

DCTV 4-H Evening News Program Testimonials

The following testimonials were solicited and received from teachers and parents regarding students participation in the Evening News Program. These comments have been unedited with the exception of the removal of students names.

I. How has DCTV benefitted your child in the areas of academics, self-esteem, confidence, composure, reading ability, technical ability, team work and camera shyness?

1. No comment
2. No comment
3. No comment
4. No comment
5. Because DCTV has done news-weather report for a number of years (child=s name deleted) has been exposed to the world around him. One of the keys to learning is for the child to want to learn. The fact that he reports on incidents around the world causes him to be far more aware of other places and he can then make a connections when the subjects come up in class. Also, the exposure to the technical aspect of operating a TV station and all of its capabilities has allowed him to learn not only basic electrical functions by computer and computer software as well.
6. No comment
7. No comment
8. I have seen the greatest growth is self-esteem, confidence, composure, and camera shyness. She now wants to perform in front of groups where before she was to shy & unsure of herself. She enjoys all aspects of DCTV and has talked about some of the different career opportunities available.
9. No comment
10. Although (child) learns some of this in school I feel DCTV has helped (child=s name deleted) even more. He is greatly improved in al area.
11. It has given (child=s name deleted) a great amount of achievement. She is no longer shy

about doing most anything. Her grades have all improved as her working w/others.

12. No comment
13. No comment
14. (Child=s name deleted) has never been a shy child.

II. In areas of academics, has your child=s grades improved? If so, can you share the areas of growth and extent of the growth.

1. Yes, DCTV seems to hold his interest.
2. Yes, students are becoming more aware of their speech, rhythm and tone of reading. My students have become better decoders of unfamiliar words, and have improved comprehension skills. They can read words based on pre knowledge through news stories.
3. (Child=s name deleted) fluency has greatly improved. He is more willing to apply the reading skills learned at school to reading news on the broadcast.
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5. Undoubtedly (child=s name deleted) grades have improved while serving with DCTV. I know one important factor in his school experience is that he has learned how better to coordinate his time and tasks due to the time required by working at DCTV. The opportunity to work with the equipment at DCTV and report the news also is an important factor in helping with computer, history and civics classes.
6. I don=t know if it has affected his grades one way or another however it has helped with opening up to people and becoming more confident in himself.
7. (Child name deleted) has learned how to work better with others she was very shy and quiet almost to the pint of being afraid of everyone and everything She has really opened up I think if the interviews continue on DCTV kids News Program she will open up even more.
8. (Child=s name deleted) does well in school but the most significant change is her enjoyment in reading aloud. It was a struggle for her in the past, however now she does well and enjoys it. DCTV is a wonderful program that enhances children=s lives.
9. Yes, she=s learned to read better and finally stopped saying Aumm, and, er@ in her sentences.
10. His reading grade improved 75%. I=ve had his Spanish teacher call and tell me that (child=s name deleted) is a pleasure to work w/and works well w/others.

11. Yes. All grades has improved. Reading and history most of all.
12. I have not noticed her grade changing at this time.
13. Their presentation/oral reading skills have improved. They are the ones who volunteer to perform in front of others.
14. No

III. Has your child=s reading ability increased due to DCTV? What specifically have you observed that indicates that DCTV has helped?

1. Yes, he reads more book now than he did before working for DCTV
2. Students have been improving their rate of reading, expression of voice and can see why we need to read smoothly.
3. (Child=s name deleted) - Being in front of the camera has made him more aware of what he is reading and listening to what is being said.

(Second child=s name deleted) So willing to do 5-day forecast now and at the beginning he didn=t want to be in front of the camera.
4. Yes
5. (Child=s name deleted) does a great deal of reading at home since working for DCTV. When on the air it is very important that words be articulated well and that he have a large enough vocabulary to express the news. I have observed that (child=s name deleted) seems to have enjoyed the reading aspect of DCTV and wants to continue it while at home.
6. (Child=s name deleted) is very much improved in his reading I believe it has helped mainly because of the words he has to say and that he has to understand What he is saying I notice that since he started DCTV the prompting from the adults has lessened quite a bit.
7. Yes, her reading has very much improved as she goes more and more she does better and better.
8. Yes, (child=s name deleted) reading ability has increased. She can read aloud more fluently & she enjoys reading aloud now whereas before it was not fun for her.
9. She reads better aloud. She understands better what she has read.
10. I believe it has. He reads the newspaper on a regular basis which is, in my opinion,

wonderful for a 14 yr. Old. He will point out what he=s learned at DCTV first before he read it in the paper.

