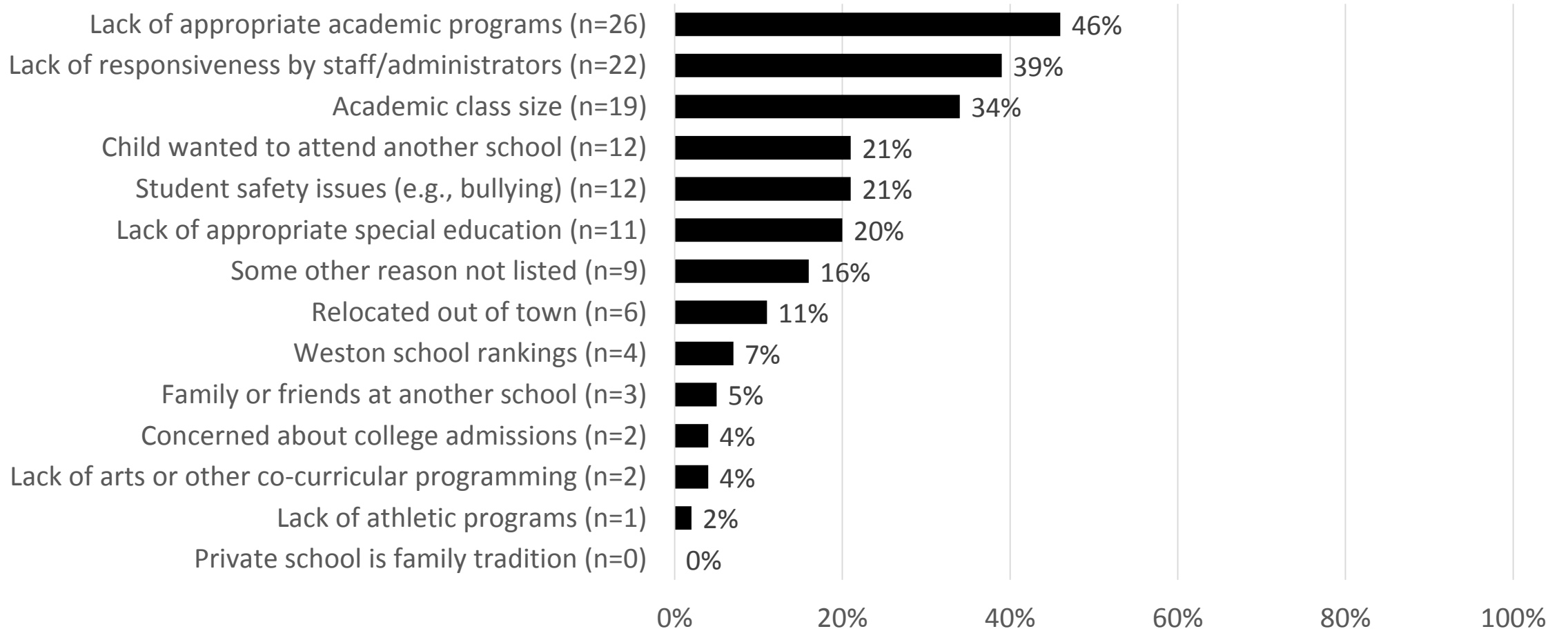


Source: Why Not Weston Report (p.6)

* Percentages do not sum to 100% because the parent/guardian could choose *multiple* reasons for opting their child out of WPS.

