

PARENT/GUARDIAN
SURVEY 2012-2013:
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN
MIDDLE SCHOOL

Results of the May 2013 survey for Benjamin Franklin Middle School

*Ridgewood
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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 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 become a resource for making your school and the district the best they can be.

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
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Superintendent of Schools
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How to read this report

The data in this report reflect survey results for your school only. A link to the results for the whole district is also provided below.

Please note that not all parents participated in the survey. Your school's participation rate is noted below, along with the overall district participation rate.

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.

What were the results for the whole District?

A total of 2673 parents or guardians filled out surveys, representing a 35.0% participation rate. [Click here](#) for a summary of the district survey data.

How many parents and guardians participated in your school's 2012-2013 survey?

As of 5.31.13	# Enrolled Students	# Valid E-mails on File	# Survey Responses	Participation Rate
BFMS	740	1100	384	34.9%
District	5768	7627	2673	35.0%

How will these survey results be used?

Complete survey results have been provided to your school's 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.

2012-2013 Parent / Guardian Survey: Middle Schools








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		100.0%	384
George Washington Middle School		0.0%	0
		answered question	384
		skipped question	0






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		20.7%	77
Agree		63.2%	235
Neither Agree nor Disagree		8.1%	30
Disagree		7.5%	28
Strongly Disagree		0.5%	2
		answered question	372
		skipped question	12






My child likes going to school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		31.2%	116
Agree		53.5%	199
Neither Agree nor Disagree		11.6%	43
Disagree		3.5%	13
Strongly Disagree		0.3%	1
answered question			372
skipped question			12





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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		28.5%	106
Agree		47.6%	177
Neither Agree nor Disagree		18.3%	68
Disagree		4.3%	16
Strongly Disagree		1.3%	5
answered question			372
skipped question			12






I feel welcome in my child's school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		23.9%	89
Agree		48.7%	181
Neither Agree nor Disagree		19.9%	74
Disagree		6.5%	24
Strongly Disagree		1.1%	4
answered question			372
skipped question			12






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		7.8%	29
Agree		34.4%	128
Neither Agree nor Disagree		51.9%	193
Disagree		5.9%	22
Strongly Disagree		0.0%	0
answered question			372
skipped question			12






My child feels safe at school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		35.8%	133
Agree		58.9%	219
Neither Agree nor Disagree		4.0%	15
Disagree		1.1%	4
Strongly Disagree		0.3%	1
answered question			372
skipped question			12






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		23.7%	88
Agree		50.3%	187
Neither Agree nor Disagree		17.2%	64
Disagree		7.0%	26
Strongly Disagree		1.9%	7
answered question			372
skipped question			12

I am satisfied with the academic progress of my child.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		19.0%	70
Agree		61.7%	227
Neither Agree nor Disagree		9.8%	36
Disagree		8.7%	32
Strongly Disagree		0.8%	3
answered question			368
skipped question			16

The academic challenge for my child is appropriate.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		14.4%	53
Agree		57.1%	210
Neither Agree nor Disagree		12.8%	47
Disagree		13.9%	51
Strongly Disagree		1.9%	7
answered question			368
skipped question			16

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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	20.4% (75)	52.7% (194)	11.1% (41)	11.1% (41)	4.3% (16)	0.3% (1)	368
Math	20.9% (77)	54.9% (202)	14.4% (53)	8.2% (30)	1.6% (6)	0.0% (0)	368
Science (new 12-13)	25.0% (92)	61.4% (226)	10.1% (37)	2.7% (10)	0.8% (3)	0.0% (0)	368
Social Studies	27.2% (100)	58.4% (215)	9.2% (34)	3.3% (12)	1.9% (7)	0.0% (0)	368
World Languages	22.3% (82)	50.3% (185)	14.1% (52)	5.7% (21)	1.4% (5)	6.3% (23)	368
Music and Art	32.3% (119)	50.5% (186)	11.1% (41)	3.8% (14)	1.6% (6)	0.5% (2)	368
Health and Wellness	27.2% (100)	60.1% (221)	10.3% (38)	1.6% (6)	0.8% (3)	0.0% (0)	368






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

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answered question 368

skipped question 16

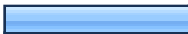


My child is encouraged to try new things at school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		13.9%	51
Agree		48.5%	178
Neither Agree nor Disagree		29.7%	109
Disagree		7.6%	28
Strongly Disagree		0.3%	1
answered question			367
skipped question			17

