

# PARENT / GUARDIAN SURVEY 2014-2015: RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Results of the May 2015 survey for Ridgewood High School

Ridgewood

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*Dear Parent or Guardian,*

This past May district parents and guardians were asked to fill out a comprehensive survey on topics related to our schools and your children's education. The results of the survey for your school are presented here.

These results present an important summary that we will use as 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 appreciate your feedback and hope you enjoy reading the following report.

The Ridgewood Board of Education

*Sheila Brogan, President*  
*Vincent Loncto, Vice President*  
*Christina Krauss*  
*Michele Lenhard*  
*James Morgan*

Superintendent of Schools

*Daniel Fishbein*

### **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 email from May 5-15, 2015 using SurveyMonkey software. Email invitations with private survey links were sent to all district parents and guardians with email addresses on file. Survey respondents participated on a secure survey website. Only one response was allowed for each email address. The survey was completely anonymous.

Numerical data were compiled and charts were created using SurveyMonkey. District data were compiled from the grade-level 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 7,786 emails were sent; 2773 parents or guardians filled out surveys, representing a 35.6% participation rate. [Click here](#) for a summary of the district survey data for 2014-2015.

### **How many parents and guardians participated in your school's 2014-2015 survey?**

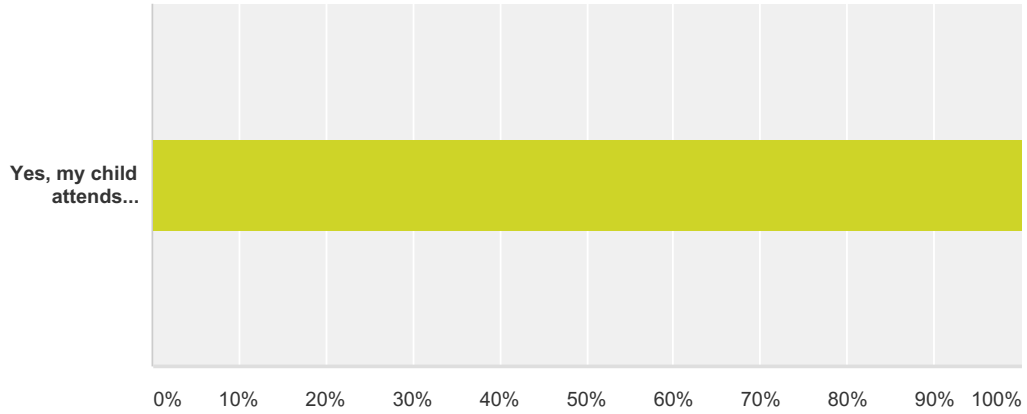
As of 5.31.15	# Enrolled Students	# Emails on File	# Survey Responses	Participation Rate
RHS	1708	2325	759	32.6%
In-District	5682	7786	2773	35.6%

### **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.

**Q1 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 corresponding box below.**

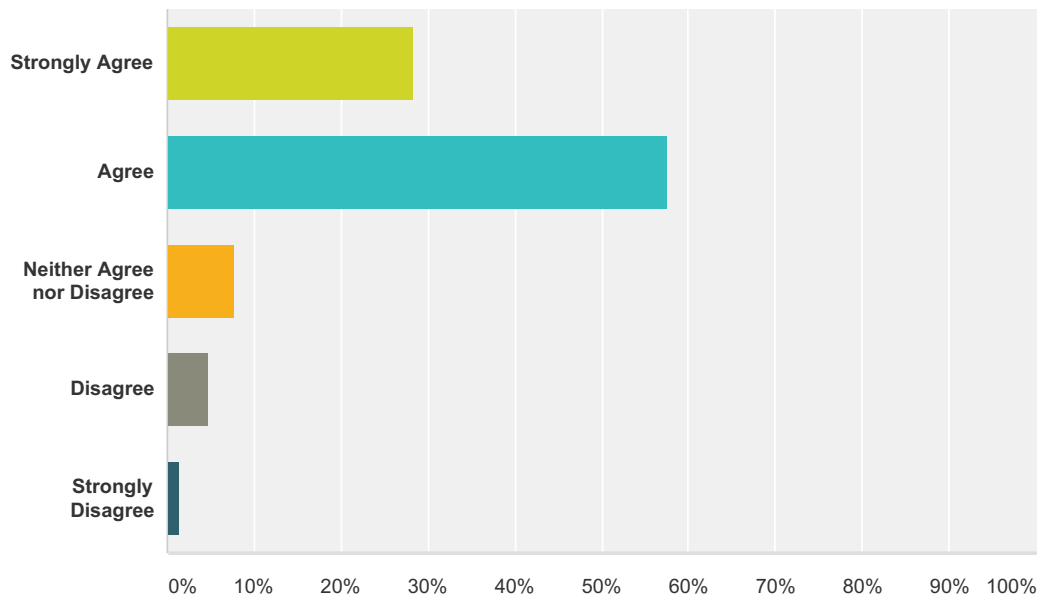
Answered: 759 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes, my child attends Ridgewood High School.	100.00% 759
<b>Total</b>	<b>759</b>

**Q2 I am satisfied with the overall quality of my child's education.**

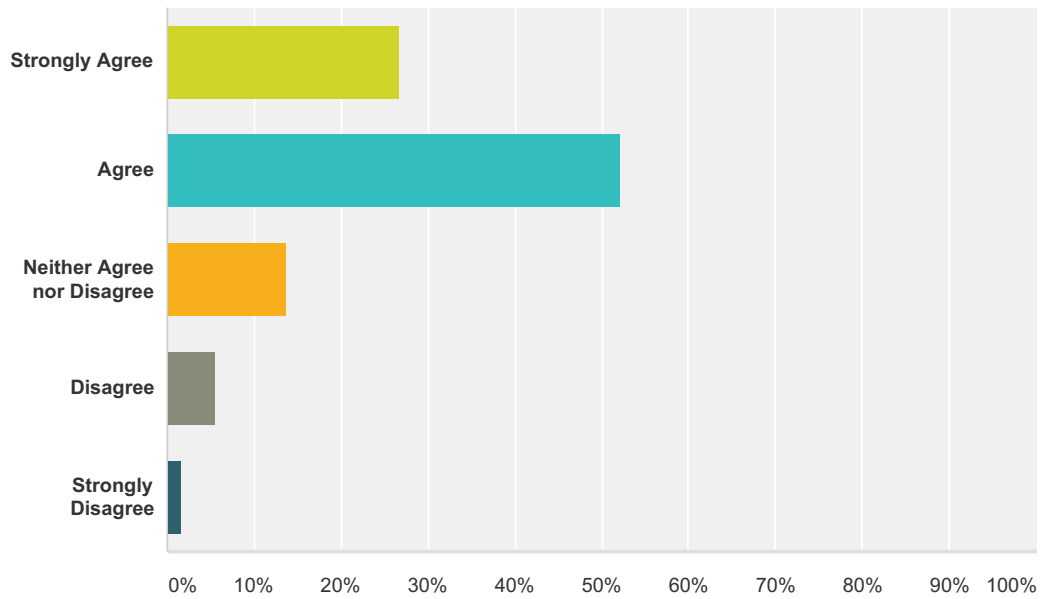
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Strongly Agree	28.30%	208
Agree	57.69%	424
Neither Agree nor Disagree	7.76%	57
Disagree	4.90%	36
Strongly Disagree	1.36%	10
<b>Total</b>		<b>735</b>

### Q3 My child likes going to school.

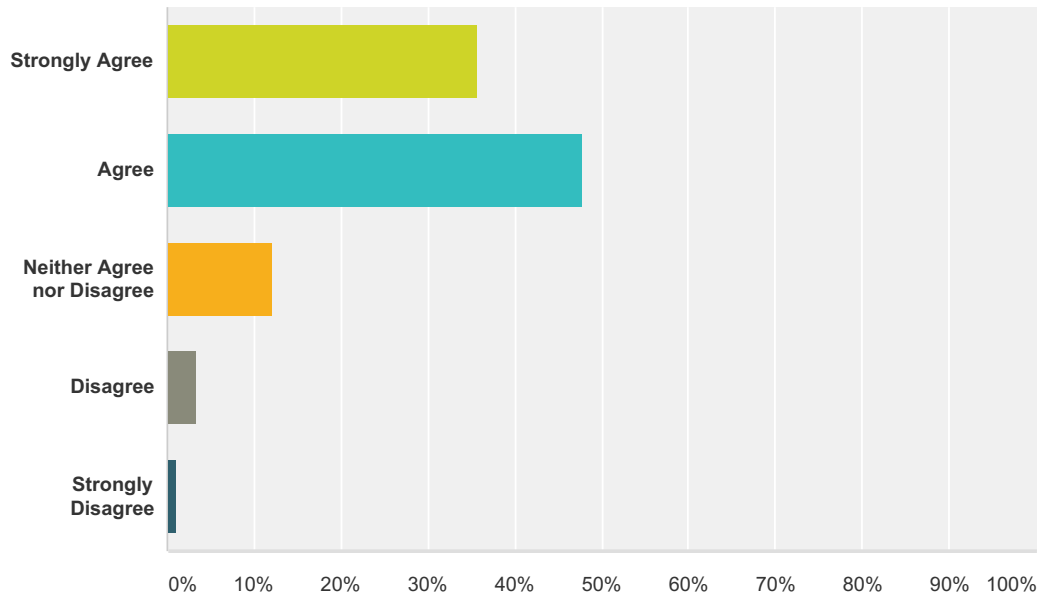
Answered: 735 Skipped: 24



Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	26.67% 196
Agree	52.24% 384
Neither Agree nor Disagree	13.74% 101
Disagree	5.71% 42
Strongly Disagree	1.63% 12
<b>Total</b>	<b>735</b>

