

# PARENT/GUARDIAN SURVEY 2012-2013: SOMERVILLE SCHOOL

Results of the May 2013 survey for Somerville 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
Somerville	521	626	243	38.8%
District	5768	7627	2673	35.0%




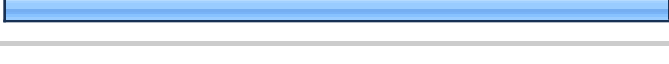

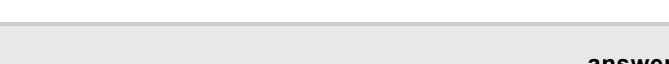
### **How will these survey results be used?**

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: Elementary Schools








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		0.0%	0
<b>Somerville School</b>		<b>100.0%</b>	<b>243</b>
Travell School		0.0%	0
Willard School		0.0%	0
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>243</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>0</b>






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		31.5%	74
<b>Agree</b>		<b>58.3%</b>	<b>137</b>
Neither Agree nor Disagree		5.5%	13
Disagree		3.0%	7
Strongly Disagree		1.7%	4
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>235</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>8</b>






### My child likes going to school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		40.9%	96
<b>Agree</b>		<b>48.5%</b>	<b>114</b>
Neither Agree nor Disagree		6.4%	15
Disagree		3.8%	9
Strongly Disagree		0.4%	1
<b>answered question</b>			<b>235</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>8</b>



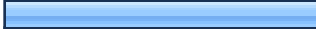


### I would recommend my child's school to other parents.

		Response Percent	Response Count
<b>Strongly Agree</b>		<b>46.8%</b>	<b>110</b>
Agree		43.4%	102
Neither Agree nor Disagree		7.7%	18
Disagree		1.3%	3
Strongly Disagree		0.9%	2
<b>answered question</b>			<b>235</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>8</b>






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

		<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
<b>Strongly Agree</b>		<b>46.8%</b>	<b>110</b>
Agree		38.7%	91
Neither Agree nor Disagree		8.9%	21
Disagree		3.8%	9
Strongly Disagree		1.7%	4
<b>answered question</b>			<b>235</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>8</b>






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

		<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Strongly Agree		8.5%	20
Agree		31.9%	75
<b>Neither Agree nor Disagree</b>		<b>46.8%</b>	<b>110</b>
Disagree		11.5%	27
Strongly Disagree		1.3%	3
<b>answered question</b>			<b>235</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>8</b>






**My child feels safe at school.**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		43.8%	103
<b>Agree</b>		<b>51.1%</b>	<b>120</b>
Neither Agree nor Disagree		3.0%	7
Disagree		1.7%	4
Strongly Disagree		0.4%	1
<b>answered question</b>			<b>235</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>8</b>






**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		26.4%	62
<b>Agree</b>		<b>48.5%</b>	<b>114</b>
Neither Agree nor Disagree		21.7%	51
Disagree		3.0%	7
Strongly Disagree		0.4%	1
<b>answered question</b>			<b>235</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>8</b>

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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		26.5%	62
<b>Agree</b>		<b>56.4%</b>	<b>132</b>
Neither Agree nor Disagree		11.1%	26
Disagree		4.7%	11
Strongly Disagree		1.3%	3
<b>answered question</b>			<b>234</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>9</b>

**The academic challenge for my child is appropriate.**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		22.6%	53
<b>Agree</b>		<b>51.7%</b>	<b>121</b>
Neither Agree nor Disagree		12.4%	29
Disagree		10.3%	24
Strongly Disagree		3.0%	7
<b>answered question</b>			<b>234</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>9</b>

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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	27.8% (65)	<b>49.6% (116)</b>	10.7% (25)	7.7% (18)	1.3% (3)	3.0% (7)	234
Math	26.1% (61)	<b>50.4% (118)</b>	11.5% (27)	9.8% (23)	1.7% (4)	0.4% (1)	234
Science (new 12-13)	17.5% (41)	<b>41.9% (98)</b>	17.9% (42)	6.8% (16)	0.9% (2)	15.0% (35)	234
Social Studies	19.7% (46)	<b>48.7% (114)</b>	16.7% (39)	2.6% (6)	1.7% (4)	10.7% (25)	234
World Languages	9.8% (23)	20.9% (49)	<b>23.1% (54)</b>	19.7% (46)	7.3% (17)	19.2% (45)	234
Music and Art	36.3% (85)	<b>52.1% (122)</b>	9.0% (21)	2.6% (6)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	234
Health and Wellness	23.5% (55)	<b>53.0% (124)</b>	16.7% (39)	2.6% (6)	0.0% (0)	4.3% (10)	234

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

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**answered question**






**234**

**skipped question**






**9**



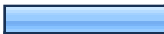


**My child is encouraged to try new things at school.**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		21.1%	49
<b>Agree</b>		<b>53.4%</b>	<b>124</b>
Neither Agree nor Disagree		21.6%	50
Disagree		2.2%	5
Strongly Disagree		1.7%	4
<b>answered question</b>			<b>232</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>11</b>

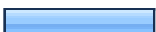

**The school gives me ideas and opportunities to help my child do his/her best.**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		21.1%	49
<b>Agree</b>		<b>39.7%</b>	<b>92</b>
Neither Agree nor Disagree		26.7%	62
Disagree		10.3%	24
Strongly Disagree		2.2%	5
<b>answered question</b>			<b>232</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>11</b>