Reason(s) for Departure by Age Group*

Among Children Who Departed At the End of K-5 Prior to Middle School (n=56)

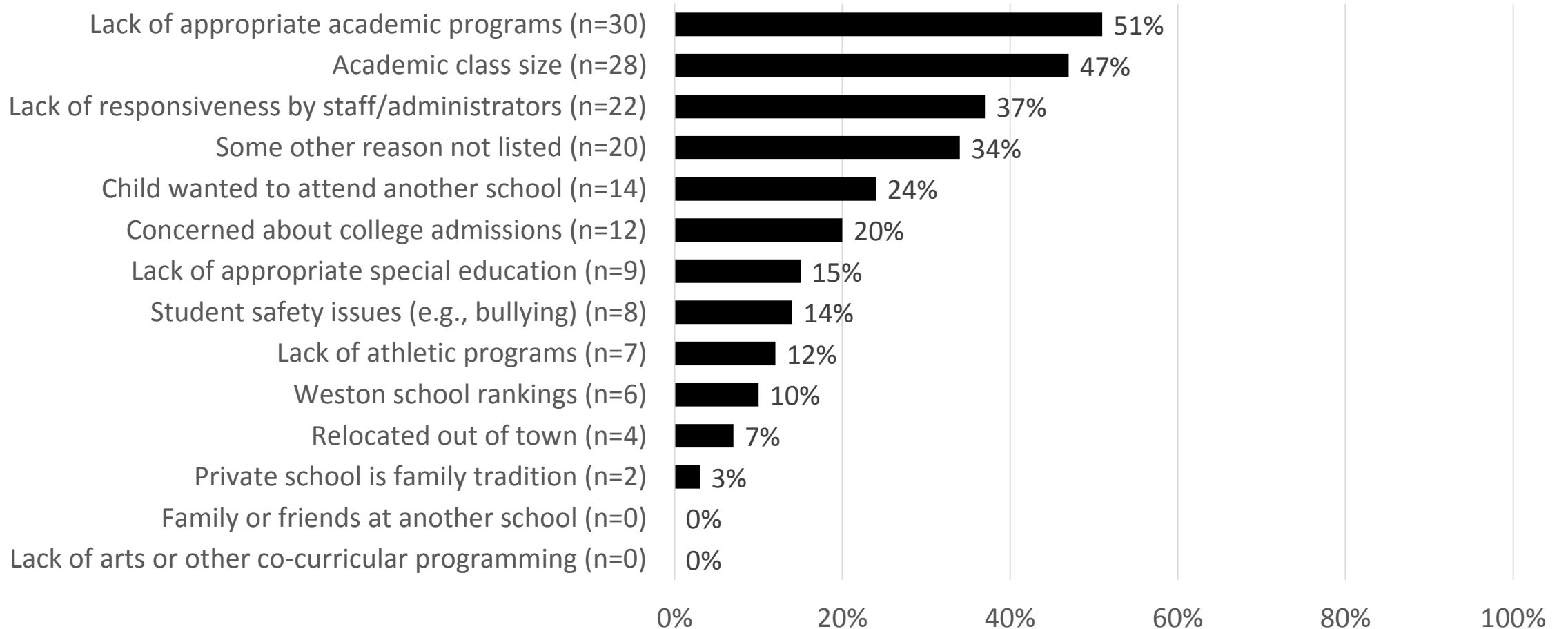


Source: Why Not Weston Report (p.7)

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Reason(s) for Departure by Age Group*

Among Children Who Departed Prior to High School (n=59)