**Q4 I would recommend my child's school to other parents.**

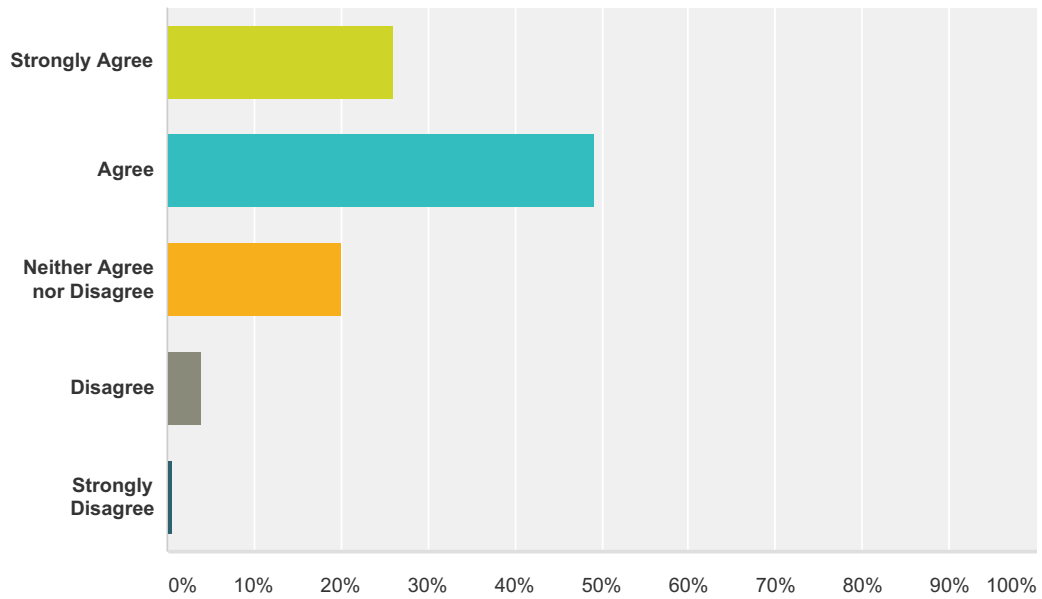
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Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	35.78% 263
Agree	47.76% 351
Neither Agree nor Disagree	12.11% 89
Disagree	3.27% 24
Strongly Disagree	1.09% 8
<b>Total</b>	<b>735</b>

**Q5 I feel welcome in my child's school.**

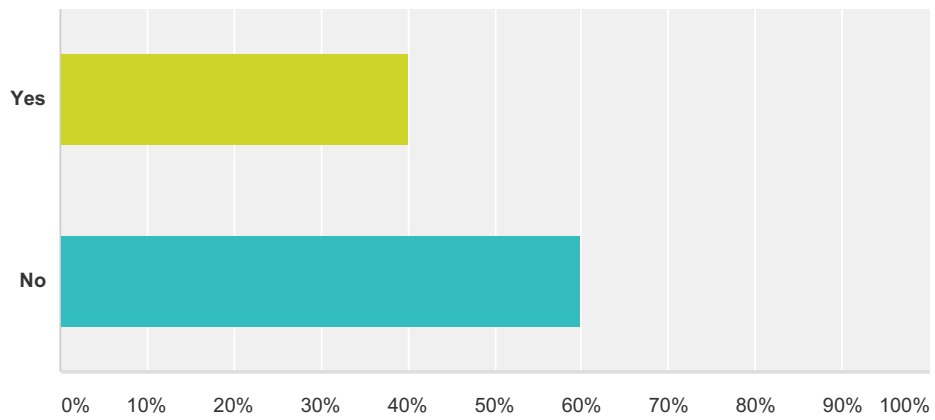
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Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	26.12% 192
Agree	49.25% 362
Neither Agree nor Disagree	20.14% 148
Disagree	3.95% 29
Strongly Disagree	0.54% 4
<b>Total</b>	<b>735</b>

### Q6 I would like to be more involved in my child's school.

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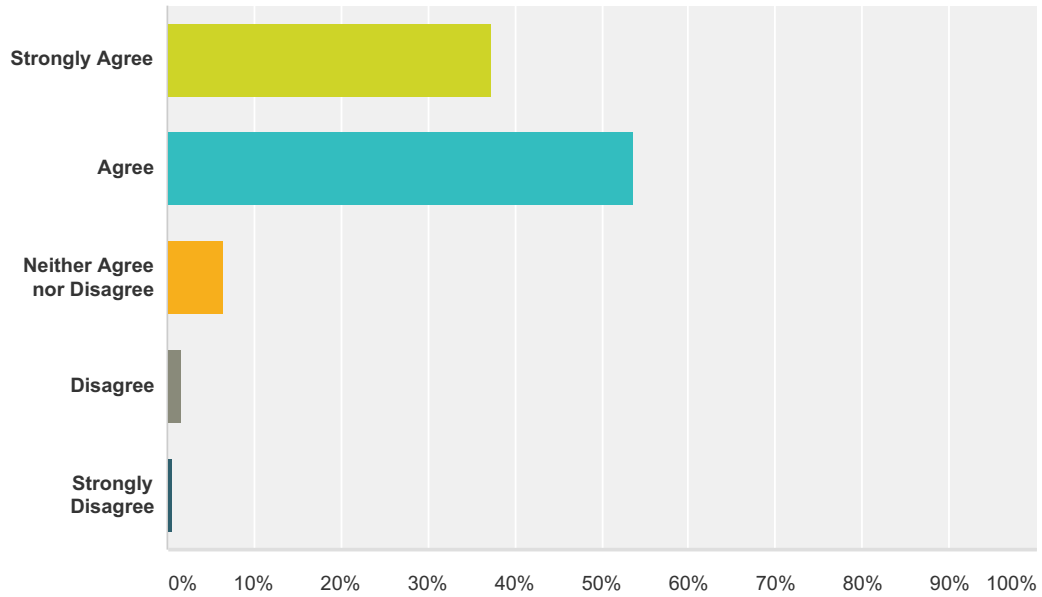


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	40.14% 295
No	59.86% 440
<b>Total</b>	<b>735</b>



**Q7 My child feels safe at school.**

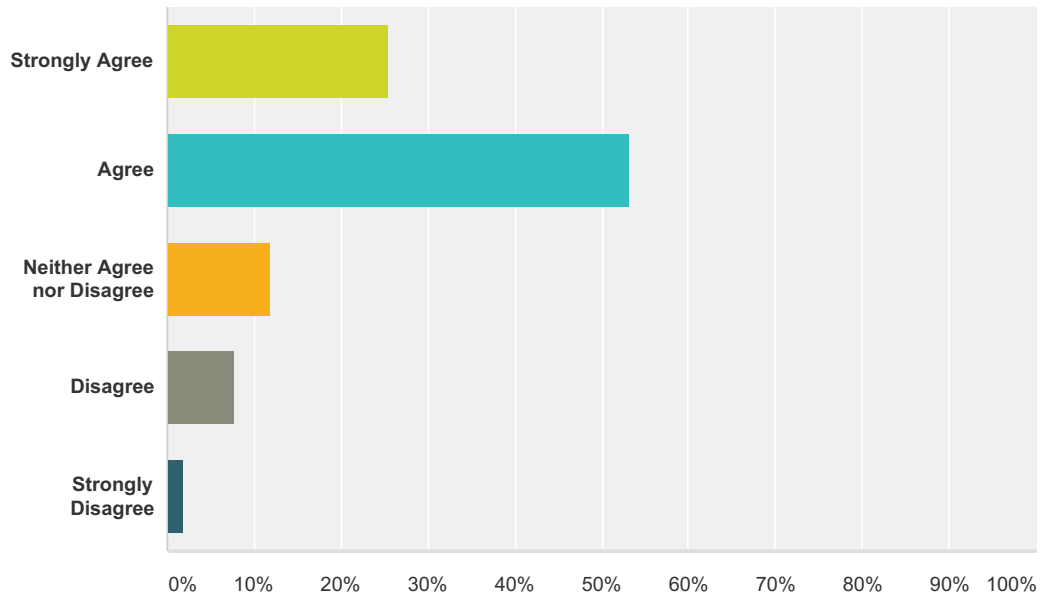
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Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	37.41% 275
Agree	53.74% 395
Neither Agree nor Disagree	6.53% 48
Disagree	1.63% 12
Strongly Disagree	0.68% 5
<b>Total</b>	<b>735</b>

**Q9 I am satisfied with the academic progress of my child.**

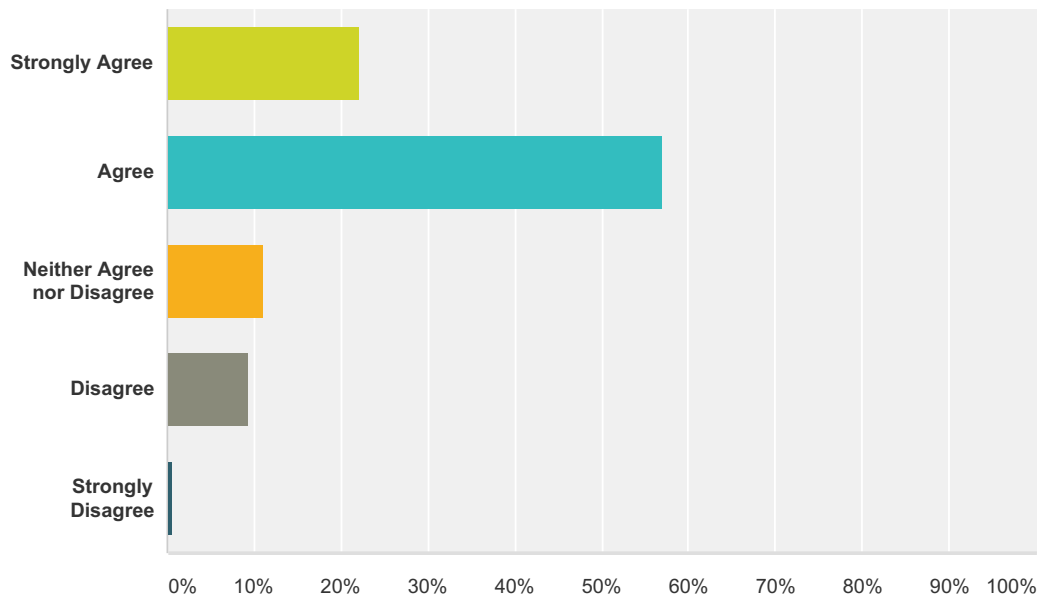
Answered: 717 Skipped: 42



Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	25.38% 182
Agree	53.14% 381
Neither Agree nor Disagree	11.85% 85
Disagree	7.81% 56
Strongly Disagree	1.81% 13
<b>Total</b>	<b>717</b>

