

PARENT/GUARDIAN SURVEY 2012-2013: WILLARD SCHOOL

Results of the May 2013 survey for Willard 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
Willard	499	607	235	38.7%
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: 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		0.0%	0
Willard School		100.0%	235
answered question			235
skipped question			0

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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		42.9%	96
Agree		48.7%	109
Neither Agree nor Disagree		5.4%	12
Disagree		1.8%	4
Strongly Disagree		1.3%	3
answered question			224
skipped question			11






My child likes going to school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		55.4%	124
Agree		37.1%	83
Neither Agree nor Disagree		4.9%	11
Disagree		1.3%	3
Strongly Disagree		1.3%	3
answered question			224
skipped question			11



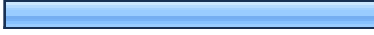


I would recommend my child's school to other parents.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		53.1%	119
Agree		40.2%	90
Neither Agree nor Disagree		5.4%	12
Disagree		0.4%	1
Strongly Disagree		0.9%	2
answered question			224
skipped question			11





I feel welcome in my child's school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		49.1%	110
Agree		40.2%	90
Neither Agree nor Disagree		8.0%	18
Disagree		1.8%	4
Strongly Disagree		0.9%	2
answered question			224
skipped question			11






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		11.6%	26
Agree		24.1%	54
Neither Agree nor Disagree		55.8%	125
Disagree		8.0%	18
Strongly Disagree		0.4%	1
answered question			224
skipped question			11






My child feels safe at school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		52.2%	117
Agree		44.2%	99
Neither Agree nor Disagree		2.7%	6
Disagree		0.0%	0
Strongly Disagree		0.9%	2
answered question			224
skipped question			11






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		21.9%	49
Agree		46.4%	104
Neither Agree nor Disagree		26.8%	60
Disagree		3.6%	8
Strongly Disagree		1.3%	3
answered question			224
skipped question			11

I am satisfied with the academic progress of my child.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		36.1%	79
Agree		53.9%	118
Neither Agree nor Disagree		5.0%	11
Disagree		4.1%	9
Strongly Disagree		0.9%	2
answered question			219
skipped question			16

The academic challenge for my child is appropriate.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		26.5%	58
Agree		53.0%	116
Neither Agree nor Disagree		7.3%	16
Disagree		11.4%	25
Strongly Disagree		1.8%	4
answered question			219
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	32.0% (70)	49.8% (109)	7.8% (17)	3.7% (8)	1.4% (3)	5.5% (12)	219
Math	32.0% (70)	48.9% (107)	7.3% (16)	9.1% (20)	2.7% (6)	0.0% (0)	219
Science (new 12-13)	19.2% (42)	46.1% (101)	16.9% (37)	4.1% (9)	1.8% (4)	11.9% (26)	219
Social Studies	17.4% (38)	49.3% (108)	16.0% (35)	4.6% (10)	1.4% (3)	11.4% (25)	219
World Languages	9.6% (21)	22.8% (50)	25.1% (55)	18.3% (40)	7.8% (17)	16.4% (36)	219
Music and Art	37.9% (83)	54.3% (119)	5.5% (12)	0.9% (2)	0.9% (2)	0.5% (1)	219
Health and Wellness	24.2% (53)	56.2% (123)	13.7% (30)	1.4% (3)	0.5% (1)	4.1% (9)	219

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

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answered question

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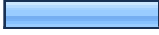


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My child is encouraged to try new things at school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		27.2%	59
Agree		55.3%	120
Neither Agree nor Disagree		13.8%	30
Disagree		3.2%	7
Strongly Disagree		0.5%	1
answered question			217
skipped question			18



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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		19.4%	42
Agree		45.6%	99
Neither Agree nor Disagree		23.0%	50
Disagree		11.1%	24
Strongly Disagree		0.9%	2
answered question			217
skipped question			18






The amount of homework my child receives is:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Too little		17.1%	37
Just right		72.8%	158
Too much		10.1%	22
answered question			217
skipped question			18






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		30.0%	65
No		70.0%	152
answered question			217
skipped question			18






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		34.1%	74
Agree		47.9%	104
Neither Agree nor Disagree		8.3%	18
Disagree		8.8%	19
Strongly Disagree		0.9%	2
answered question			217
skipped question			18



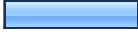

My child's school is clean and well-maintained.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		37.3%	81
Agree		54.4%	118
Neither Agree nor Disagree		4.1%	9
Disagree		2.8%	6
Strongly Disagree		1.4%	3
answered question			217
skipped question			18





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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		20.3%	44
Agree		48.8%	106
Neither Agree nor Disagree		18.9%	41
Disagree		8.8%	19
Strongly Disagree		3.2%	7
answered question			217
skipped question			18






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		20.3%	44
Agree		51.6%	112
Neither Agree nor Disagree		19.8%	43
Disagree		8.3%	18
Strongly Disagree		0.0%	0
answered question			217
skipped question			18






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		41.1%	88
Agree		50.9%	109
Neither Agree nor Disagree		4.2%	9
Disagree		3.7%	8
Strongly Disagree		0.0%	0
answered question			214
skipped question			21






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		26.6%	57
Agree		55.1%	118
Neither Agree nor Disagree		11.7%	25
Disagree		5.6%	12
Strongly Disagree		0.9%	2
answered question			214
skipped question			21






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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		39.7%	85
Agree		45.8%	98
Neither Agree nor Disagree		10.3%	22
Disagree		3.7%	8
Strongly Disagree		0.5%	1
answered question			214
skipped question			21












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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		14.0%	30
Agree		26.6%	57
Neither Agree nor Disagree		57.0%	122
Disagree		1.9%	4
Strongly Disagree		0.5%	1
answered question			214
skipped question			21

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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		23.4%	50
Agree		48.1%	103
Neither Agree nor Disagree		23.8%	51
Disagree		4.2%	9
Strongly Disagree		0.5%	1
answered question			214
skipped question			21

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

		Response Percent	Response Count
School-based e-news/publications		93.5%	200
School website		48.1%	103
Skyward Information System		33.6%	72
District or school e-blasts/robo calls		34.1%	73
District rps.Enews		8.9%	19
Board meetings		0.9%	2
District website		7.5%	16
District Facebook page		1.4%	3
Print-based newspapers		1.9%	4
Electronic news outlets		3.7%	8
Other (please specify)		5.1%	11
		answered question	214
		skipped question	21








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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		12.1%	26
Agree		41.6%	89
Neither Agree nor Disagree		41.1%	88
Disagree		3.7%	8
Strongly Disagree		1.4%	3
answered question			214
skipped question			21

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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		66.4%	142
No		33.6%	72
answered question			214
skipped question			21



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

		Response Percent	Response Count
District curriculum and programs		55.3%	78
Overscheduling of children		43.3%	61
Parenting in the age of media and technology		81.6%	115
Children's anxiety issues		60.3%	85
Building children's self-esteem		67.4%	95
Helicopter parenting		21.3%	30
School safety and security		36.9%	52
		Other	7

answered question 141

skipped question 94




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		80.1%	113
Online webinar		48.9%	69
		Other (please specify)	3


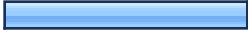



answered question 141

skipped question 94

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		37.6%	53
Weekday evenings		75.9%	107
Weekend daytime		15.6%	22
	Other (please specify)		0
answered question			141
skipped question			94

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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		12.7%	27
Agree		36.2%	77
Neither Agree nor Disagree		31.9%	68
Disagree		16.0%	34
Strongly Disagree		3.3%	7
answered question			213
skipped question			22