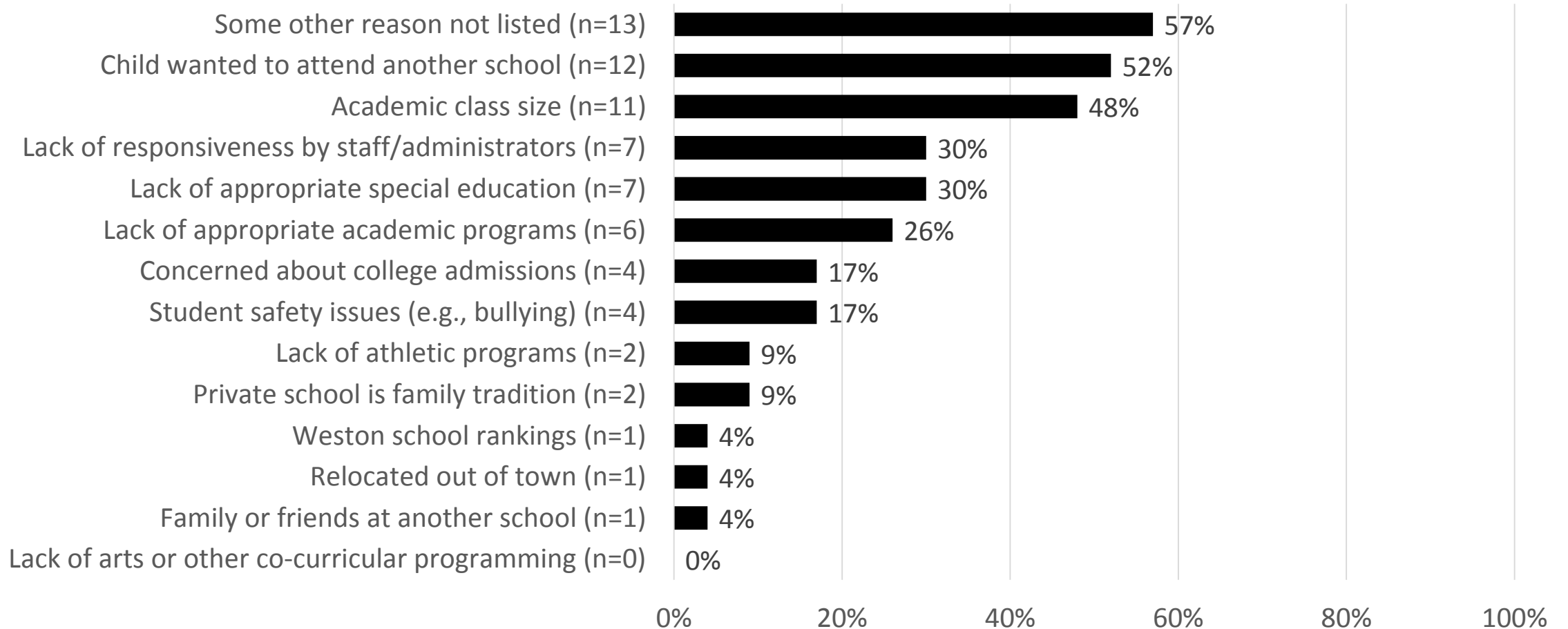


Source: Why Not Weston Report (p.12)