**Q10 The academic challenge for my child is appropriate.**

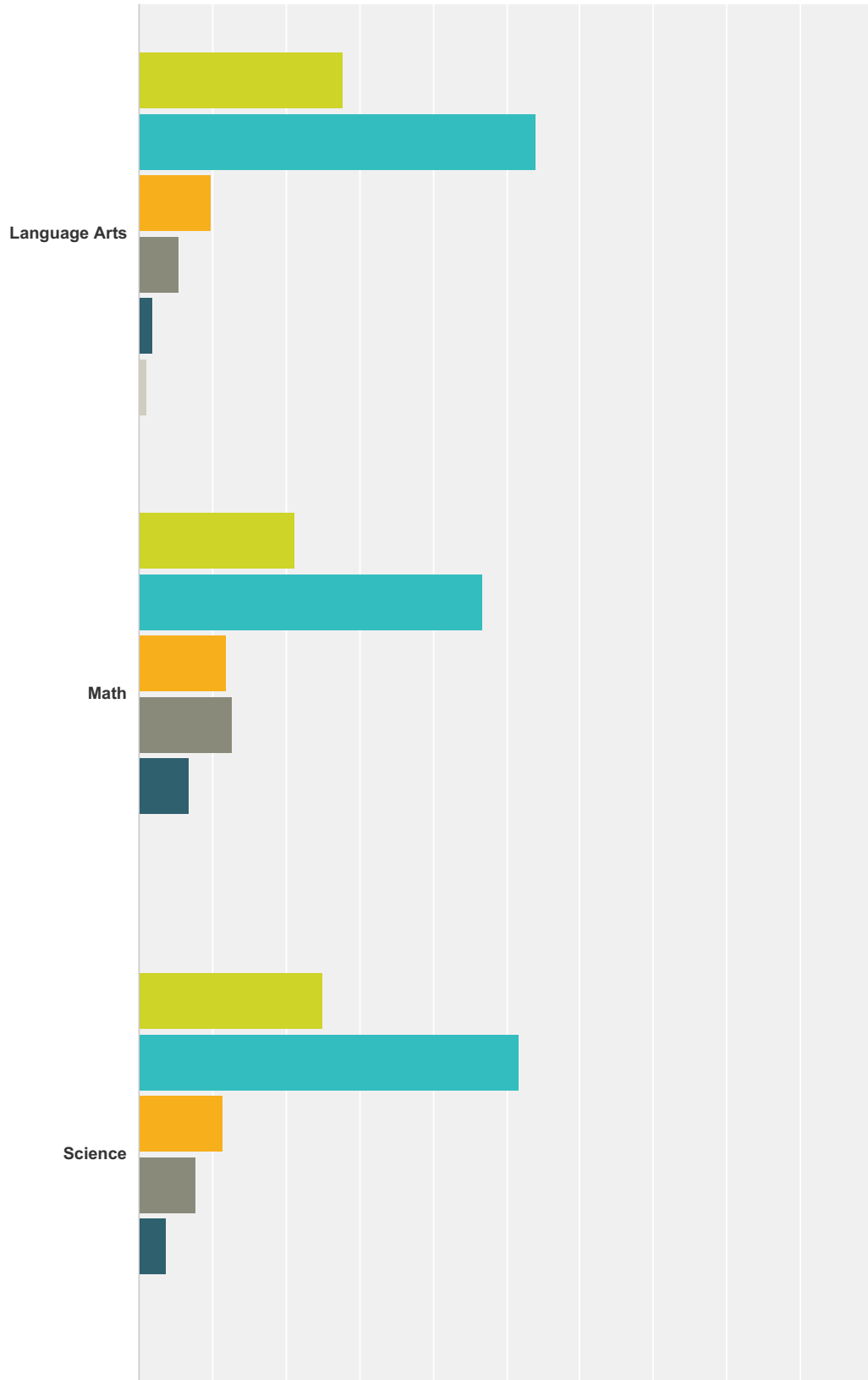
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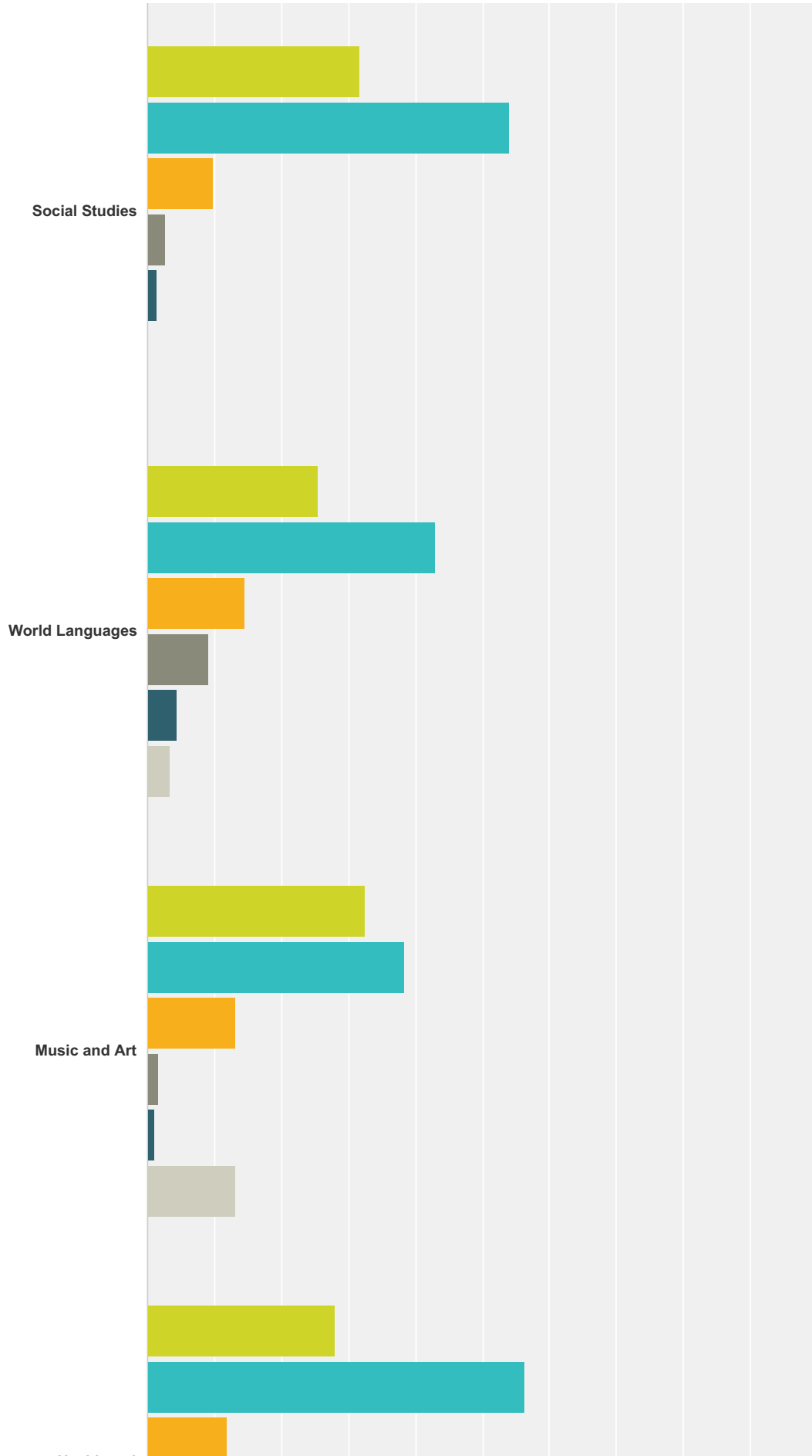
Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	22.18%	159
Agree	56.90%	408
Neither Agree nor Disagree	11.02%	79
Disagree	9.34%	67
Strongly Disagree	0.56%	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>717</b>

**Q11 Please indicate your satisfaction with  
the following programs at your child's  
school.**

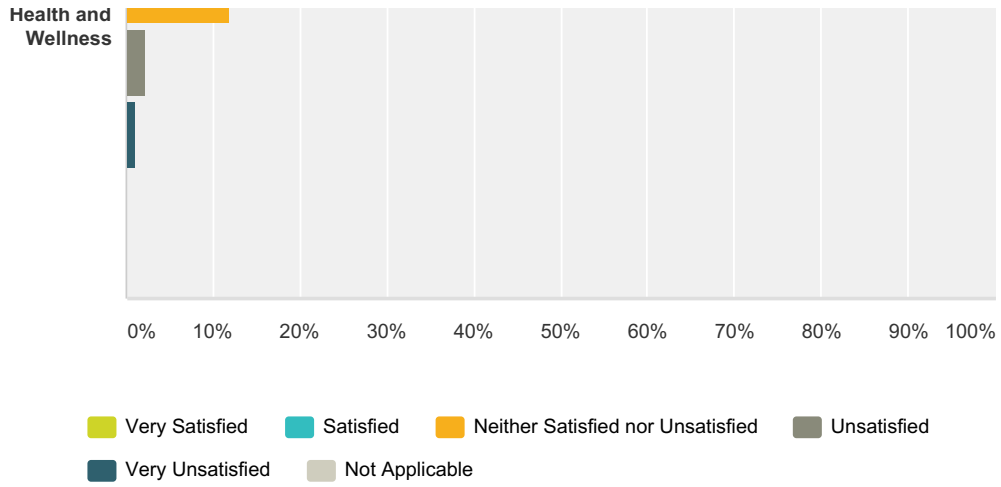
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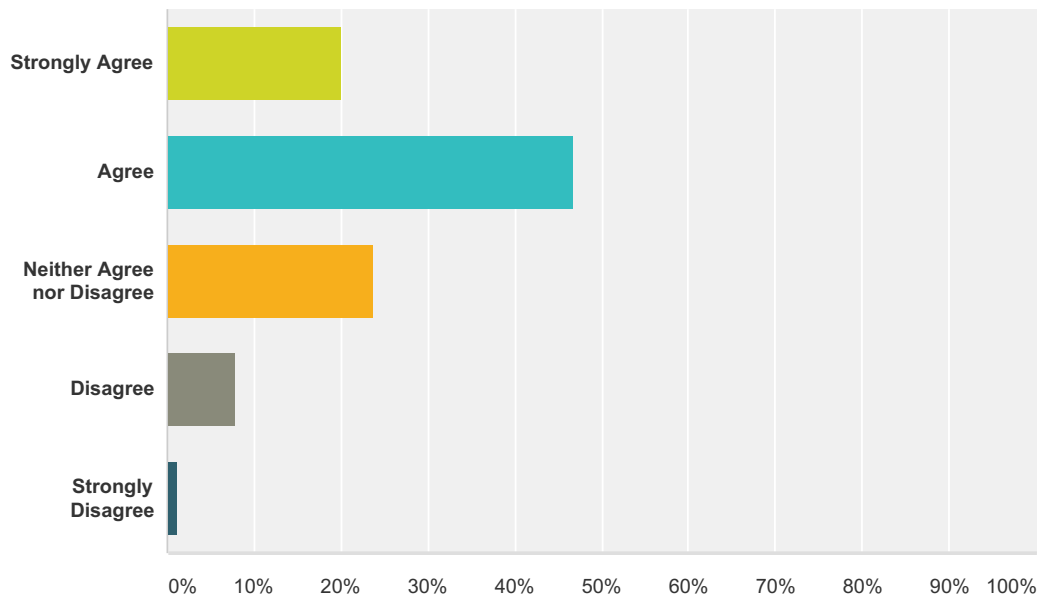
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	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Unsatisfied	Unsatisfied	Very Unsatisfied	Not Applicable	Total
Language Arts	27.75% 199	54.11% 388	9.90% 71	5.44% 39	1.81% 13	0.98% 7	717
Math	21.34% 153	46.72% 335	11.99% 86	12.83% 92	6.97% 50	0.14% 1	717
Science	24.97% 179	51.74% 371	11.58% 83	7.81% 56	3.77% 27	0.14% 1	717
Social Studies	31.80% 228	54.11% 388	9.76% 70	2.65% 19	1.53% 11	0.14% 1	717
World Languages	25.38% 182	43.10% 309	14.64% 105	9.21% 66	4.32% 31	3.35% 24	717
Music and Art	32.50% 233	38.49% 276	13.25% 95	1.67% 12	0.98% 7	13.11% 94	717
Health and Wellness	28.03% 201	56.35% 404	11.85% 85	2.37% 17	1.12% 8	0.28% 2	717

