

PARENT/GUARDIAN SURVEY 2012-2013: MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Combined results of the May 2013 survey for the two middle schools

Ridgewood Public Schools

Dear Parent or Guardian,

One goal of the Board of Education is to survey the district's parents and guardians each year, alternating a comprehensive satisfaction survey with a brief survey on a singular topic. This May the school district asked its parents and guardians to fill out a comprehensive survey on topics related to their children's schools and education. The results of the survey for the district's two elementary schools are presented here.

The results present an important snapshot that the Board of Education hopes will contribute to a dialogue among all members of the school community and act as a resource for making your school and the district the best possible.

Thank you to all who took the time to complete the survey. We hope you enjoy reading the report and appreciate your feedback.

The Ridgewood Board of Education
Sheila Brogan, President; Vincent Loncto, Vice President; Christina Krauss; Michele Lenhard; James Morgan

Superintendent of Schools
Daniel Fishbein

How was the survey conducted?

The survey was conducted via e-mail from May 13-24, 2013. Using SurveyMonkey software, e-mail invitations with private links were sent to all parent/guardian e-mail addresses on file with the district. Survey respondents participated on a secure survey website, and only one response was allowed for each e-mail address. The survey was completely anonymous.

Numerical data were compiled and charts were created using SurveyMonkey. District data were compiled from the individual school surveys by members of the Ridgewood Public Schools Information Technology Department. The superintendent, administrators and school board members reviewed the data and all comments.

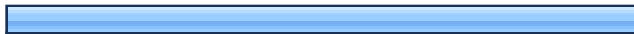

How many elementary school parents and guardians participated in the 2012-2013 survey?

As of 5.31.13	# Enrolled Students	# Valid E-mails on File	# Survey Responses	Participation Rate
Middle Schools	1393	2058	700	34.0%

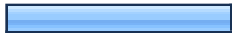




How will these survey results be used?

The data in this report reflect survey results for the middle schools. District and individual school survey results have been provided to each principal, as well as the central administration and the Ridgewood Board of Education. The data will be used as one of several resources for the ongoing review and refinement of the programs of the Ridgewood Public Schools.

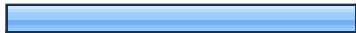




1. Our records show that your child attends a Ridgewood middle school. The questions in this survey should be answered with this school in mind, for your youngest child attending this school. Which middle school does your child attend?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Benjamin Franklin Middle School		54.9%	384
George Washington Middle School		45.1%	316
		answered question	700
		skipped question	0

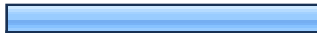




2. I am satisfied with the overall quality of my child's education.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		19.5%	131
Agree		64.6%	435
Neither Agree nor Disagree		8.0%	54
Disagree		7.3%	49
Strongly Disagree		0.6%	4
		answered question	673
		skipped question	27

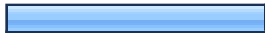




3. My child likes going to school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		30.3%	204
Agree		54.2%	365
Neither Agree nor Disagree		10.3%	69
Disagree		4.5%	30
Strongly Disagree		0.7%	5
		answered question	673
		skipped question	27

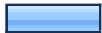




4. I would recommend my child's school to other parents.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		27.2%	183
Agree		49.8%	335
Neither Agree nor Disagree		17.1%	115
Disagree		4.6%	31
Strongly Disagree		1.3%	9
		answered question	673
		skipped question	27

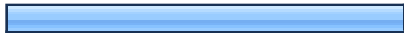




5. I feel welcome in my child's school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		22.4%	151
Agree		48.9%	329
Neither Agree nor Disagree		22.0%	148
Disagree		5.9%	40
Strongly Disagree		0.7%	5
		answered question	673
		skipped question	27



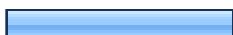


6. I would like to be more involved in my child's school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		8.0%	54
Agree		33.6%	226
Neither Agree nor Disagree		50.2%	338
Disagree		7.9%	53
Strongly Disagree		0.3%	2
		answered question	673
		skipped question	27

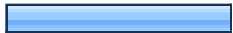




7. My child feels safe at school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		34.5%	232
Agree		59.3%	399
Neither Agree nor Disagree		4.3%	29
Disagree		1.5%	10
Strongly Disagree		0.4%	3
		answered question	673
		skipped question	27

