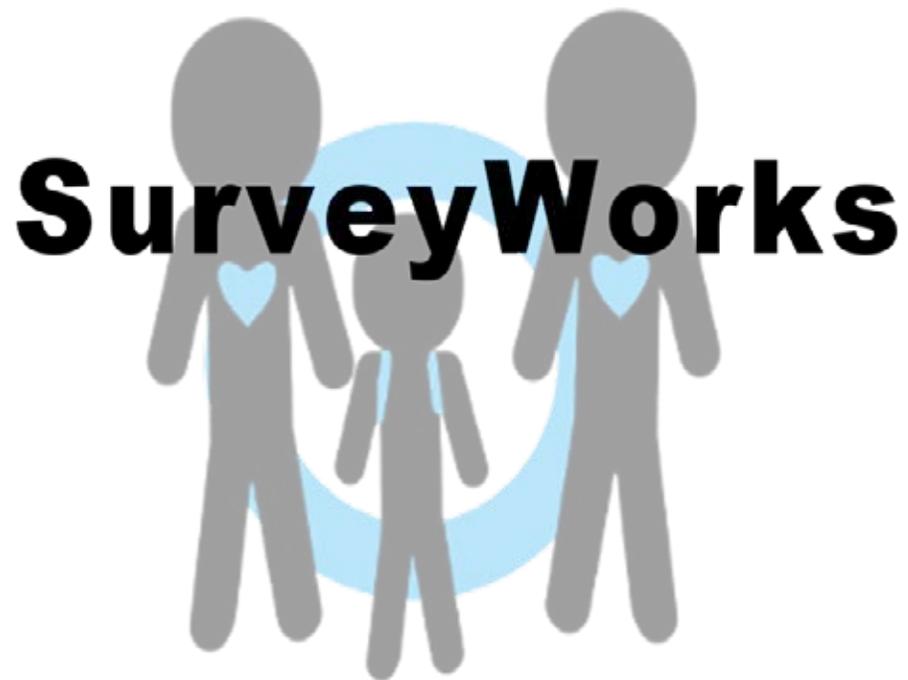


Birch Vocational School



**Rhode Island Education Survey Suite  
School Report 2012-2013**

# SurveyWorks! 2012-2013 School Level Report

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## Introduction to the 2013 SurveyWorks School Report

This report presents results from the 2013 SurveyWorks Student, Parent, and Teacher/Staff Surveys for this school. The surveys gather input from students, parents, and teachers and other instructional staff on elements of Rhode Island's Basic Education Program (BEP) including:

- Teaching and Student Achievement;
- Families and Communities;
- Safe and Supportive Schools, and
- Funding and resources.

Survey results are reported for each of these categories. These data are intended to be used to inform decisions at all levels-including the classroom, school, district, and state. The report is organized into three sections by survey population. Section 1 reports the findings from the Student Survey. Section 2 reports the findings from the Parent Survey. Section 3 reports the findings from the Teacher/Staff Survey. The findings are reported in tables showing the total number and percentage of individuals answering each item by school (or by district) and at the state level. The survey allowed individuals to skip over questions that did not apply to them or that they did not wish to answer. Therefore, the number of responses to any one question may vary. In order to protect individuals' rights to confidentiality, data for items with fewer than ten responses are not reported. In these cases, a dash (-) indicates that there are insufficient responses to report.

Results from the 2013 SurveyWorks School Administrator Survey are provided in separate reports by LEA and/or LEA-type.

### Participation Rates

The percentage of eligible individuals responding to each survey is an important piece of information when examining survey results. Low participation rates suggest that data should be interpreted with caution. Participation rates for this school, by survey, are indicated in the table on the right.

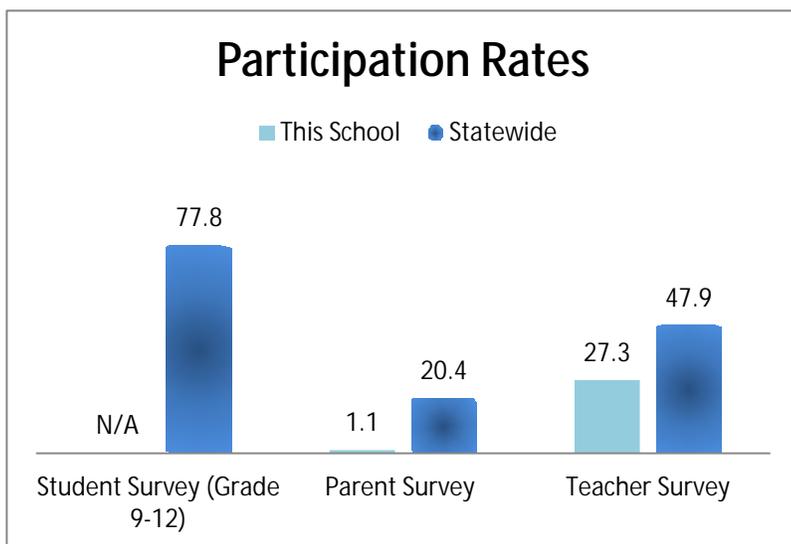
### Navigating the Report

This report contains several navigation features. The Table of Contents contains active links to each of the main sections of the report. The Table of Contents for each section contains active links to subsections based on BEP category. In addition,