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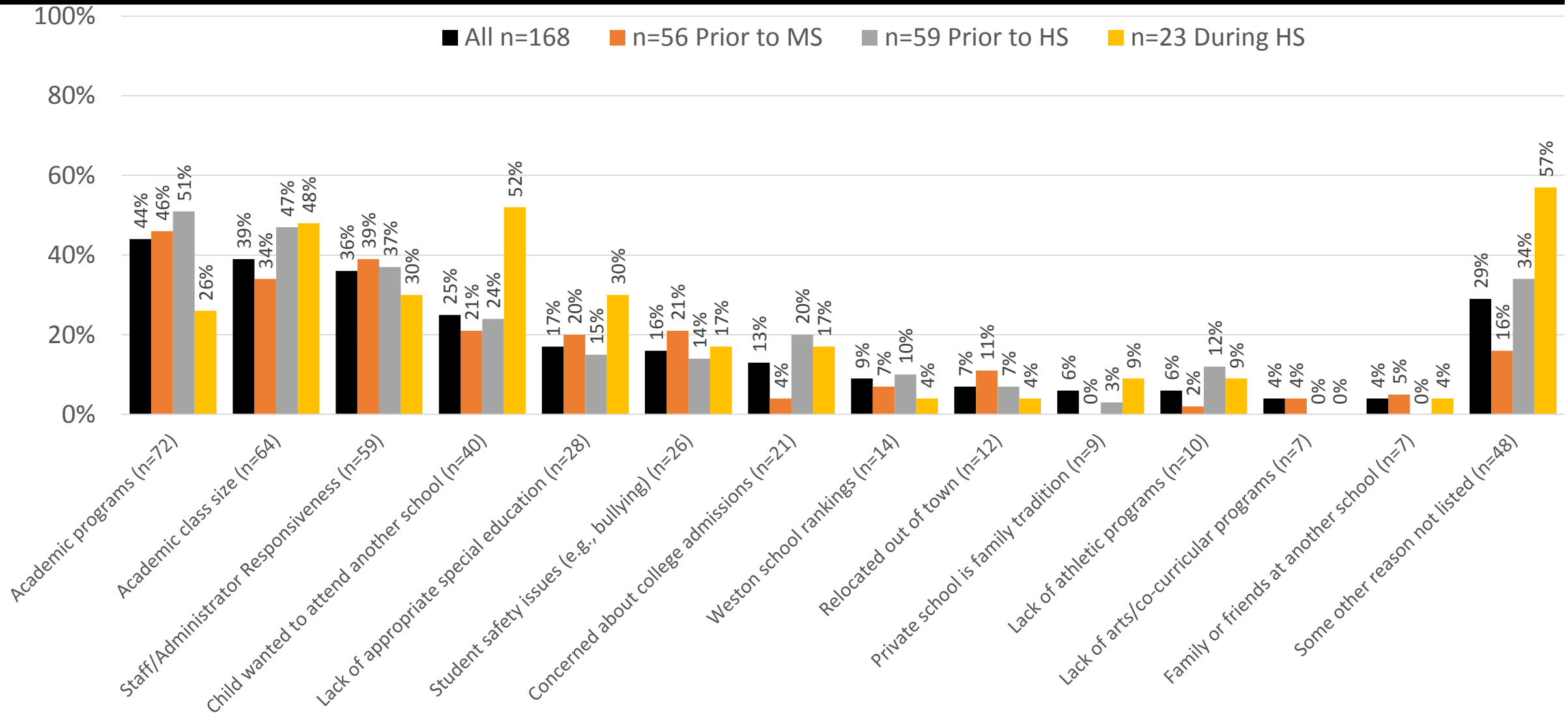
Among Children Who Departed During High School (n=23)



Source: Why Not Weston Report (p.18)

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Reason(s) for Departure* Among All Children (n=168)