**Q12 My child is encouraged to try new things at school.**

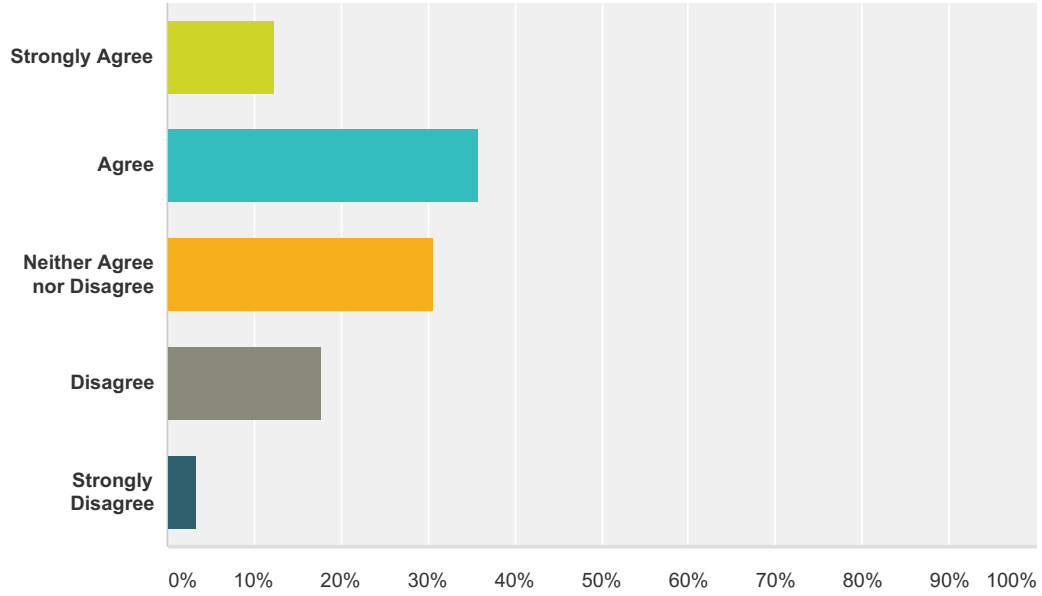
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	20.08%	144
Agree	46.86%	336
Neither Agree nor Disagree	23.85%	171
Disagree	7.95%	57
Strongly Disagree	1.26%	9
<b>Total</b>		<b>717</b>

**Q13 The school gives me ideas and opportunities to help my child do his/her best.**

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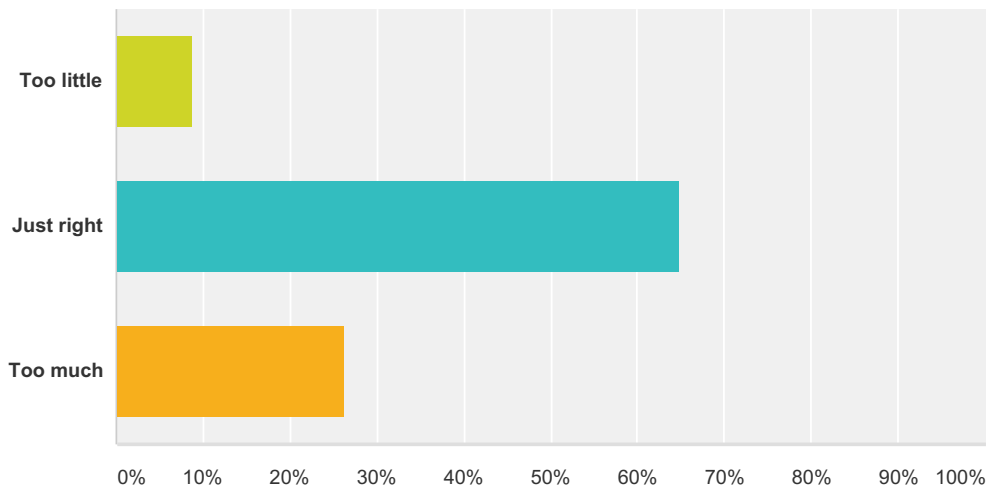


Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	12.41% 89
Agree	35.84% 257
Neither Agree nor Disagree	30.68% 220
Disagree	17.71% 127
Strongly Disagree	3.35% 24
<b>Total</b>	<b>717</b>



**Q14 The amount of homework my child receives is:**

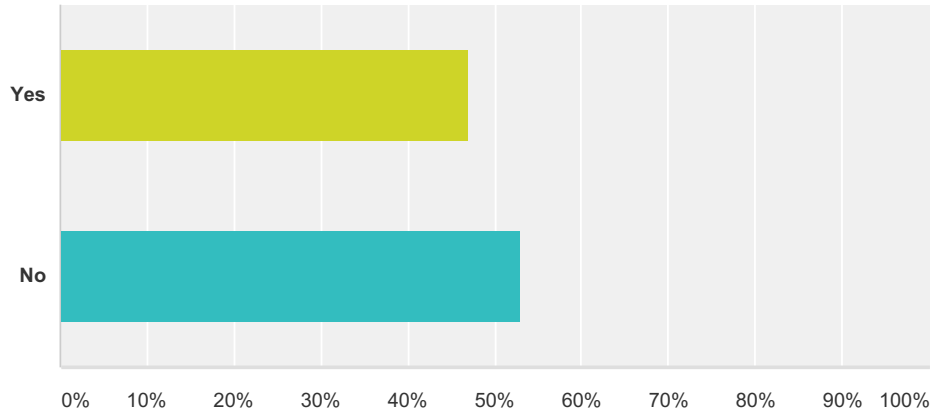
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Answer Choices	Responses
Too little	8.79% 63
Just right	64.85% 465
Too much	26.36% 189
<b>Total</b>	<b>717</b>

**Q15 I supplement my child's education with professional tutoring in core subjects such as math or reading (other than SAT prep).**

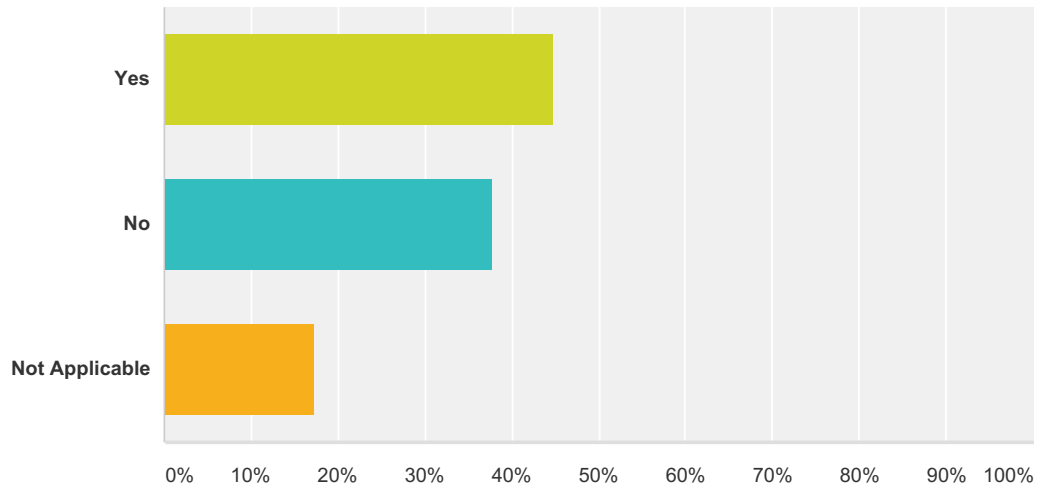
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	47.00% 337
No	53.00% 380
<b>Total</b>	<b>717</b>

**Q16 My child participates in SAT prep  
(tutor, prep classes, etc.).**

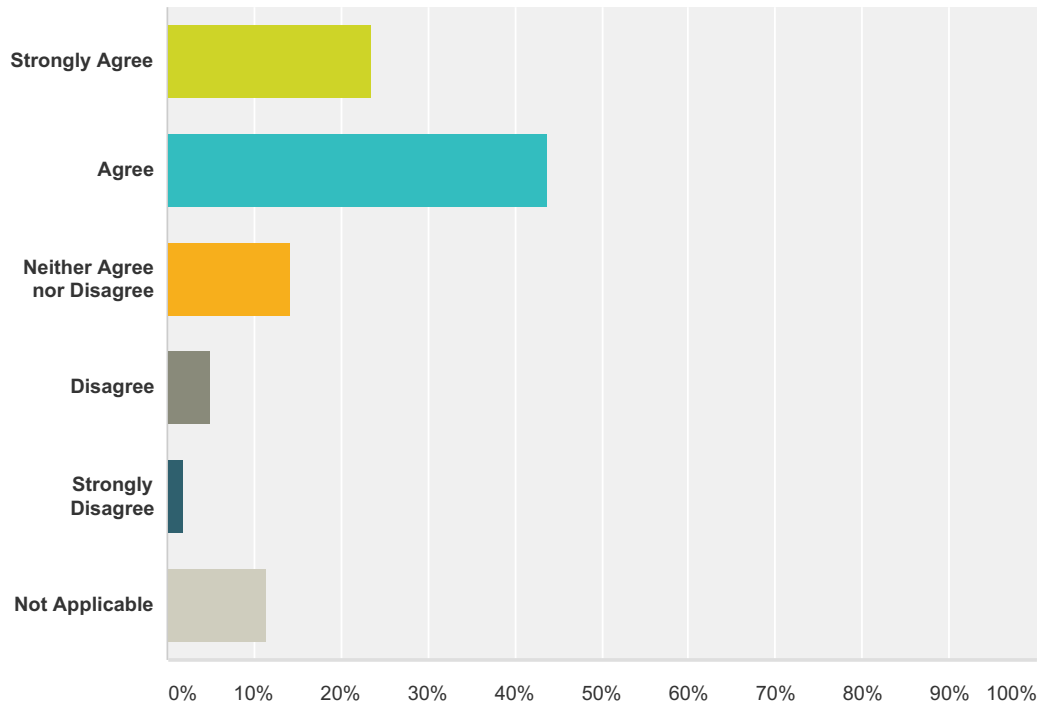
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	44.91% 322
No	37.80% 271
Not Applicable	17.29% 124
<b>Total</b>	<b>717</b>

