

PARENT/GUARDIAN SURVEY 2012-2013: TRAVELL SCHOOL

Results of the May 2013 survey for Travell 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.

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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
Travell	365	460	190	41.3%
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
Somerville School		0.0%	0
Travell School		100.0%	190
Willard School		0.0%	0
answered question			190
skipped question			0

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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		33.3%	62
Agree		56.5%	105
Neither Agree nor Disagree		5.4%	10
Disagree		4.8%	9
Strongly Disagree		0.0%	0
answered question			186
skipped question			4






My child likes going to school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		44.6%	83
Agree		41.9%	78
Neither Agree nor Disagree		5.9%	11
Disagree		7.0%	13
Strongly Disagree		0.5%	1
answered question			186
skipped question			4



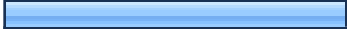

I would recommend my child's school to other parents.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		36.0%	67
Agree		46.2%	86
Neither Agree nor Disagree		11.8%	22
Disagree		5.4%	10
Strongly Disagree		0.5%	1
answered question			186
skipped question			4






I feel welcome in my child's school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		41.4%	77
Agree		41.9%	78
Neither Agree nor Disagree		11.3%	21
Disagree		4.8%	9
Strongly Disagree		0.5%	1
answered question			186
skipped question			4






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		7.5%	14
Agree		35.5%	66
Neither Agree nor Disagree		51.1%	95
Disagree		5.9%	11
Strongly Disagree		0.0%	0
answered question			186
skipped question			4





My child feels safe at school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		43.5%	81
Agree		51.1%	95
Neither Agree nor Disagree		3.2%	6
Disagree		1.1%	2
Strongly Disagree		1.1%	2
answered question			186
skipped question			4






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		20.4%	38
Agree		50.0%	93
Neither Agree nor Disagree		22.0%	41
Disagree		5.9%	11
Strongly Disagree		1.6%	3
answered question			186
skipped question			4

I am satisfied with the academic progress of my child.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		27.8%	50
Agree		56.7%	102
Neither Agree nor Disagree		10.0%	18
Disagree		5.6%	10
Strongly Disagree		0.0%	0
answered question			180
skipped question			10

The academic challenge for my child is appropriate.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		23.9%	43
Agree		51.1%	92
Neither Agree nor Disagree		12.8%	23
Disagree		11.1%	20
Strongly Disagree		1.1%	2
answered question			180
skipped question			10

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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	28.3% (51)	55.0% (99)	8.9% (16)	6.7% (12)	1.1% (2)	0.0% (0)	180
Math	25.0% (45)	52.2% (94)	13.9% (25)	7.2% (13)	1.7% (3)	0.0% (0)	180
Science (new 12-13)	18.3% (33)	49.4% (89)	21.7% (39)	5.6% (10)	0.6% (1)	4.4% (8)	180
Social Studies	16.1% (29)	52.2% (94)	17.2% (31)	5.0% (9)	0.6% (1)	8.9% (16)	180
World Languages	10.0% (18)	31.7% (57)	22.8% (41)	17.2% (31)	7.8% (14)	10.6% (19)	180
Music and Art	37.2% (67)	55.6% (100)	5.0% (9)	1.7% (3)	0.6% (1)	0.0% (0)	180
Health and Wellness	27.8% (50)	61.1% (110)	7.8% (14)	2.8% (5)	0.6% (1)	0.0% (0)	180

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

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
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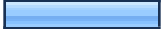

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My child is encouraged to try new things at school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		21.9%	39
Agree		53.9%	96
Neither Agree nor Disagree		19.1%	34
Disagree		4.5%	8
Strongly Disagree		0.6%	1
answered question			178
skipped question			12



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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		17.4%	31
Agree		50.0%	89
Neither Agree nor Disagree		23.0%	41
Disagree		9.6%	17
Strongly Disagree		0.0%	0
answered question			178
skipped question			12