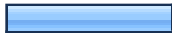




8. The district has programs and activities in place at each school level that are designed to foster respect and discourage harassment, intimidation and bullying (HIB). Examples of these programs include daily announcements, school assemblies and Second Step at the middle school level. Do you agree that these programs have been beneficial and constructive for your child?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		20.8%	140
Agree		51.7%	348
Neither Agree nor Disagree		19.6%	132
Disagree		6.4%	43
Strongly Disagree		1.5%	10
		answered question	673
		skipped question	27

9. I am satisfied with the academic progress of my child.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		19.4%	129
Agree		61.6%	409
Neither Agree nor Disagree		10.1%	67
Disagree		8.4%	56
Strongly Disagree		0.5%	3
		answered question	664
		skipped question	36

10. The academic challenge for my child is appropriate.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		14.2%	94
Agree		56.9%	378
Neither Agree nor Disagree		12.8%	85
Disagree		13.9%	92
Strongly Disagree		2.3%	15
		answered question	664
		skipped question	36

11. Please indicate your satisfaction level with the following programs at your child's school.

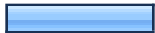




	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Unsatisfied	Unsatisfied	Very Unsatisfied	Not Applicable	Rating Count
Language Arts	22.1% (147)	51.8% (344)	11.1% (74)	10.5% (70)	4.2% (28)	0.2% (1)	664
Math	22.7% (151)	53.9% (358)	12.8% (85)	8.6% (57)	2.0% (13)	0.0% (0)	664
Science (new 12-13)	24.8% (165)	58.6% (389)	11.4% (76)	3.8% (25)	1.2% (8)	0.2% (1)	664
Social Studies	29.4% (195)	57.5% (382)	8.0% (53)	3.8% (25)	1.4% (9)	0.0% (0)	664
World Languages	22.9% (152)	47.4% (315)	13.0% (86)	7.5% (50)	3.3% (22)	5.9% (39)	664
Music and Art	30.4% (202)	49.4% (328)	12.0% (80)	5.4% (36)	2.4% (16)	0.3% (2)	664
Health and Wellness	25.8% (171)	58.0% (385)	13.0% (86)	2.1% (14)	1.1% (7)	0.2% (1)	664

Please feel free to comment on the K-8 Science program, implemented September 2012.

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answered question	664
skipped question	36

12. My child is encouraged to try new things at school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		12.6%	83
Agree		45.4%	299
Neither Agree nor Disagree		32.5%	214
Disagree		9.4%	62
Strongly Disagree		0.2%	1
		answered question	659
		skipped question	41

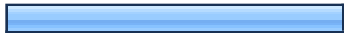

13. The school gives me ideas and opportunities to help my child do his/her best.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		9.0%	59
Agree		35.7%	235
Neither Agree nor Disagree		37.2%	245
Disagree		14.7%	97
Strongly Disagree		3.5%	23
answered question			659
skipped question			41


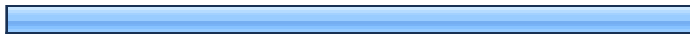



14. The amount of homework my child receives is:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Too little		28.5%	188
Just right		64.3%	424
Too much		7.1%	47
answered question			659
skipped question			41

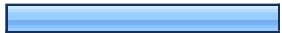




15. I supplement my child's education with professional tutoring in core subjects such as math or reading.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		29.1%	192
No		70.9%	467
answered question			659
skipped question			41

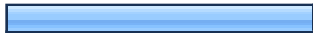




16. I am satisfied with the quality of the physical spaces at my child's school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		21.3%	140
Agree		59.8%	393
Neither Agree nor Disagree		12.5%	82
Disagree		5.6%	37
Strongly Disagree		0.8%	5
answered question			657
skipped question			43

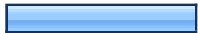




17. My child's school is clean and well-maintained.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		23.6%	155
Agree		61.0%	401
Neither Agree nor Disagree		11.4%	75
Disagree		3.2%	21
Strongly Disagree		0.8%	5
		answered question	657
		skipped question	43

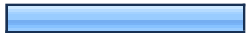




18. The condition/quality of the school's athletic facilities is acceptable.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		26.6%	175
Agree		58.8%	386
Neither Agree nor Disagree		9.6%	63
Disagree		3.8%	25
Strongly Disagree		1.2%	8
		answered question	657
		skipped question	43