**Q19 I am satisfied with the high school's  
afterschool-sponsored athletic offerings.**

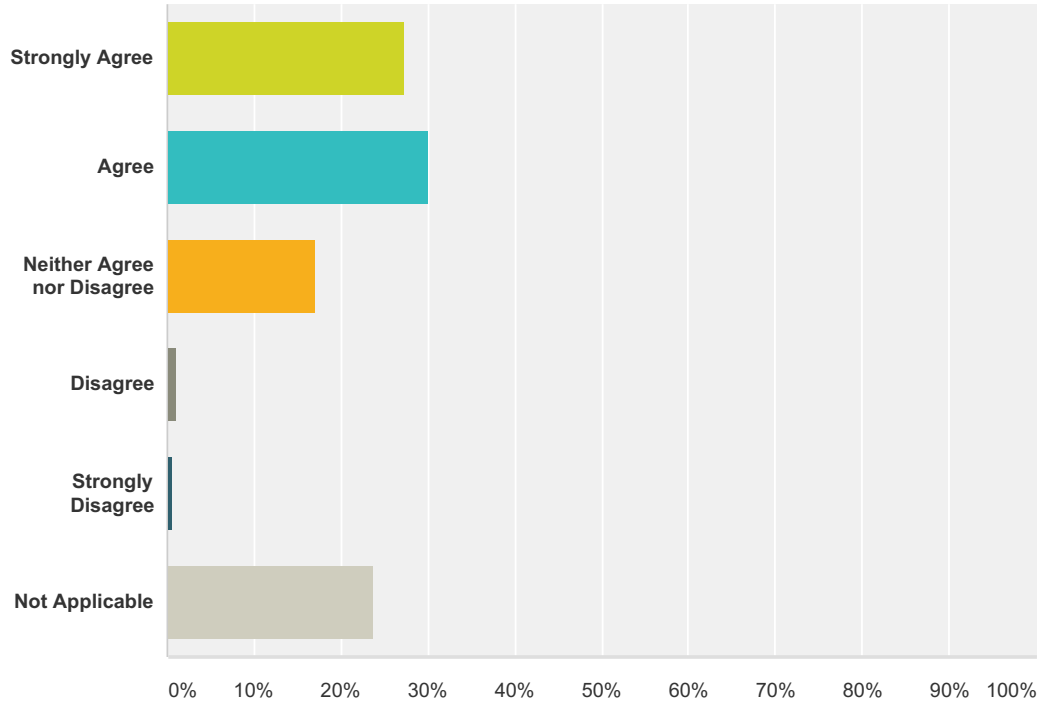
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	23.56%	168
Agree	43.76%	312
Neither Agree nor Disagree	14.17%	101
Disagree	5.05%	36
Strongly Disagree	1.96%	14
Not Applicable	11.50%	82
<b>Total</b>		<b>713</b>

**Q20 I am satisfied with the high school's visual and performing arts afterschool offerings (examples: Maroon and White, New Players Company, Jazz Band).**

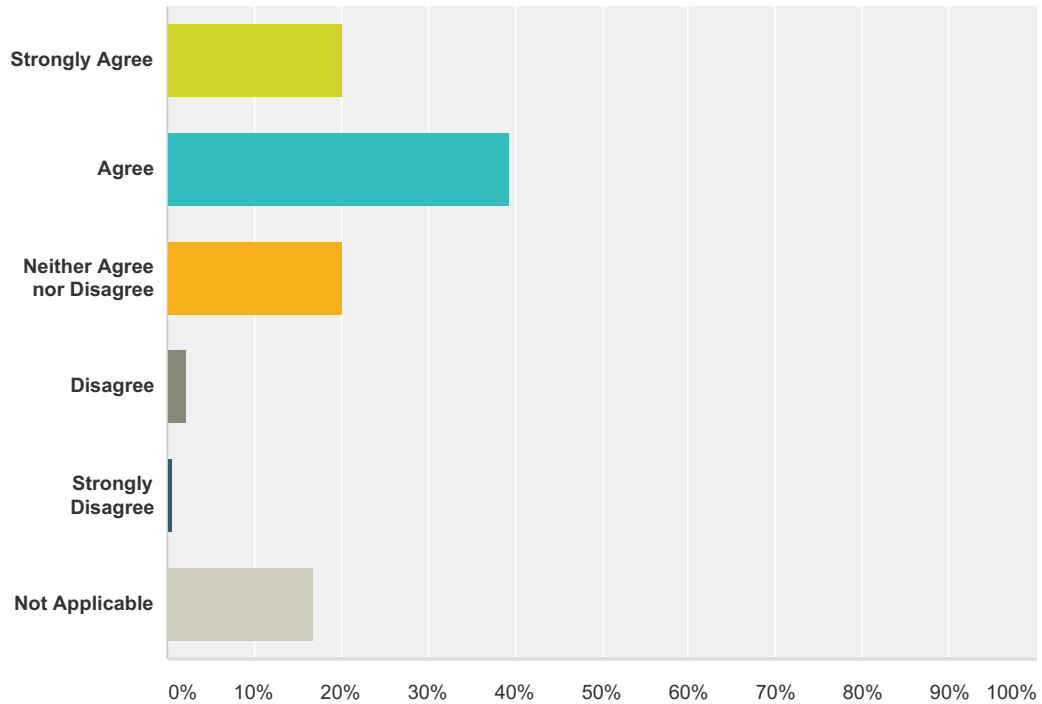
Answered: 713 Skipped: 46



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Strongly Agree	27.35%	195
Agree	30.01%	214
Neither Agree nor Disagree	17.11%	122
Disagree	1.12%	8
Strongly Disagree	0.70%	5
Not Applicable	23.70%	169
<b>Total</b>		<b>713</b>

**Q21 I am satisfied with the high school's  
co-curricular afterschool offerings  
(examples: Debate Club, DECA, Latin  
Academic Team).**

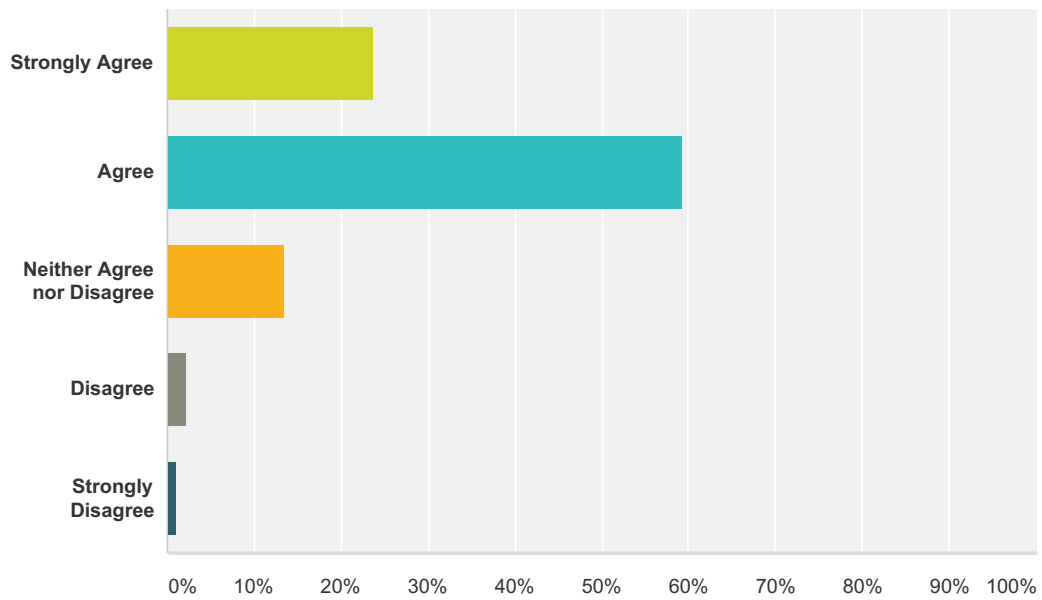
Answered: 713 Skipped: 46



Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	20.34% 145
Agree	39.55% 282
Neither Agree nor Disagree	20.34% 145
Disagree	2.24% 16
Strongly Disagree	0.56% 4
Not Applicable	16.97% 121
<b>Total</b>	<b>713</b>

**Q23 My child's school is clean and well-maintained.**

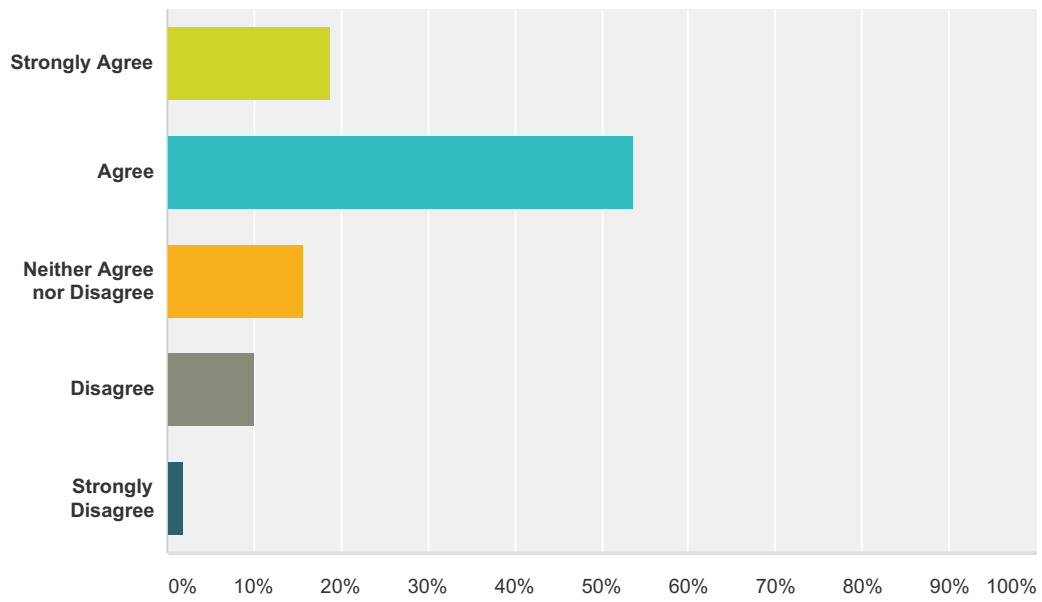
Answered: 712 Skipped: 47



Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	23.74% 169
Agree	59.27% 422
Neither Agree nor Disagree	13.48% 96
Disagree	2.39% 17
Strongly Disagree	1.12% 8
<b>Total</b>	<b>712</b>