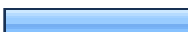

The school gives me ideas and opportunities to help my child do his/her best.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		6.8%	25
Agree		37.1%	136
Neither Agree nor Disagree		39.5%	145
Disagree		12.8%	47
Strongly Disagree		3.8%	14
answered question			367
skipped question			17






The amount of homework my child receives is:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Too little		27.5%	101
Just right		65.7%	241
Too much		6.8%	25
		answered question	367
		skipped question	17






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		27.8%	102
No		72.2%	265
		answered question	367
		skipped question	17






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		14.7%	54
Agree		62.9%	231
Neither Agree nor Disagree		15.3%	56
Disagree		6.0%	22
Strongly Disagree		1.1%	4
answered question			367
skipped question			17






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		19.3%	71
Agree		63.5%	233
Neither Agree nor Disagree		12.5%	46
Disagree		3.5%	13
Strongly Disagree		1.1%	4
answered question			367
skipped question			17






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		23.4%	86
Agree		64.3%	236
Neither Agree nor Disagree		9.0%	33
Disagree		2.5%	9
Strongly Disagree		0.8%	3
answered question			367
skipped question			17






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		13.9%	51
Agree		61.3%	225
Neither Agree nor Disagree		19.6%	72
Disagree		4.6%	17
Strongly Disagree		0.5%	2
answered question			367
skipped question			17






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		21.1%	77
Agree		54.5%	199
Neither Agree nor Disagree		12.6%	46
Disagree		9.3%	34
Strongly Disagree		2.5%	9
answered question			365
skipped question			19






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		22.2%	81
Agree		53.2%	194
Neither Agree nor Disagree		14.8%	54
Disagree		7.9%	29
Strongly Disagree		1.9%	7
answered question			365
skipped question			19

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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		21.4%	78
Agree		51.5%	188
Neither Agree nor Disagree		18.9%	69
Disagree		5.5%	20
Strongly Disagree		2.7%	10
answered question			365
skipped question			19












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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		9.3%	34
Agree		35.1%	128
Neither Agree nor Disagree		49.3%	180
Disagree		4.1%	15
Strongly Disagree		2.2%	8
answered question			365
skipped question			19






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		12.9%	47
Agree		48.2%	176
Neither Agree nor Disagree		31.0%	113
Disagree		6.0%	22
Strongly Disagree		1.9%	7
answered question			365
skipped question			19


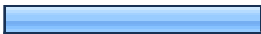
How do you receive most of your school-related information? Check all that apply:

		Response Percent	Response Count
School-based e-news/publications		75.3%	275
School website		54.5%	199
Skyward Information System		79.2%	289
District or school e-blasts/robo calls		37.8%	138
District rps.Enews		19.7%	72
Board meetings		2.5%	9
District website		13.4%	49
District Facebook page		0.8%	3
Print-based newspapers		5.5%	20
Electronic news outlets		3.3%	12
Other (please specify)		5.8%	21
		answered question	365
		skipped question	19



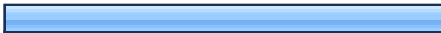



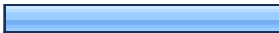
The district website is a useful source for all I need to know about the Ridgewood Public Schools.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		11.2%	41
Agree		49.6%	181
Neither Agree nor Disagree		32.6%	119
Disagree		6.0%	22
Strongly Disagree		0.5%	2
answered question			365
skipped question			19



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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		61.6%	225
No		38.4%	140
answered question			365
skipped question			19

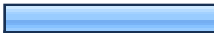


Please indicate your interest in the following types of programs. Check all that apply:

		Response Percent	Response Count
District curriculum and programs		60.7%	136
Overscheduling of children		31.7%	71
Parenting in the age of media and technology		66.1%	148
Children's anxiety issues		53.1%	119
Building children's self-esteem		66.1%	148
Helicopter parenting		19.6%	44
School safety and security		41.5%	93
		Other	15
		answered question	224
		skipped question	160






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		64.7%	145
Online webinar		58.9%	132
		Other (please specify)	1
		answered question	224
		skipped question	160

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		31.3%	70
Weekday evenings		75.9%	170
Weekend daytime		17.4%	39
	Other (please specify)		1
answered question			224
skipped question			160

I am satisfied with the club and afterschool opportunities at my child's school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		12.6%	46
Agree		39.6%	144
Neither Agree nor Disagree		32.7%	119
Disagree		12.6%	46
Strongly Disagree		2.5%	9
answered question			364
skipped question			20