

PARENT/GUARDIAN SURVEY 2012-2013: RIDGE SCHOOL

Results of the May 2013 survey for Ridge Elementary School

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 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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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
Ridge	517	634	212	33.4%
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.

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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Hawes School		0.0%	0
Orchard School		0.0%	0
Ridge School		100.0%	212
Somerville School		0.0%	0
Travell School		0.0%	0
Willard School		0.0%	0
		answered question	212
		skipped question	0






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		38.8%	80
Agree		53.4%	110
Neither Agree nor Disagree		5.3%	11
Disagree		1.0%	2
Strongly Disagree		1.5%	3
		answered question	206
		skipped question	6





My child likes going to school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		50.5%	104
Agree		42.7%	88
Neither Agree nor Disagree		5.3%	11
Disagree		1.0%	2
Strongly Disagree		0.5%	1
answered question			206
skipped question			6



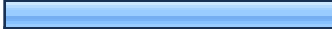

I would recommend my child's school to other parents.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		52.4%	108
Agree		39.3%	81
Neither Agree nor Disagree		5.8%	12
Disagree		1.5%	3
Strongly Disagree		1.0%	2
answered question			206
skipped question			6





I feel welcome in my child's school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		46.6%	96
Agree		42.7%	88
Neither Agree nor Disagree		7.3%	15
Disagree		3.4%	7
Strongly Disagree		0.0%	0
answered question			206
skipped question			6





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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		8.7%	18
Agree		35.0%	72
Neither Agree nor Disagree		49.0%	101
Disagree		7.3%	15
Strongly Disagree		0.0%	0
answered question			206
skipped question			6






My child feels safe at school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		54.4%	112
Agree		42.2%	87
Neither Agree nor Disagree		2.9%	6
Disagree		0.5%	1
Strongly Disagree		0.0%	0
answered question			206
skipped question			6






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 Open Circle at the elementary school level. Do you agree that these programs have been beneficial and constructive for your child?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		32.5%	67
Agree		49.5%	102
Neither Agree nor Disagree		17.0%	35
Disagree		1.0%	2
Strongly Disagree		0.0%	0
answered question			206
skipped question			6

I am satisfied with the academic progress of my child.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		29.3%	58
Agree		59.6%	118
Neither Agree nor Disagree		7.6%	15
Disagree		3.0%	6
Strongly Disagree		0.5%	1
answered question			198
skipped question			14

The academic challenge for my child is appropriate.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		22.2%	44
Agree		57.1%	113
Neither Agree nor Disagree		13.1%	26
Disagree		7.1%	14
Strongly Disagree		0.5%	1
answered question			198
skipped question			14

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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	31.3% (62)	47.0% (93)	11.6% (23)	4.0% (8)	1.5% (3)	4.5% (9)	198
Math	28.3% (56)	48.5% (96)	12.6% (25)	7.1% (14)	2.5% (5)	1.0% (2)	198
Science (new 12-13)	22.2% (44)	43.4% (86)	18.2% (36)	4.0% (8)	0.5% (1)	11.6% (23)	198
Social Studies	24.2% (48)	48.0% (95)	15.7% (31)	3.5% (7)	0.5% (1)	8.1% (16)	198
World Languages	9.6% (19)	27.3% (54)	22.2% (44)	13.6% (27)	8.6% (17)	18.7% (37)	198
Music and Art	39.9% (79)	49.0% (97)	6.1% (12)	3.5% (7)	1.0% (2)	0.5% (1)	198
Health and Wellness	29.8% (59)	53.5% (106)	12.6% (25)	1.0% (2)	0.5% (1)	2.5% (5)	198

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

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answered question

198

skipped question

14




My child is encouraged to try new things at school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		27.6%	54
Agree		59.2%	116
Neither Agree nor Disagree		13.3%	26
Disagree		0.0%	0
Strongly Disagree		0.0%	0
answered question			196
skipped question			16



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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		22.4%	44
Agree		51.5%	101
Neither Agree nor Disagree		19.4%	38
Disagree		6.1%	12
Strongly Disagree		0.5%	1
answered question			196
skipped question			16