**Q24 I am satisfied with the quality of the physical spaces at my child's school.**

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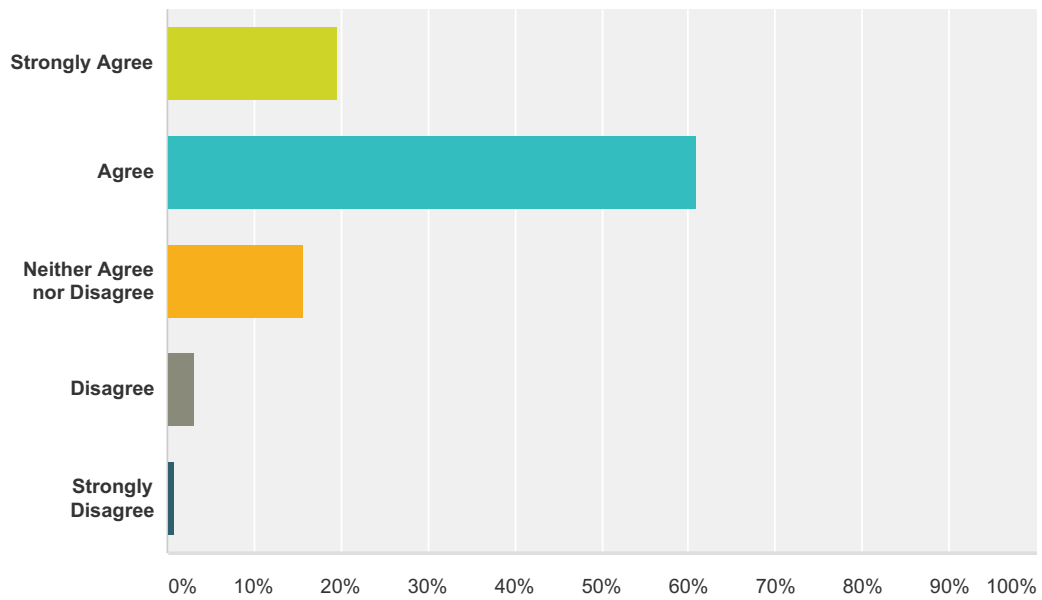


Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	18.82% 134
Agree	53.65% 382
Neither Agree nor Disagree	15.73% 112
Disagree	9.97% 71
Strongly Disagree	1.83% 13
<b>Total</b>	<b>712</b>



**Q25 The condition/quality of the school's athletic facilities is acceptable.**

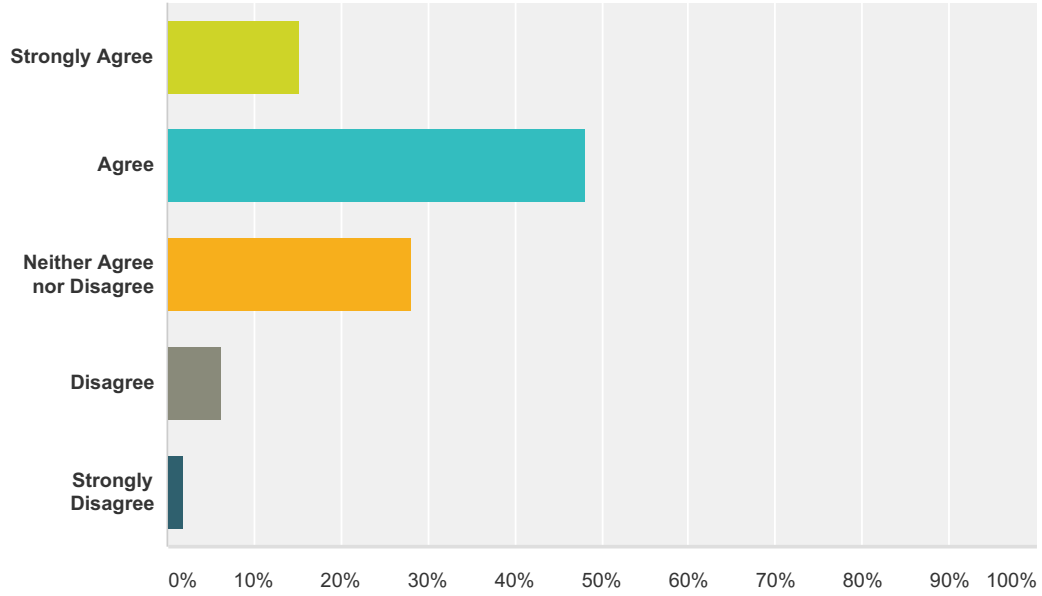
Answered: 712 Skipped: 47



Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	19.52% 139
Agree	60.96% 434
Neither Agree nor Disagree	15.59% 111
Disagree	3.09% 22
Strongly Disagree	0.84% 6
<b>Total</b>	<b>712</b>

**Q26 The condition/quality of the school's  
fine and performing arts spaces is  
acceptable.**

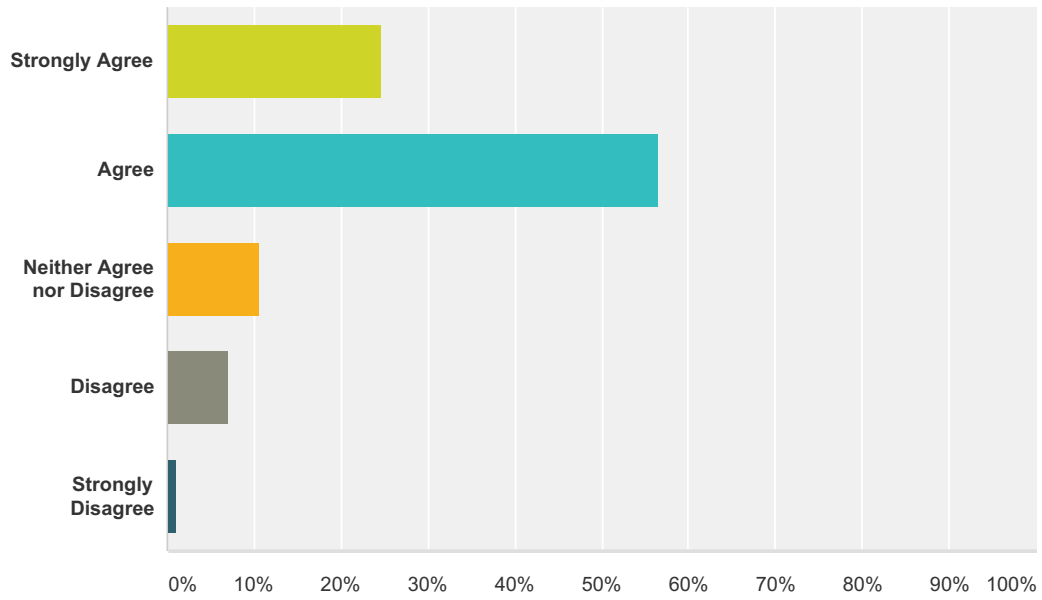
Answered: 712 Skipped: 47



Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	15.17%	108
Agree	48.31%	344
Neither Agree nor Disagree	28.23%	201
Disagree	6.32%	45
Strongly Disagree	1.97%	14
<b>Total</b>		<b>712</b>

**Q28 I feel well-informed about the school's programs, services and activities.**

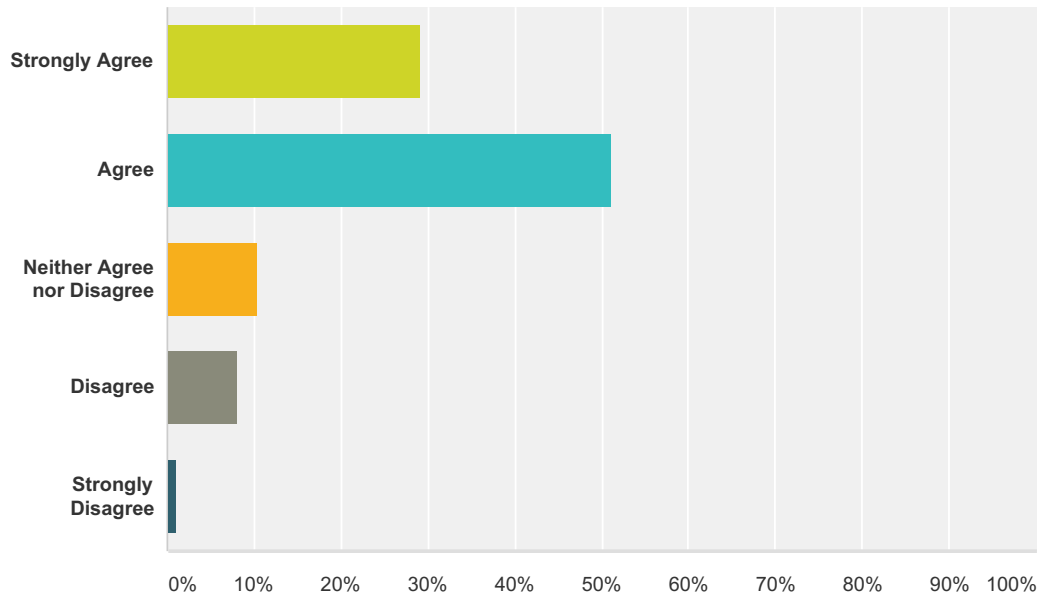
Answered: 699 Skipped: 60



Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	24.61% 172
Agree	56.51% 395
Neither Agree nor Disagree	10.73% 75
Disagree	7.01% 49
Strongly Disagree	1.14% 8
<b>Total</b>	<b>699</b>

