

PARENT/GUARDIAN SURVEY 2012-2013: RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Results of the May 2013 survey for Ridgewood High School

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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.

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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
RHS	1682	2235	709	31.7%
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:Ridgewood High School








Our records show that your child attends Ridgewood High School. The questions in this survey should be answered with this school in mind, for your youngest child attending this school. Please confirm this information by checking the box below.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, my child attends Ridgewood High School.		100.0%	709
		answered question	709
		skipped question	0



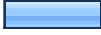


I am satisfied with the overall quality of my child's education.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		25.1%	172
Agree		58.5%	400
Neither Agree nor Disagree		8.6%	59
Disagree		6.6%	45
Strongly Disagree		1.2%	8
		answered question	684
		skipped question	25

My child likes going to school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		24.7%	169
Agree		53.1%	363
Neither Agree nor Disagree		13.7%	94
Disagree		6.6%	45
Strongly Disagree		1.9%	13
answered question			684
skipped question			25

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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		32.0%	219
Agree		49.0%	335
Neither Agree nor Disagree		14.0%	96
Disagree		3.9%	27
Strongly Disagree		1.0%	7
answered question			684
skipped question			25

I feel welcome in my child's school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		25.1%	172
Agree		47.7%	326
Neither Agree nor Disagree		23.0%	157
Disagree		3.8%	26
Strongly Disagree		0.4%	3
answered question			684
skipped question			25

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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		7.0%	48
Agree		33.8%	231
Neither Agree nor Disagree		50.6%	346
Disagree		8.3%	57
Strongly Disagree		0.3%	2
answered question			684
skipped question			25






My child feels safe at school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		32.5%	222
Agree		56.1%	384
Neither Agree nor Disagree		8.5%	58
Disagree		2.3%	16
Strongly Disagree		0.6%	4
answered question			684
skipped question			25






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 Freshman Focus at the high school level. Do you agree that these programs have been beneficial and constructive for your child?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		22.4%	153
Agree		50.1%	343
Neither Agree nor Disagree		22.4%	153
Disagree		3.9%	27
Strongly Disagree		1.2%	8
answered question			684
skipped question			25

I am satisfied with the academic progress of my child.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		21.9%	147
Agree		54.9%	369
Neither Agree nor Disagree		12.6%	85
Disagree		8.8%	59
Strongly Disagree		1.8%	12
answered question			672
skipped question			37

The academic challenge for my child is appropriate.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		20.7%	139
Agree		58.3%	392
Neither Agree nor Disagree		13.5%	91
Disagree		6.3%	42
Strongly Disagree		1.2%	8
answered question			672
skipped question			37

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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	25.7% (173)	54.8% (368)	8.3% (56)	7.7% (52)	1.9% (13)	1.5% (10)	672
Math	19.5% (131)	52.7% (354)	11.9% (80)	10.7% (72)	5.2% (35)	0.0% (0)	672
Science	22.6% (152)	54.2% (364)	11.0% (74)	8.0% (54)	4.0% (27)	0.1% (1)	672
Social Studies	29.0% (195)	54.2% (364)	9.5% (64)	4.8% (32)	1.9% (13)	0.6% (4)	672
World Languages	23.2% (156)	49.4% (332)	12.9% (87)	8.9% (60)	2.2% (15)	3.3% (22)	672
Music and Art	29.6% (199)	41.4% (278)	16.7% (112)	2.2% (15)	0.9% (6)	9.2% (62)	672
Health and Wellness	23.5% (158)	57.1% (384)	13.4% (90)	3.9% (26)	2.1% (14)	0.0% (0)	672






Please feel free to comment: 159

answered question	672
skipped question	37




My child is encouraged to try new things at school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		15.0%	100
Agree		44.1%	294
Neither Agree nor Disagree		31.7%	211
Disagree		8.3%	55
Strongly Disagree		0.9%	6
answered question			666
skipped question			43



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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		10.1%	67
Agree		32.1%	214
Neither Agree nor Disagree		35.6%	237
Disagree		17.7%	118
Strongly Disagree		4.5%	30
answered question			666
skipped question			43

The amount of homework my child receives is:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Too little		13.1%	87
Just right		66.4%	442
Too much		20.6%	137
answered question			666
skipped question			43

I supplement my child's education with professional tutoring in core subjects such as math or reading (other than SAT prep).

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		43.4%	289
No		56.6%	377
answered question			666
skipped question			43






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		14.3%	95
Agree		51.1%	339
Neither Agree nor Disagree		20.1%	133
Disagree		12.1%	80
Strongly Disagree		2.4%	16
answered question			663
skipped question			46






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		17.9%	119
Agree		52.8%	350
Neither Agree nor Disagree		21.4%	142
Disagree		6.5%	43
Strongly Disagree		1.4%	9
answered question			663
skipped question			46






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		20.8%	138
Agree		58.4%	387
Neither Agree nor Disagree		16.9%	112
Disagree		3.2%	21
Strongly Disagree		0.8%	5
answered question			663
skipped question			46






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		14.3%	95
Agree		49.3%	327
Neither Agree nor Disagree		28.4%	188
Disagree		5.6%	37
Strongly Disagree		2.4%	16
answered question			663
skipped question			46






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		24.4%	161
Agree		57.2%	378
Neither Agree nor Disagree		11.8%	78
Disagree		6.1%	40
Strongly Disagree		0.6%	4
answered question			661
skipped question			48