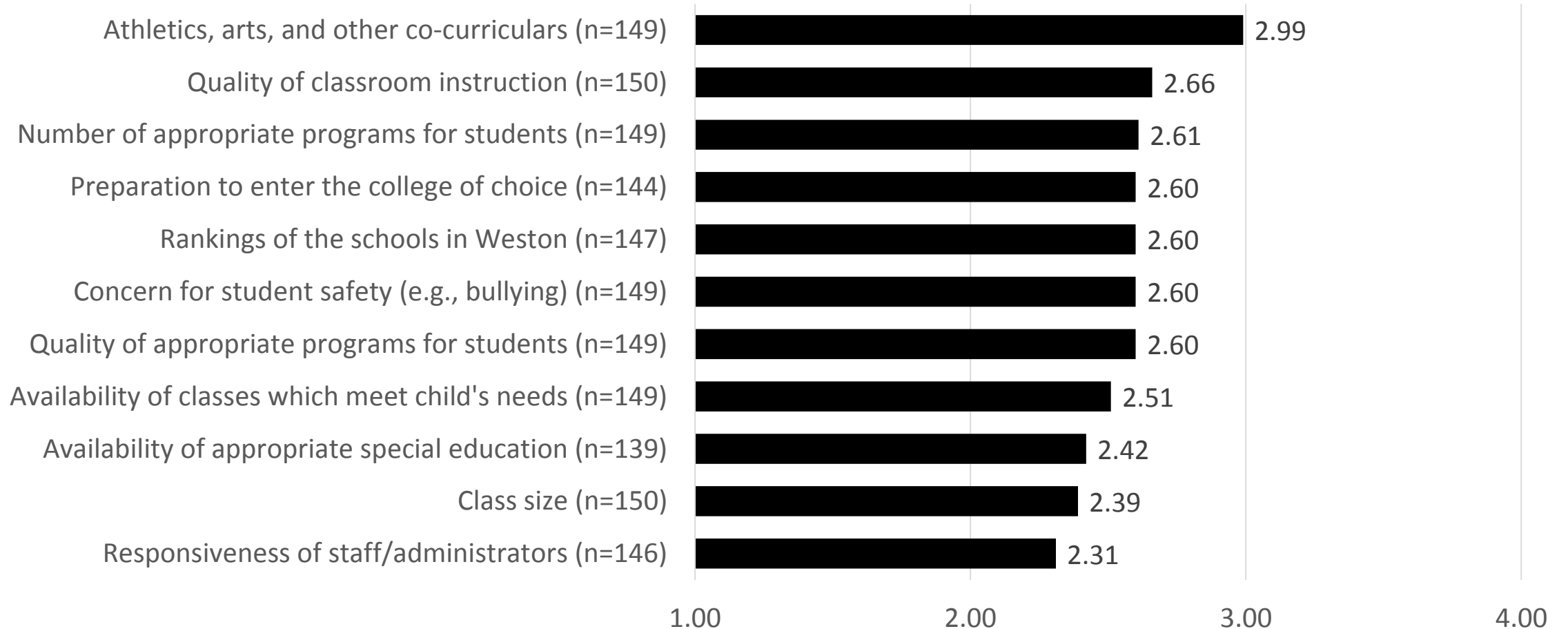
Perception of Weston Public Schools

- All respondents were asked to share their perceptions of the school system
- 160 respondents
- 11 areas plus the ability to add comments
- Scale: 1= Low Regard
2= Some Regard
3= High Regard
4= Very High Regard



Perception of Weston Public Schools*

All Parent/Guardian Respondents (n=160)**



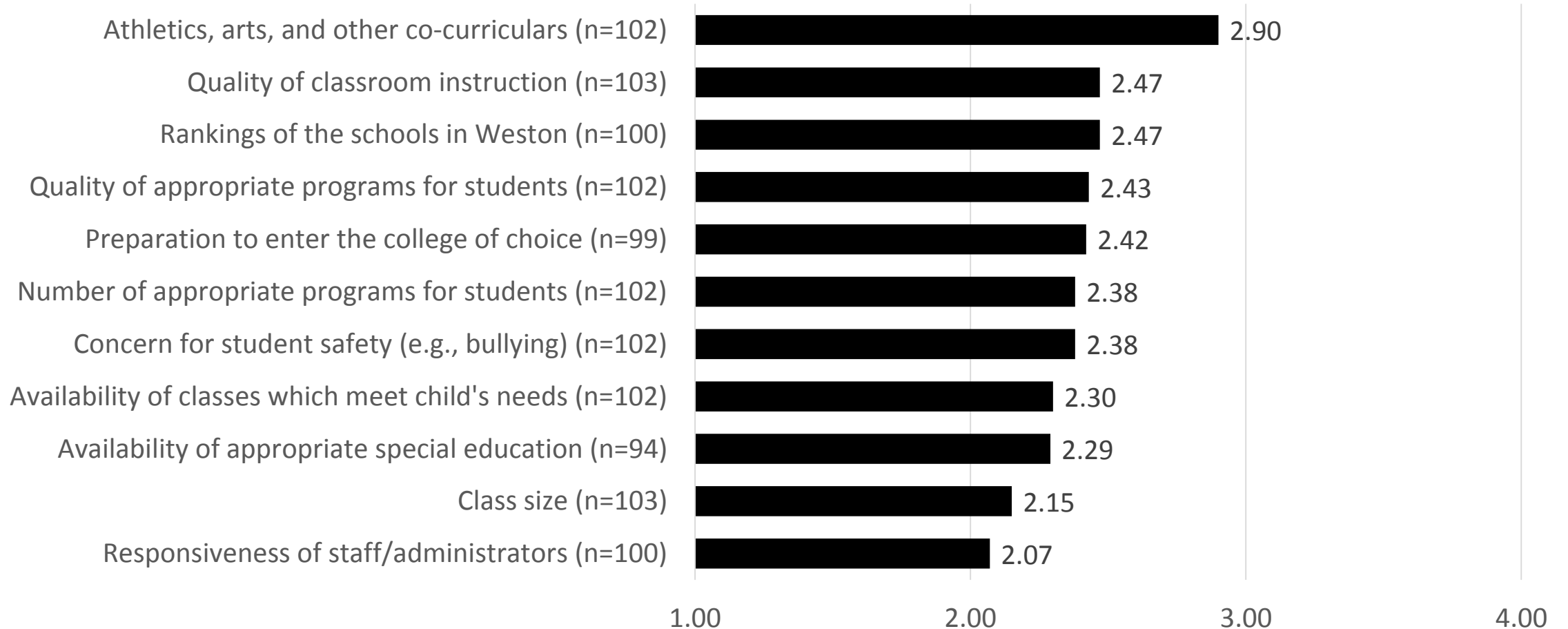
Source: Why Not Weston Report (p.27)