11 (Child=s name deleted) like (child=s name deleted) wants to read the paper. At 11 yr. old this is great. Most kids don=t care about what is in the news. She learns about things on DCTV them comes home and we have an enjoyable time discussing the things she has learned. What she reads in the paper she has read on DCTV already. Even doing the weather gives her something to concentrate on..

12. She has to think of the things she=s reading and under stand it.

13. Their oral reading presentation is noticeably better. It helped with our Native American Unit when a guest speaker on.

14. DCTV has helped somewhat in his reading ability.

IV. How does your child feel about being part of the DCTV News Crew?

1. Fine. He enjoys work there.

2 They all love it and like the time spent on camera.

3. (Child=s name deleted) enjoys it greatly.

(Child=s name deleted) has had some difficulties with other students.

4. He doesn=t like it anymore.

5. (Child=s name deleted) enjoys being able to help out other people. With that gift, it is only natural that he is able to be a part of the DCTV News team and help out the other kids and adults as well.

6. (Child=s name deleted) absolutely loves being part of the crew and I believe it is teaching him quite a bit about job related skills such as working with others, work ethics even though as a child he sometime forgets to be professional

7. (Child=s name deleted) absolutely loves it She has a hard with taking any criticism from any one and all the praise she has received at DCTV has helped her immensely.

8. (Child=s name deleted) really enjoys being a part of DCTV and looks forward to it every day.

9. She loves it.

10. (Child=s name deleted) likes being there. He says he learns new things he didn=t think mattered and how much work goes into everything.
11. (Child=s name deleted) really enjoys being a part of the crew. She wants to go everyday. As that is not economically possible she still hounds me knowing the answer.
12. My daughter loves doing DCTV she likes to read and learning about the cameras, and all the equipment, and it fun.
13. Generally they seem excited. They become overwhelmed at times when sports interferes with DCTV times.
14. He likes it but says it lasts to long. Everyday after school is a little much for him.

V. As a parent, how do you feel about your child taking part in DCTV?

1. DCTV is a important part of this community.
2. I like them to participate in DCTV.
3. It make me very proud to see them on DCTV. I believe it is a great learning experiences.
4. I think it was a great learning opportunity.
5. It is exciting to me that in this small community Daniel is given the change to participate in a live television experience. Many job and life skills can be learned from taking part in television and really very few young people ever get the change. Hopefully, more programing will be considered so the opportunities can multiply.
6. I believe the more he does DCTV the more he will lean not only to improve now but also in the future and in this small town anything that helps improve our children's future is absolutely wonderful and very much needed

Thank you for your consideration

7. If this program is stopped it will be a very sad day for all the children in the community this program is wonderful for self esteem, reading, learning work ethics and professionalism I have been very proud of my children and thee job they are doing at DCTV. I believe this program is not only wanted very much by all of us but also needed.

8. I believe it is a valuable part of my daughter=s education. It is something she enjoys and seems to have an interest in continuing in the program.
9. I=m glad she has something to do after school. Both my older sons did. DVTV and it helped them in school too.
10. I am all for it. Not all children are into sports, et. But DCYV lets him feel good about themselves w/out being judged.
11. This has been the best opportunity for (child=s name deleted). She is enjoying herself while learning new things w/out realizing this could someday be a way of life for her. What better job for in the future but one you actually enjoy going to every day.
12. It keeps her active after school. Plus gives her practice in going in front of people and taking, and acting in a proper manner.
13. I feel it is a great way for them to improve presentation, technology, current events, reading skills, and more.
14. As a parent I like my child talking part in DCTV it involves him in community awareness.

VI. Any additional comments that you would like to make regarding your child and DCTV 4H program.

1. It would be devastating to this community if we were to lose this community service.
2. No comment
3. They have really enjoyed being part of the special interviews.

(Child=s name deleted) has learned a great deal about the cameras and the

technical side of DCTV. This is the area that he really enjoys and has excelled in.

4. No comment
5. No comment
6. No comment
7. No comment
8. I believe this is a wonderful program that benefits many children in numerous ways. I also believe that community at large benefits from the program. I hope to see it continue.
9. Please keep the program.
10. This is a great program. Maybe more for the older kids to get into, to keep them looking for different roads into their future. But keep up the good work for DCTV does bring children out of their shell of shyness and makes them feel better about themselves.
11. This has been an exceptional program. I hope that it continues into the future and maybe broaden along w/the future.
12. No comment
13. It is a great opportunity for kids to find some of their hidden talents!
14. I like DCTV but I agree with my son everyday after school is a little much.