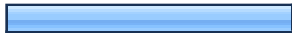




19. The condition/quality of the school's visual and performing arts spaces is acceptable.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		16.3%	107
Agree		57.1%	375
Neither Agree nor Disagree		20.5%	135
Disagree		5.5%	36
Strongly Disagree		0.6%	4
		answered question	657
		skipped question	43

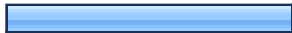




20. I feel well-informed about the school's programs, services and activities.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		20.5%	134
Agree		55.9%	366
Neither Agree nor Disagree		13.9%	91
Disagree		7.9%	52
Strongly Disagree		1.8%	12
		answered question	655
		skipped question	45

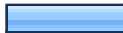




21. The school keeps me informed of my child's progress.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		24.9%	163
Agree		54.7%	358
Neither Agree nor Disagree		12.5%	82
Disagree		6.4%	42
Strongly Disagree		1.5%	10
		answered question	655
		skipped question	45

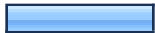




22. School staff members (teachers/principal) are responsive to my parental concerns.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		24.9%	163
Agree		50.5%	331
Neither Agree nor Disagree		17.9%	117
Disagree		4.9%	32
Strongly Disagree		1.8%	12
		answered question	655
		skipped question	45




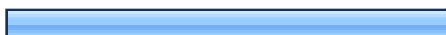







23. The district administration and/or Board of Education are responsive to my parental concerns.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		10.1%	66
Agree		33.0%	216
Neither Agree nor Disagree		50.4%	330
Disagree		4.7%	31
Strongly Disagree		1.8%	12
		answered question	655
		skipped question	45

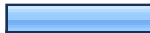




24. I have sufficient opportunities to express my opinions or concerns regarding my child's school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		12.7%	83
Agree		47.5%	311
Neither Agree nor Disagree		31.5%	206
Disagree		6.7%	44
Strongly Disagree		1.7%	11
		answered question	655
		skipped question	45



25. How do you receive most of your school-related information? Check all that apply:

		Response Percent	Response Count
School-based e-news/publications		74.8%	490
School website		58.9%	386
Skyward Information System		78.8%	516
District or school e-blasts/robo calls		38.3%	251
District rps.Enews		17.7%	116
Board meetings		2.7%	18
District website		11.6%	76
District Facebook page		1.2%	8
Print-based newspapers		5.3%	35
Electronic news outlets		3.1%	20
Other (please specify)		4.7%	31
		answered question	655
		skipped question	45



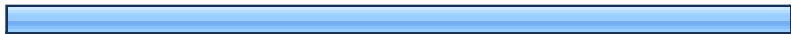
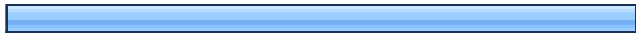



26. The district website is a useful source for all I need to know about the Ridgewood Public Schools.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		12.4%	81
Agree		48.9%	320
Neither Agree nor Disagree		32.5%	213
Disagree		5.8%	38
Strongly Disagree		0.5%	3
		answered question	655
		skipped question	45



27. Would it be helpful for the district to provide programs on parenting issues?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		62.3%	408
No		37.7%	247
		answered question	655
		skipped question	45




28. Please indicate your interest in the following types of programs. Check all that apply:

		Response Percent	Response Count
District curriculum and programs		60.8%	247
Overscheduling of children		33.7%	137
Parenting in the age of media and technology		68.5%	278
Children's anxiety issues		54.9%	223
Building children's self-esteem		67.0%	272
Helicopter parenting		19.5%	79
School safety and security		37.7%	153
		Other	22
		answered question	406
		skipped question	294

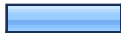




29. What would be the best way for you to participate in district parental programs? Check all that apply:

		Response Percent	Response Count
In person at a school or the Education Center		66.0%	268
Online webinar		59.6%	242
	Other (please specify)		3
		answered question	406
		skipped question	294

30. When would be the best times for you to participate in district programs? Check all that apply:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Weekday during school hours		36.2%	147
Weekday evenings		72.2%	293
Weekend daytime		16.7%	68
	Other (please specify)		2
		answered question	406
		skipped question	294

31. I am satisfied with the club and after-school opportunities at my child's school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		9.8%	64
Agree		36.0%	235
Neither Agree nor Disagree		32.8%	214
Disagree		17.2%	112
Strongly Disagree		4.3%	28
		answered question	653
		skipped question	47