* Mean scale response options were: 1=Low Regard, 2=Some Regard, 3=High Regard, 4=Very High Regard.

** Includes 113 parents/guardians who opted out at least one child and 47 parents/guardians who currently send all of their children to WPS.

Perception of Weston Public Schools*

Parent/Guardian Respondents Who Opted At Least One Child Out of WPS (n=113)

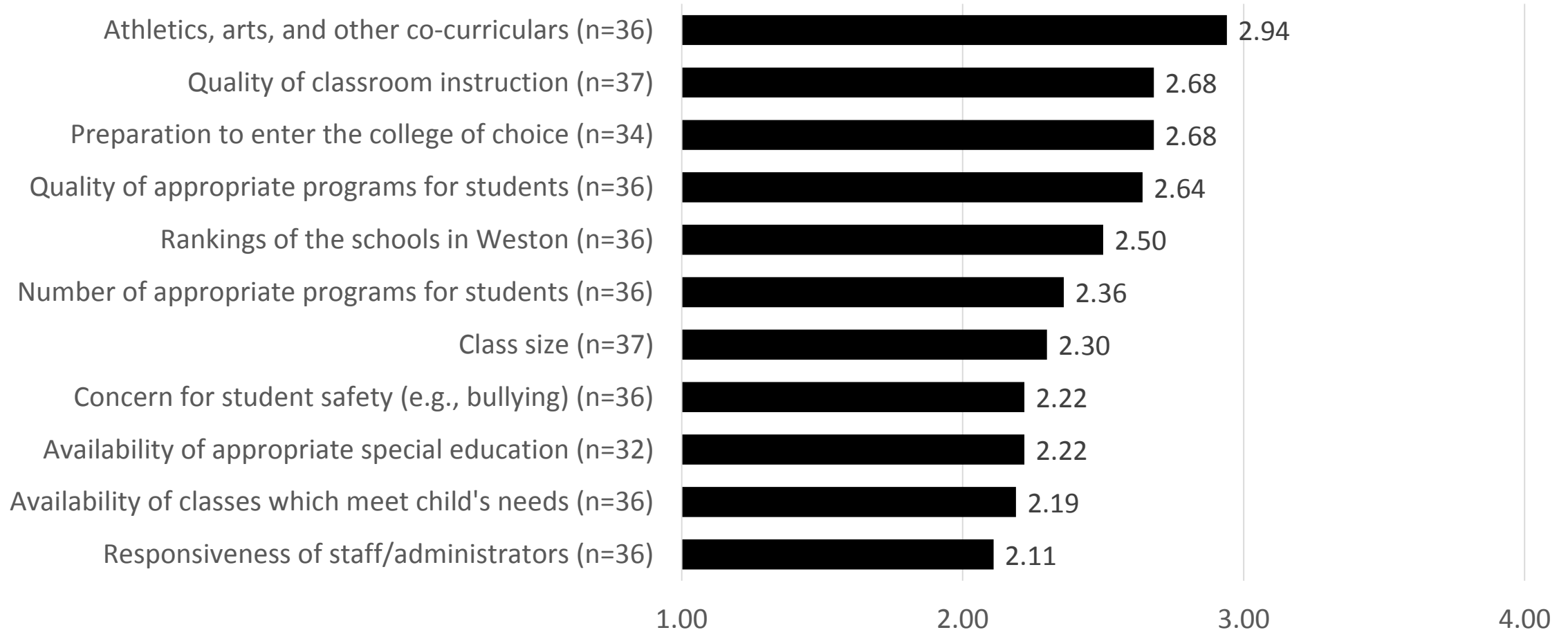


Source: Why Not Weston Report (p.28)