**The amount of homework my child receives is:**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Too little		23.7%	55
<b>Just right</b>		<b>69.4%</b>	<b>161</b>
Too much		6.9%	16
<b>answered question</b>			<b>232</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>11</b>






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		22.0%	51
<b>No</b>		<b>78.0%</b>	<b>181</b>
<b>answered question</b>			<b>232</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>11</b>





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

		<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Strongly Agree		22.9%	53
<b>Agree</b>		<b>61.5%</b>	<b>142</b>
Neither Agree nor Disagree		8.7%	20
Disagree		6.1%	14
Strongly Disagree		0.9%	2
<b>answered question</b>			<b>231</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>12</b>



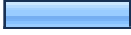

**My child's school is clean and well-maintained.**

		<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Strongly Agree		32.0%	74
<b>Agree</b>		<b>56.7%</b>	<b>131</b>
Neither Agree nor Disagree		8.7%	20
Disagree		1.7%	4
Strongly Disagree		0.9%	2
<b>answered question</b>			<b>231</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>12</b>






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		19.5%	45
<b>Agree</b>		<b>64.5%</b>	<b>149</b>
Neither Agree nor Disagree		12.6%	29
Disagree		3.5%	8
Strongly Disagree		0.0%	0
<b>answered question</b>			<b>231</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>12</b>






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		14.7%	34
<b>Agree</b>		<b>62.3%</b>	<b>144</b>
Neither Agree nor Disagree		18.6%	43
Disagree		4.3%	10
Strongly Disagree		0.0%	0
<b>answered question</b>			<b>231</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>12</b>






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		39.1%	90
<b>Agree</b>		<b>47.0%</b>	<b>108</b>
Neither Agree nor Disagree		9.1%	21
Disagree		3.5%	8
Strongly Disagree		1.3%	3
<b>answered question</b>			<b>230</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>13</b>






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		22.6%	52
<b>Agree</b>		<b>57.8%</b>	<b>133</b>
Neither Agree nor Disagree		12.2%	28
Disagree		5.7%	13
Strongly Disagree		1.7%	4
<b>answered question</b>			<b>230</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>13</b>






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		40.0%	92
<b>Agree</b>		<b>50.0%</b>	<b>115</b>
Neither Agree nor Disagree		5.7%	13
Disagree		2.2%	5
Strongly Disagree		2.2%	5
<b>answered question</b>			<b>230</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>13</b>












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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		13.0%	30
Agree		27.4%	63
<b>Neither Agree nor Disagree</b>		<b>53.9%</b>	<b>124</b>
Disagree		4.8%	11
Strongly Disagree		0.9%	2
<b>answered question</b>			<b>230</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>13</b>

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

		<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Strongly Agree		22.6%	52
<b>Agree</b>		<b>50.4%</b>	<b>116</b>
Neither Agree nor Disagree		19.6%	45
Disagree		6.1%	14
Strongly Disagree		1.3%	3
<b>answered question</b>			<b>230</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>13</b>

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

		<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
<b>School-based e-news/publications</b>		<b>88.7%</b>	<b>204</b>
School website		47.8%	110
Skyward Information System		41.3%	95
District or school e-blasts/robo calls		30.9%	71
District rps.Enews		7.4%	17
Board meetings		2.2%	5
District website		7.8%	18
District Facebook page		1.7%	4
Print-based newspapers		3.0%	7
Electronic news outlets		3.9%	9
Other (please specify)		7.8%	18
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>230</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>13</b>










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

		<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Strongly Agree		10.9%	25
<b>Agree</b>		<b>45.7%</b>	<b>105</b>
Neither Agree nor Disagree		35.2%	81
Disagree		7.8%	18
Strongly Disagree		0.4%	1
<b>answered question</b>			<b>230</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>13</b>

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


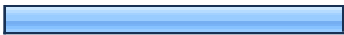
		<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Yes		66.8%	153
No		33.2%	76
<b>answered question</b>			<b>229</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>14</b>

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

		Response Percent	Response Count
District curriculum and programs		63.6%	96
Overscheduling of children		43.0%	65
Parenting in the age of media and technology		70.9%	107
Children's anxiety issues		48.3%	73
<b>Building children's self-esteem</b>		<b>72.8%</b>	<b>110</b>
Helicopter parenting		21.2%	32
School safety and security		40.4%	61
		Other	5

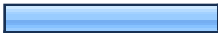


	<b>answered question</b>	<b>151</b>
	<b>skipped question</b>	<b>92</b>

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

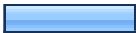




		Response Percent	Response Count
<b>In person at a school or the Education Center</b>		<b>72.2%</b>	<b>109</b>
Online webinar		51.0%	77
		Other (please specify)	0

	<b>answered question</b>	<b>151</b>
	<b>skipped question</b>	<b>92</b>

**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		31.8%	48
<b>Weekday evenings</b>		<b>72.2%</b>	<b>109</b>
Weekend daytime		18.5%	28
	Other (please specify)		1
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>151</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>92</b>

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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		19.4%	44
<b>Agree</b>		<b>40.5%</b>	<b>92</b>
Neither Agree nor Disagree		27.8%	63
Disagree		10.6%	24
Strongly Disagree		1.8%	4
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>227</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>16</b>