**Q29 The school keeps me informed of my child's progress.**

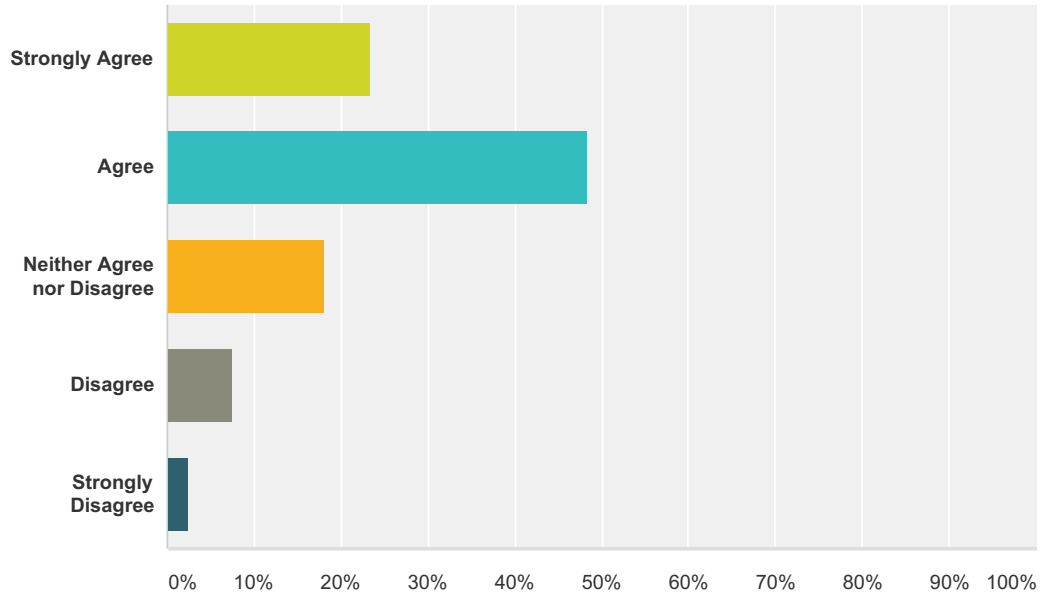
Answered: 699 Skipped: 60



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Strongly Agree	29.18%	204
Agree	51.22%	358
Neither Agree nor Disagree	10.44%	73
Disagree	8.15%	57
Strongly Disagree	1.00%	7
<b>Total</b>		<b>699</b>

**Q30 School staff members  
(teachers/principal) are responsive to my  
parental concerns.**

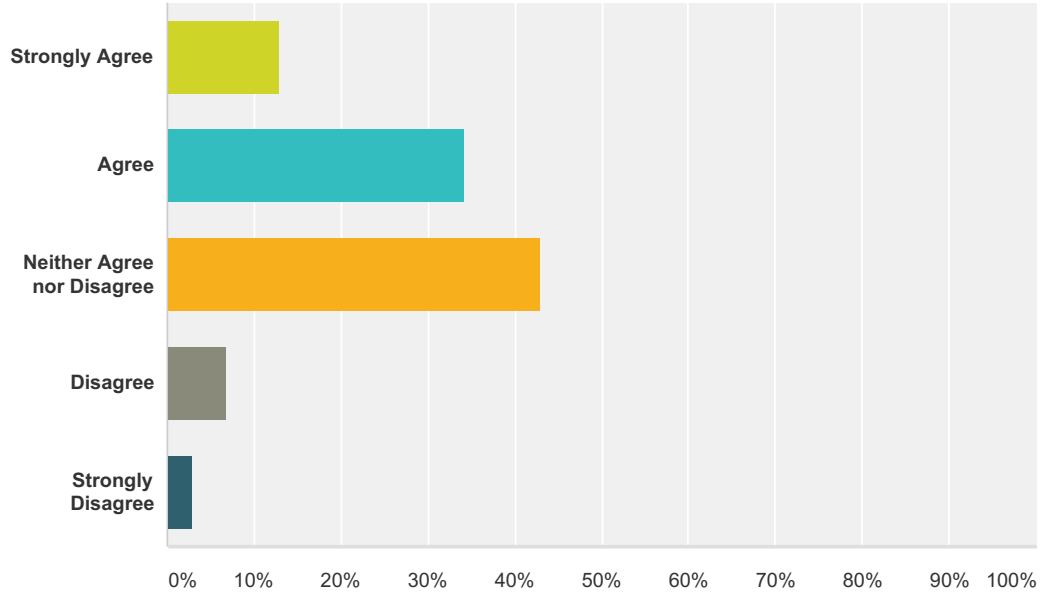
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	23.32%	163
Agree	48.50%	339
Neither Agree nor Disagree	18.17%	127
Disagree	7.44%	52
Strongly Disagree	2.58%	18
<b>Total</b>		<b>699</b>

**Q31 The district administration and/or Board of Education are responsive to my parental concerns.**

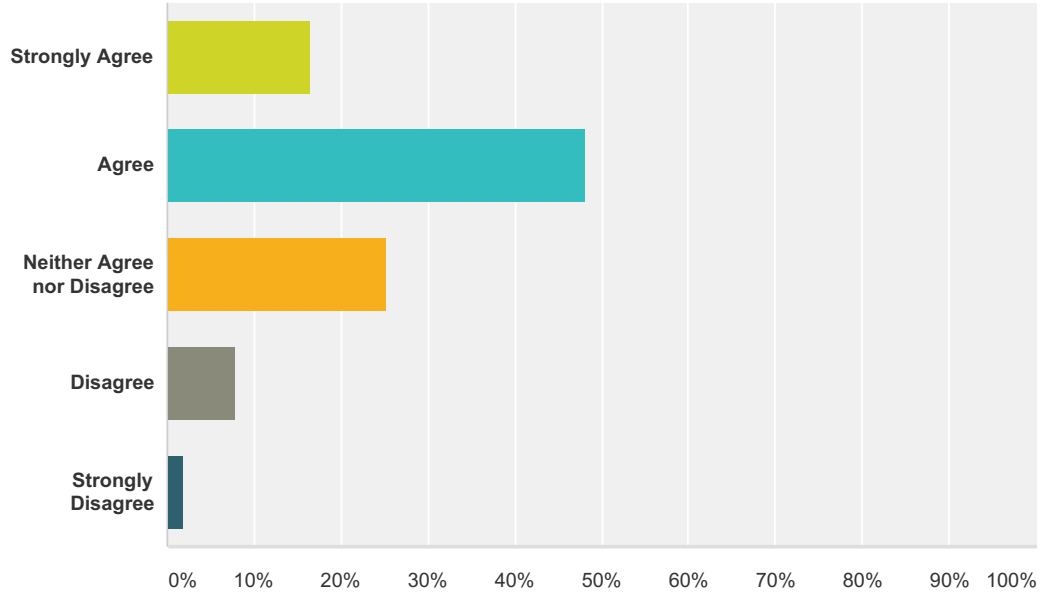
Answered: 699 Skipped: 60



Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	12.88% 90
Agree	34.19% 239
Neither Agree nor Disagree	43.06% 301
Disagree	6.87% 48
Strongly Disagree	3.00% 21
<b>Total</b>	<b>699</b>

**Q32 I have sufficient opportunities to  
express my opinions or concerns regarding  
my child's school.**

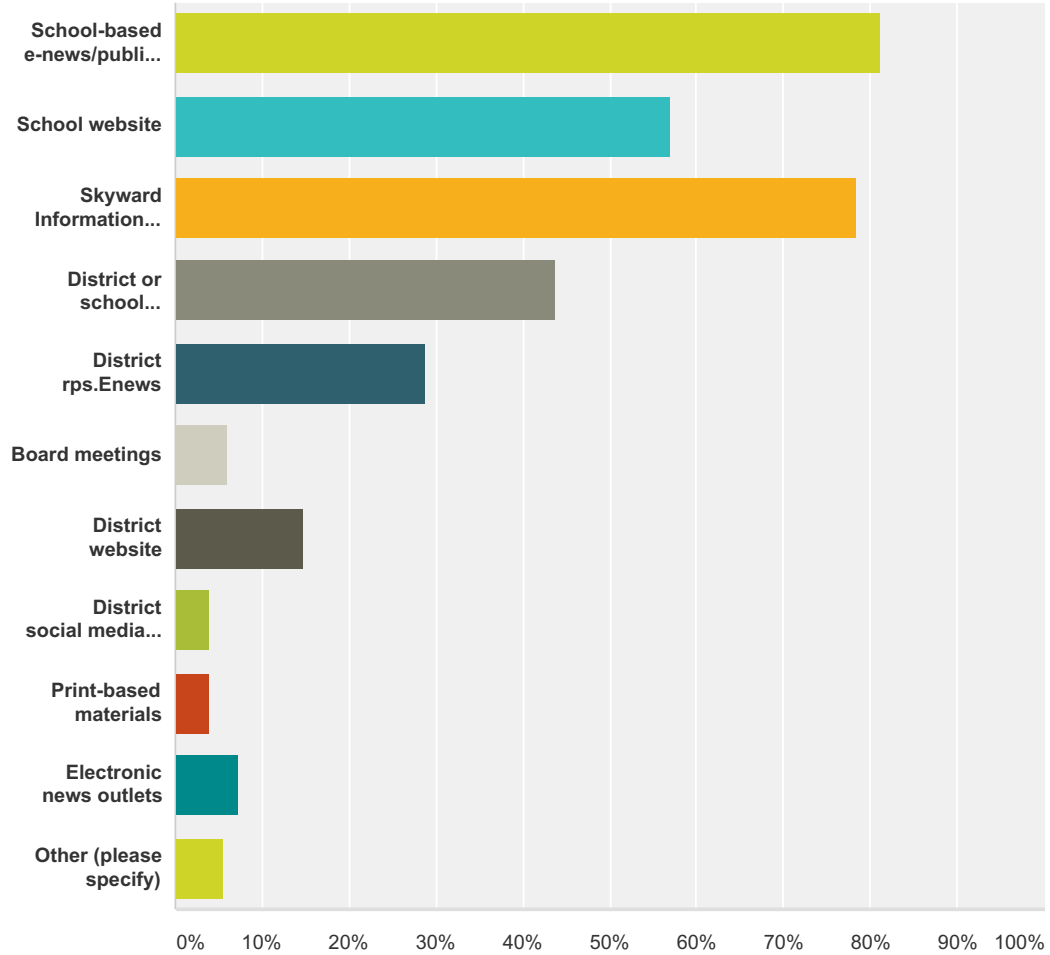
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	16.60%	116
Agree	48.21%	337
Neither Agree nor Disagree	25.32%	177
Disagree	8.01%	56
Strongly Disagree	1.86%	13
<b>Total</b>		<b>699</b>

**Q33 How do you receive most of your school-related information? (Check all that apply.)**

Answered: 699 Skipped: 60



Answer Choices	Responses
School-based e-news/publications	81.12% 567
School website	56.94% 398
Skyward Information System	78.40% 548
District or school e-blasts/robo calls	43.92% 307
District rps.Enews	28.76% 201
Board meetings	6.01% 42
District website	14.88% 104
District social media (Facebook page or Twitter feed)	4.01% 28
Print-based materials	3.86% 27