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Perception of Weston Public Schools*

Parent/Guardian Respondents Who Opted All Children Out Before Middle School (n=41)

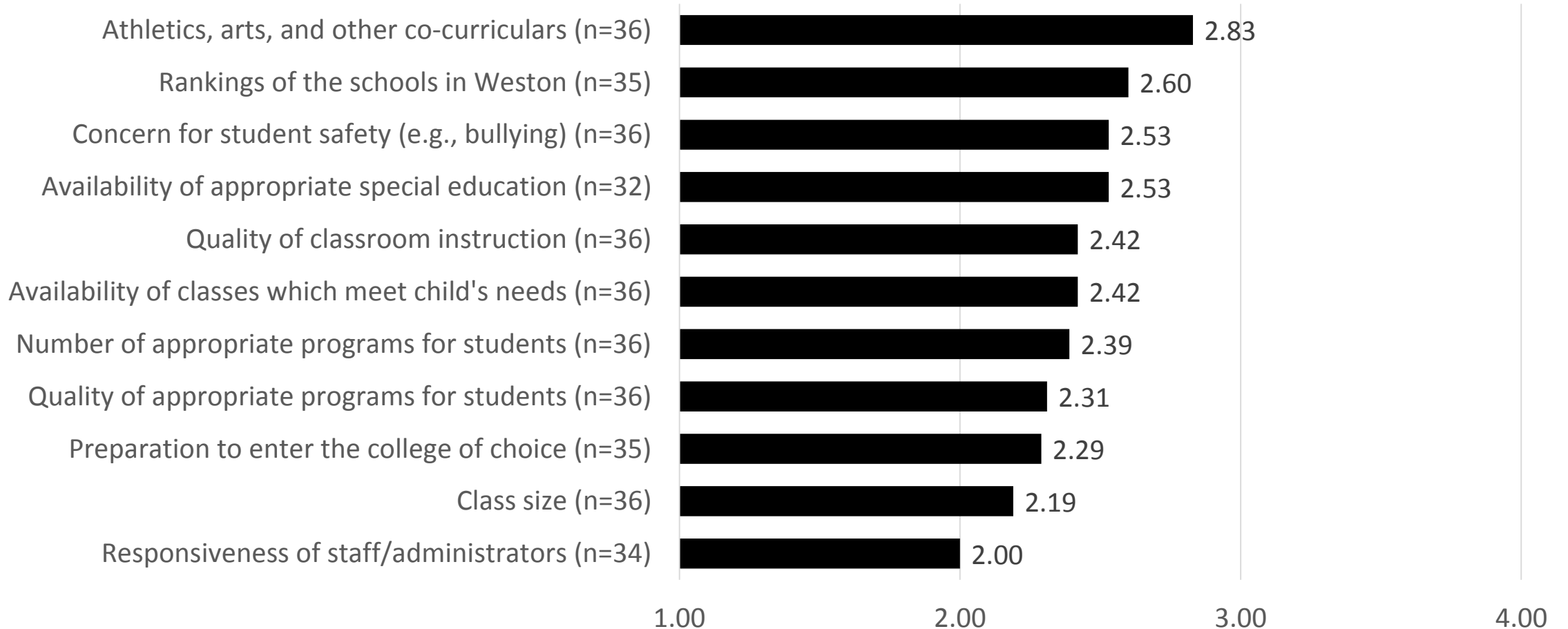


Source: Why Not Weston Report (p.29)

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Perception of Weston Public Schools*