The amount of homework my child receives is:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Too little		26.5%	52
Just right		68.4%	134
Too much		5.1%	10
answered question			196
skipped question			16





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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		27.0%	53
No		73.0%	143
answered question			196
skipped question			16

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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		42.9%	84
Agree		51.5%	101
Neither Agree nor Disagree		3.1%	6
Disagree		2.0%	4
Strongly Disagree		0.5%	1
answered question			196
skipped question			16

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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		53.6%	105
Agree		43.4%	85
Neither Agree nor Disagree		1.5%	3
Disagree		1.5%	3
Strongly Disagree		0.0%	0
answered question			196
skipped question			16





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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		31.1%	61
Agree		52.0%	102
Neither Agree nor Disagree		11.7%	23
Disagree		5.1%	10
Strongly Disagree		0.0%	0
answered question			196
skipped question			16



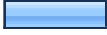

The condition/quality of the school's visual and performing arts spaces is acceptable.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		34.7%	68
Agree		46.9%	92
Neither Agree nor Disagree		16.3%	32
Disagree		1.5%	3
Strongly Disagree		0.5%	1
answered question			196
skipped question			16





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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		37.9%	74
Agree		49.2%	96
Neither Agree nor Disagree		10.3%	20
Disagree		2.6%	5
Strongly Disagree		0.0%	0
answered question			195
skipped question			17


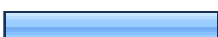
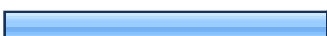


The school keeps me informed of my child's progress.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		22.6%	44
Agree		56.9%	111
Neither Agree nor Disagree		14.9%	29
Disagree		5.6%	11
Strongly Disagree		0.0%	0
answered question			195
skipped question			17






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		48.2%	94
Agree		43.1%	84
Neither Agree nor Disagree		7.7%	15
Disagree		1.0%	2
Strongly Disagree		0.0%	0
answered question			195
skipped question			17












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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		17.9%	35
Agree		31.8%	62
Neither Agree nor Disagree		48.2%	94
Disagree		1.5%	3
Strongly Disagree		0.5%	1
answered question			195
skipped question			17

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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		23.6%	46
Agree		53.3%	104
Neither Agree nor Disagree		19.5%	38
Disagree		3.1%	6
Strongly Disagree		0.5%	1
answered question			195
skipped question			17

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

		Response Percent	Response Count
School-based e-news/publications		85.1%	166
School website		71.3%	139
Skyward Information System		38.5%	75
District or school e-blasts/robo calls		31.8%	62
District rps.Enews		10.3%	20
Board meetings		5.1%	10
District website		9.7%	19
District Facebook page		2.6%	5
Print-based newspapers		5.1%	10
Electronic news outlets		3.6%	7
Other (please specify)		4.1%	8
		answered question	195
		skipped question	17








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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		17.9%	35
Agree		53.3%	104
Neither Agree nor Disagree		25.1%	49
Disagree		3.1%	6
Strongly Disagree		0.5%	1
answered question			195
skipped question			17

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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		70.3%	137
No		29.7%	58
answered question			195
skipped question			17



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

		Response Percent	Response Count
District curriculum and programs		59.1%	81
Overscheduling of children		39.4%	54
Parenting in the age of media and technology		71.5%	98
Children's anxiety issues		57.7%	79
Building children's self-esteem		70.8%	97
Helicopter parenting		21.2%	29
School safety and security		34.3%	47
		Other	5

answered question 137

skipped question 75

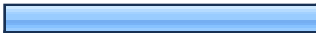


What would be the best way for you to participate in district parental programs? Check all that apply:

		Response Percent	Response Count
In person at a school or the Education Center		77.4%	106
Online webinar		48.2%	66
		Other (please specify)	1

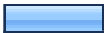




answered question 137

skipped question 75

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		46.7%	64
Weekday evenings		63.5%	87
Weekend daytime		17.5%	24
	Other (please specify)		2
answered question			137
skipped question			75

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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		14.4%	28
Agree		43.3%	84
Neither Agree nor Disagree		31.4%	61
Disagree		8.8%	17
Strongly Disagree		2.1%	4
answered question			194
skipped question			18