some pages have navigation buttons that allow the reader to see how a different survey population responded to a similar topic. For example, the page displaying students' responses to questions about teacher practices contains a navigation button that jumps to teachers' responses about teacher practices.

### Data

Data files are available upon request. Please contact [surveyworks@wested.org](mailto:surveyworks@wested.org) for more information. Survey results and related education data can be found on the RIDE InfoWorks website, <http://infoworks.ride.ri.gov>.



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## Section 1: Student Survey Introduction

In January 2013, public school students in grades 4-12 were invited to participate in the SurveyWorks Student Survey. Different versions of the Student Survey were used at the elementary (grades 4-5), middle (grades 6-8), and high school (grades 9-12) levels with age appropriate language and content for each group. This section of the report presents the high school Student Survey results for this school. Please note that many schools have students in more than one of these grade spans. These schools have more than one report.

The Student Survey was administered online in Rhode Island public schools from January 10, 2013 through March 15, 2013. To prevent unauthorized access to the survey or multiple entries, students used a randomly generated 7-digit access code distributed by the SurveyWorks Site Coordinator. To guarantee anonymity, students' personal information was not associated with the access codes.

This section of the report presents the students' responses. Data are provided for this school as well as for all students in comparable grades in Rhode Island public schools. Responses are reported as the percentage of students who responded to each item and the total number of students answering each item by school and across the state. In order to ensure anonymity, data for items with fewer than ten responses are not reported. In these cases, a dash (-) indicates that there are insufficient responses to report.

As noted in the introduction to the report, this school's Student Survey participation rate is N/A. The participation rate is calculated as the number of students who responded to the survey as a percentage of the total average daily membership of the school between October 1, 2012 and March 15, 2013 for the applicable grades, minus the number of students whose parents opted them out of the survey participation. The participation rates for schools that were not eligible or exempt is reported as "N/A".



This school was exempt from participation in the Student Survey



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## Section 2: Parent Survey Introduction

In January 2013, parents/guardians of students at all public schools in Rhode Island were invited to participate in the SurveyWorks Parent Survey. The Parent Survey was administered online and on paper from January 10, 2013 through March 15, 2013.

Parents who had multiple students in the same school were instructed to answer the survey only once based on their experience with the oldest child. Surveys were conducted anonymously. The Parent Survey asked about: the school facility and learning environment, school resources and activities, parent involvement, school-family communication, school safety, and college and career readiness issues.

This section of the report presents the parents' responses. Data tables are provided for this school as well as for parents statewide in Rhode Island. Responses are reported as the percentage of parents who responded to each item and the total number answering each item by school and across the state. In order to ensure anonymity, data for items with fewer than ten responses are not reported. In these cases, a dash (-) indicates that there are insufficient responses to report at the school level.

As noted in the introduction, this school's Parent Survey participation rate is 1.1%. The participation rate is calculated as the number of Parent Surveys received as a percentage of the total number of unique student addresses for the school. This method of counting families is more accurate than the total number of students in a school, but may overcount some families and undercount others. Data from schools with low participation rates should be interpreted with caution. Parent Survey results are not reported for any school where the total Parent Survey participation rate is less than 10%.



This school did not achieve the minimum 10% parent participation rate needed to display Parent Survey responses.



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To maintain the anonymity of survey participants, teacher/staff responses to demographic questions are grouped and presented at the local education authority (LEA) level and not reported at the school level. The demographic data for teachers from district-authorized charter schools are reported with their districts. Demographic data for teachers from state-operated schools and state-authorized charters are reported together. Responses to all other items are reported at the school level as the percentage and total number of teachers/staff who answered each item at this school, as well as statewide.

As noted in the introduction, this school's Teacher/Staff Survey participation rate is 27.3%. The participation rate is the number of teachers/staff who responded to the survey as a percentage of the eligible teachers/staff at this school. The number of eligible teachers/staff come from one of two data sources. School principals were asked to provide the number of teachers and instructional staff. For those schools that provided the data, these numbers are used. For schools that did not provide this information, staffing data are provided by the Rhode Island Department of Education.

Teacher/Staff Survey data are only reprinted for schools where at least 10 teachers/staff responded.



This school did not achieve the minimum of 10 teacher responses needed to display Teacher Survey responses.