Parent/Guardian Respondents Who Opted All Children Out Before High School (n=41)

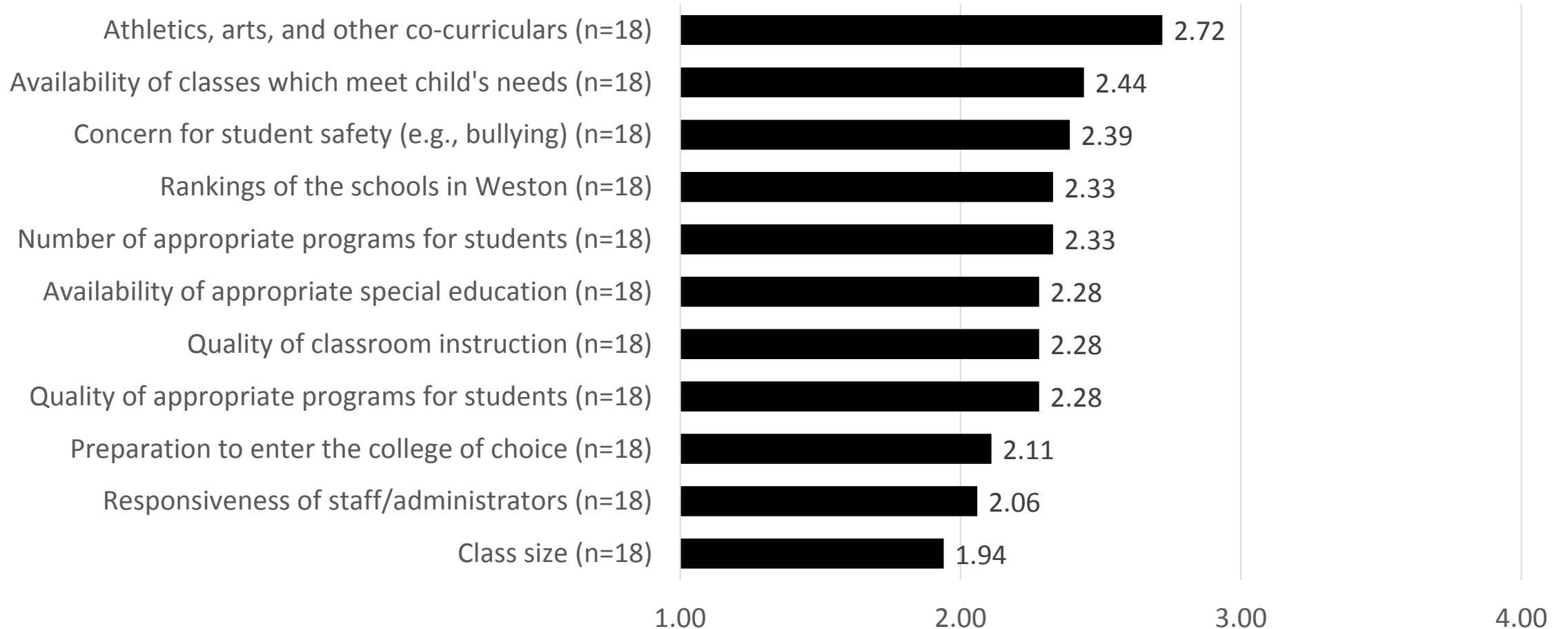


Source: Why Not Weston Report (p.30)

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Perception of Weston Public Schools*

Parent/Guardian Respondents Who Opted All Children Out During High School (n=19)



Source: Why Not Weston Report (p.30)

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Perception of Weston Public Schools

Parent/Guardian Respondents With **ALL** Children Attending WPS (47 respondents)

- 23 provided comments
- Categorizing comments – different ways of saying the same thing:
 - Lack of meeting the academic needs of all students in an equitable manner (5)
 - Too large class size (3)
 - Concerns with quality & consistency of instructors/educators (3)
 - Issue with school curriculum (2)
 - Decline in the quality of education (2)
- * No others with more than 1



So What?

What have
we
learned?



What shall we do?