The amount of homework my child receives is:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Too little		16.9%	30
Just right		74.7%	133
Too much		8.4%	15
answered question			178
skipped question			12





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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		24.7%	44
No		75.3%	134
answered question			178
skipped question			12






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		19.8%	35
Agree		60.5%	107
Neither Agree nor Disagree		13.0%	23
Disagree		5.6%	10
Strongly Disagree		1.1%	2
answered question			177
skipped question			13






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		37.9%	67
Agree		55.4%	98
Neither Agree nor Disagree		5.1%	9
Disagree		1.7%	3
Strongly Disagree		0.0%	0
answered question			177
skipped question			13






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		20.9%	37
Agree		58.2%	103
Neither Agree nor Disagree		13.6%	24
Disagree		6.2%	11
Strongly Disagree		1.1%	2
answered question			177
skipped question			13






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		16.9%	30
Agree		60.5%	107
Neither Agree nor Disagree		19.2%	34
Disagree		2.8%	5
Strongly Disagree		0.6%	1
answered question			177
skipped question			13






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		31.6%	56
Agree		54.2%	96
Neither Agree nor Disagree		7.9%	14
Disagree		5.6%	10
Strongly Disagree		0.6%	1
answered question			177
skipped question			13






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		26.0%	46
Agree		49.2%	87
Neither Agree nor Disagree		14.7%	26
Disagree		9.6%	17
Strongly Disagree		0.6%	1
answered question			177
skipped question			13






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		42.9%	76
Agree		42.4%	75
Neither Agree nor Disagree		9.6%	17
Disagree		4.5%	8
Strongly Disagree		0.6%	1
answered question			177
skipped question			13












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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		11.9%	21
Agree		32.8%	58
Neither Agree nor Disagree		49.2%	87
Disagree		4.5%	8
Strongly Disagree		1.7%	3
answered question			177
skipped question			13

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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		22.0%	39
Agree		48.0%	85
Neither Agree nor Disagree		20.3%	36
Disagree		9.0%	16
Strongly Disagree		0.6%	1
answered question			177
skipped question			13

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

		Response Percent	Response Count
School-based e-news/publications		91.0%	161
School website		50.3%	89
Skyward Information System		39.5%	70
District or school e-blasts/robo calls		35.0%	62
District rps.Enews		13.0%	23
Board meetings		2.3%	4
District website		10.2%	18
District Facebook page		2.3%	4
Print-based newspapers		4.5%	8
Electronic news outlets		2.8%	5
Other (please specify)		4.0%	7
		answered question	177
		skipped question	13








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%	22
Agree		49.2%	87
Neither Agree nor Disagree		27.7%	49
Disagree		10.2%	18
Strongly Disagree		0.6%	1
answered question			177
skipped question			13

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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		67.2%	119
No		32.8%	58
answered question			177
skipped question			13


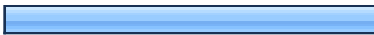
Please indicate your interest in the following types of programs. Check all that apply:

		Response Percent	Response Count
District curriculum and programs		57.1%	68
Overscheduling of children		47.1%	56
Parenting in the age of media and technology		73.1%	87
Children's anxiety issues		62.2%	74
Building children's self-esteem		76.5%	91
Helicopter parenting		27.7%	33
School safety and security		45.4%	54
		Other	5

answered question 119

skipped question 71

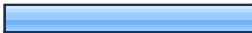


What would be the best way for you to participate in district parental programs? Check all that apply:

		Response Percent	Response Count
In person at a school or the Education Center		74.8%	89
Online webinar		55.5%	66
		Other (please specify)	3






answered question 119

skipped question 71

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		37.0%	44
Weekday evenings		71.4%	85
Weekend daytime		16.0%	19
	Other (please specify)		3
answered question			119
skipped question			71

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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		11.4%	20
Agree		44.9%	79
Neither Agree nor Disagree		26.7%	47
Disagree		14.2%	25
Strongly Disagree		2.8%	5
answered question			176
skipped question			14