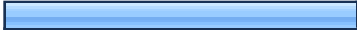


The school keeps me informed of my child's progress.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		27.8%	184
Agree		55.1%	364
Neither Agree nor Disagree		9.7%	64
Disagree		5.9%	39
Strongly Disagree		1.5%	10
answered question			661
skipped question			48






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		21.6%	143
Agree		50.1%	331
Neither Agree nor Disagree		18.8%	124
Disagree		7.9%	52
Strongly Disagree		1.7%	11
answered question			661
skipped question			48












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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		10.3%	68
Agree		29.7%	196
Neither Agree nor Disagree		52.6%	348
Disagree		5.1%	34
Strongly Disagree		2.3%	15
answered question			661
skipped question			48






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		12.6%	83
Agree		47.0%	311
Neither Agree nor Disagree		31.0%	205
Disagree		8.3%	55
Strongly Disagree		1.1%	7
answered question			661
skipped question			48


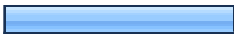
How do you receive most of your school-related information? Check all that apply:

		Response Percent	Response Count
School-based e-news/publications		77.5%	512
School website		63.5%	420
Skyward Information System		83.8%	554
District or school e-blasts/robo calls		46.7%	309
District rps.Enews		28.4%	188
Board meetings		4.7%	31
District website		17.9%	118
District Facebook page		2.3%	15
Print-based newspapers		10.3%	68
Electronic news outlets		6.5%	43
Other (please specify)		5.9%	39
		answered question	661
		skipped question	48







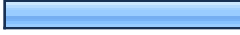
The district website is a useful source for all I need to know about the Ridgewood Public Schools.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		13.8%	91
Agree		49.5%	327
Neither Agree nor Disagree		29.2%	193
Disagree		6.2%	41
Strongly Disagree		1.4%	9
answered question			661
skipped question			48


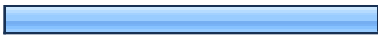
Would it be helpful for the district to provide programs on parenting issues?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		65.9%	434
No		34.1%	225
answered question			659
skipped question			50

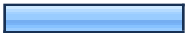


Please indicate your interest in the following types of programs. Check all that apply:

		Response Percent	Response Count
District curriculum and programs		56.4%	242
Overscheduling of children		37.5%	161
Parenting in the age of media and technology		61.8%	265
Children's anxiety issues		55.5%	238
Building children's self-esteem		53.8%	231
Helicopter parenting		19.6%	84
School safety and security		35.7%	153
		Other	24
		answered question	429
		skipped question	280

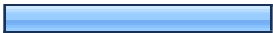


What would be the best way for you to participate in district parental programs? Check all that apply:

		Response Percent	Response Count
In person at a school or the Education Center		69.2%	297
Online webinar		56.2%	241
		Other (please specify)	8
		answered question	429
		skipped question	280










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		26.6%	114
Weekday evenings		75.3%	323
Weekend daytime		21.9%	94
	Other (please specify)		5
		answered question	429
		skipped question	280






Has your child taken a financial literacy course yet?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		40.0%	261
No		45.9%	299
I don't know.		14.1%	92
		answered question	652
		skipped question	57



Please indicate which course(s) your child has taken. Check all that apply:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Accounting Honors		1.5%	4
Advanced Math Applications		6.2%	16
Consumerism		1.5%	4
Entrepreneurship		25.0%	65
Finance		58.8%	153
Global Economics		1.2%	3
Micro/Macro Economics		13.5%	35
Stock Market		5.8%	15
I don't know.		8.1%	21
answered question			260
skipped question			449



How satisfied were you with the financial literacy course(s)?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very Satisfied		34.2%	89
Satisfied		41.2%	107
Neither Satisfied nor Unsatisfied		21.2%	55
Unsatisfied		2.7%	7
Very Unsatisfied		0.8%	2
Other (please specify)			23
answered question			260
skipped question			449




Are you aware that the district offers the option to take Financial Literacy through the fee-based Summer School program at Ridgewood High School?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		46.3%	181
No		53.7%	210
answered question			391
skipped question			318

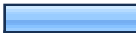





Would you be interested in having your child satisfy the financial literacy course graduation requirement with a fee-based online course through Ridgewood High School?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		52.9%	207
No		47.1%	184
answered question			391
skipped question			318







My child participates in SAT prep (tutor, prep classes, etc.).

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		48.0%	310
No		35.9%	232
Not Applicable		16.1%	104
answered question			646
skipped question			63

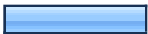





I am satisfied with the co-curricular after-school offerings (examples: Debate Club, DECA, Latin Academic Team) at my child's school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		19.7%	127
Agree		45.2%	292
Neither Agree nor Disagree		23.2%	150
Disagree		3.4%	22
Strongly Disagree		0.8%	5
Not Applicable		7.7%	50
answered question			646
skipped question			63

I am satisfied with the visual and performing arts afterschool offerings (examples: Maroon and White, New Players Company, Jazz Band) at my child's school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		22.1%	143
Agree		35.0%	226
Neither Agree nor Disagree		23.2%	150
Disagree		2.6%	17
Strongly Disagree		0.5%	3
Not Applicable		16.6%	107
answered question			646
skipped question			63

I am satisfied with the after-school athletic offerings at my child's school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		21.1%	136
Agree		49.4%	319
Neither Agree nor Disagree		16.3%	105
Disagree		4.8%	31
Strongly Disagree		1.5%	10
Not Applicable		7.0%	45
answered question			646
skipped question			63