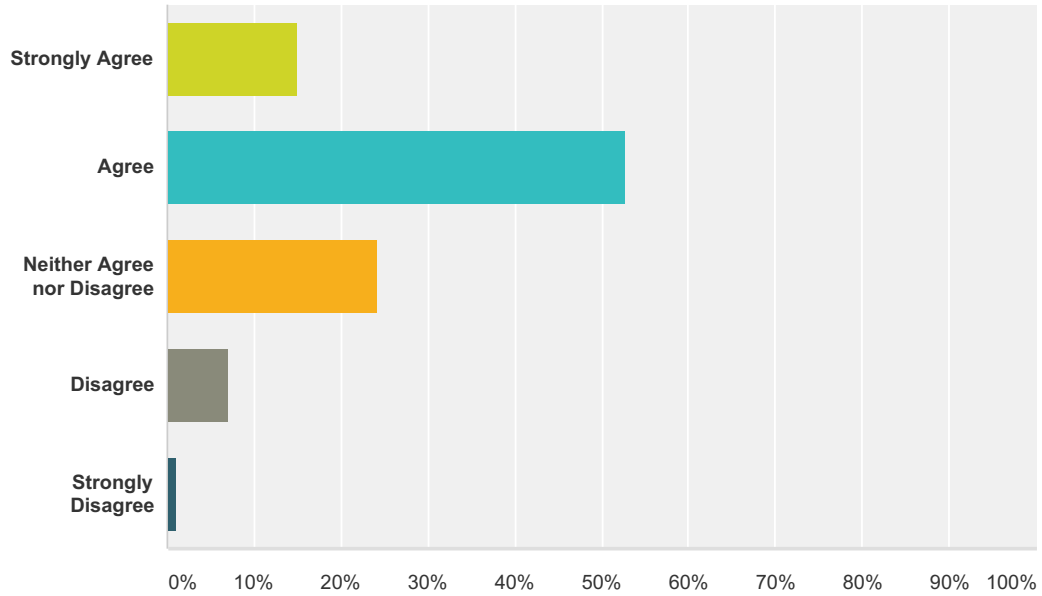


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Electronic news outlets	7.30%	51
Other (please specify)	5.72%	40
<b>Total Respondents: 699</b>		

**Q34 The district website is a useful source for all I need to know about the Ridgewood Public Schools.**

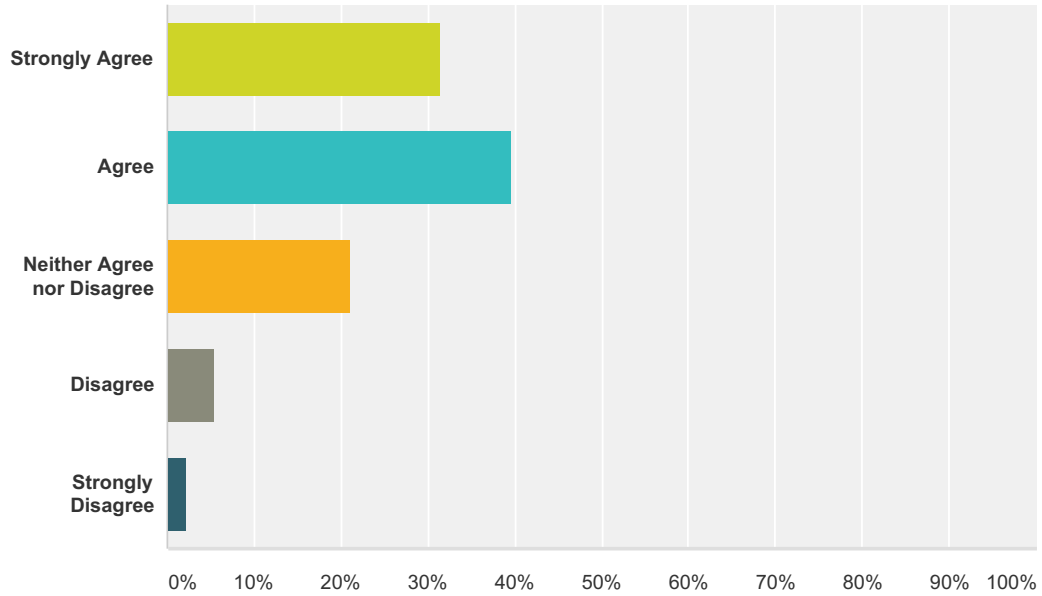
Answered: 699 Skipped: 60



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Strongly Agree	15.02%	105
Agree	52.79%	369
Neither Agree nor Disagree	24.18%	169
Disagree	7.01%	49
Strongly Disagree	1.00%	7
<b>Total</b>		<b>699</b>

**Q36 The 1:1 Chromebook Initiative has had a positive impact on my child's educational experience.**

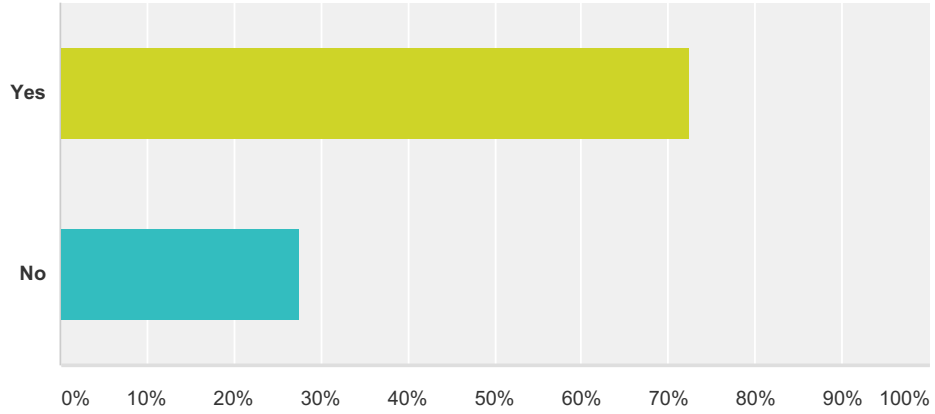
Answered: 692 Skipped: 67



Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	31.50%	218
Agree	39.60%	274
Neither Agree nor Disagree	21.10%	146
Disagree	5.49%	38
Strongly Disagree	2.31%	16
<b>Total</b>		<b>692</b>

**Q37 My child uses the Chromebook outside of the school environment to collaborate with other students.**

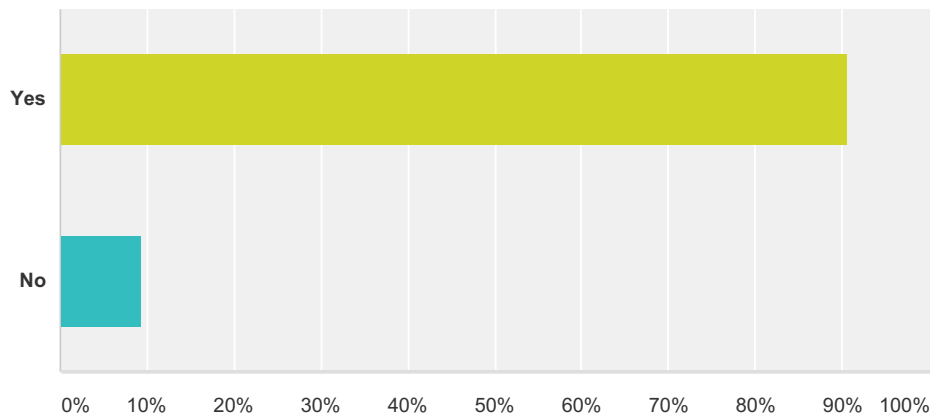
Answered: 692 Skipped: 67



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	72.40% 501
No	27.60% 191
<b>Total</b>	<b>692</b>

### Q38 My child uses the Chromebook at home.

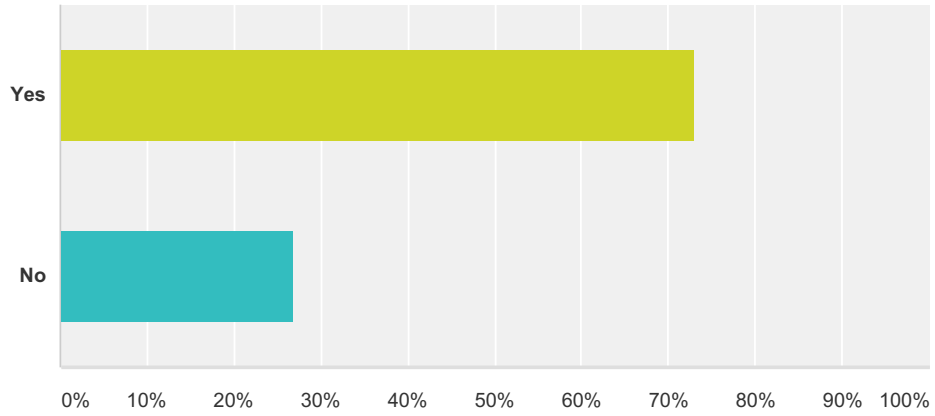
Answered: 692 Skipped: 67



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	90.61% 627
No	9.39% 65
<b>Total</b>	<b>692</b>

**Q39 My child has shared information about Google Apps, Docs or other applications used in school.**

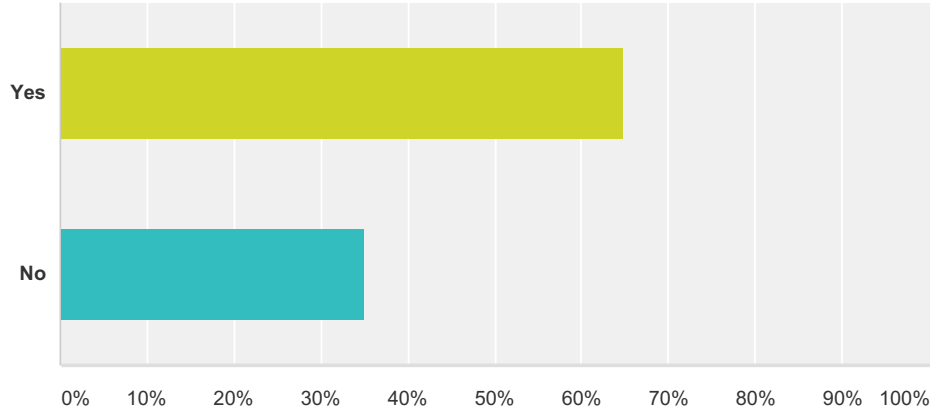
Answered: 692 Skipped: 67



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	72.98%	505
No	27.02%	187
<b>Total</b>		<b>692</b>

**Q40 I am familiar with Chromebooks and the Google Apps (applications) that my child uses.**

Answered: 692 Skipped: 67



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	64.88%	449
No	35.12%	243
<b>Total</b>		<b>692</b>