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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:

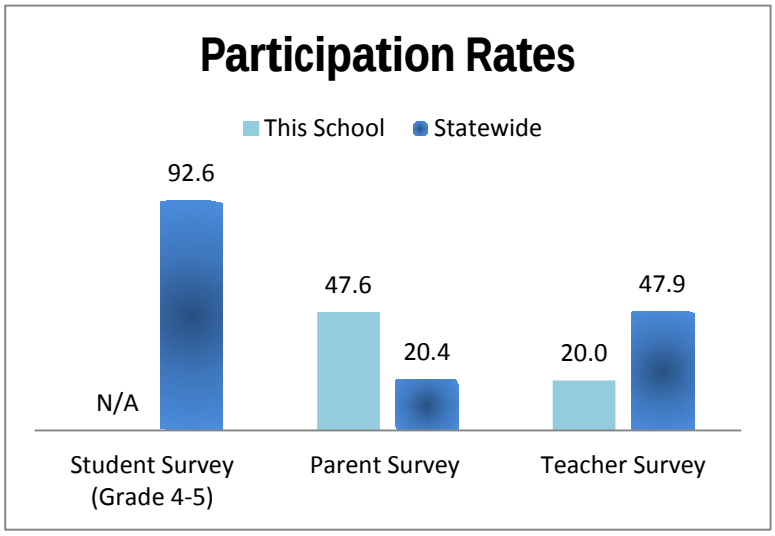
-Teaching and Student Achievement;
-Families and Communities;
-Safe and Supportive Schools, and
-Funding and resources.

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

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 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 elementary 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".

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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 47.6%. 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%.

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Child's Grade Level

What grade is your child in?	This School #	This School %	Statewide #	Statewide %
Pre-K	5	4.3	468	2.1
K	107	93.0	2240	10.3
1st Grade	3	2.6	2232	10.2
2nd Grade	0	0.0	2182	10.0
3rd Grade	0	0.0	2364	10.8
4th Grade	0	0.0	2433	11.2
5th Grade	0	0.0	2285	10.5
6th Grade	0	0.0	1635	7.5
7th Grade	0	0.0	1165	5.3
8th Grade	0	0.0	1051	4.8
9th Grade	0	0.0	1004	4.6
10th Grade	0	0.0	950	4.4
11th Grade	0	0.0	985	4.5
12th Grade	0	0.0	822	3.8
Total	**115**	100.0	**21816**	100.0

Child's Gender

Is your child male or female?	This School #	This School %	Statewide #	Statewide %
Male	56	51.4	10411	48.8
Female	53	48.6	10924	51.2
Total	**109**	100.0	**21335**	100.0

Child's IEP Status

Does your child have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP)?	This School #	This School %	Statewide #	Statewide %
Yes	26	25.2	3707	17.4
No	77	74.8	17553	82.6
Total	**103**	100.0	**21260**	100.0

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Education Attained

What is your highest level of education?	This School #	This School %	Statewide #	Statewide %
Some high school	19	17.1	1131	5.3
GED	13	11.7	912	4.3
High school	37	33.3	2636	12.3
Trade school	7	6.3	911	4.2
Some college	21	18.9	4399	20.5
Completed college	9	8.1	6505	30.3
Advanced degree	0	0.0	4193	19.5
I don't want to say.	5	4.5	761	3.5
Total	111	100.0	21448	100.0

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Student Engagement

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement?	This School Total	This School % Strongly Disagree	This School % Disagree	This School % Agree	This School % Strongly Agree	Statewide Total	Statewide % Strongly Disagree	Statewide % Disagree	Statewide % Agree	Statewide % Strongly Agree
School staff keep my child interested in what they are learning.	98	2.0	0.0	53.1	44.9	19318	2.9	7.7	54.8	34.6

College/Career Readiness

The following questions are asked only of parents who are responding for a child in grades 9-12.

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	This School Total	This School % Strongly Disagree	This School % Disagree	This School % Agree	This School % Strongly Agree	Statewide Total	Statewide % Strongly Disagree	Statewide % Disagree	Statewide % Agree	Statewide % Strongly Agree
This school gives me information on ways to finance my child's college education through loans or scholarships.	-	-	-	-	-	3329	9.5	24.5	51.3	14.7
Teachers at this school expect my child to graduate from high school.	-	-	-	-	-	3423	2.1	1.5	28.5	67.8
Teachers at this school expect my child to go to college.	-	-	-	-	-	3192	2.4	4.3	30.7	62.6

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School Safety and Climate

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	This School % Total	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Statewide % Total	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
This school is a safe place.	112	0.0	0.9	64.3	34.8	21637	1.4	5.4	56.3	36.9
This school creates a respectful environment for my child.	117	0.9	0.0	52.1	47.0	21609	1.6	4.5	49.6	44.3
The main office staff members are friendly and helpful.	115	1.7	2.6	47.8	47.8	21646	2.3	5.6	45.7	46.4

Discipline, Equity, and Respect

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	This School % Total	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Statewide % Total	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
School staff apply rules equally for all students.	76	2.6	0.0	60.5	36.8	14984	5.4	9.8	52.2	32.7
School staff respect me.	102	2.0	1.0	49.0	48.0	19527	2.1	2.7	51.4	43.8
School staff respect my child.	103	1.9	1.0	50.5	46.6	19704	2.3	3.6	50.8	43.3

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Parent Engagement

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	This School %					Statewide %				
	Total	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
I know what my child is studying in his or her classes.	116	1.7	1.7	50.9	45.7	21572	1.5	7.0	55.4	36.1
I feel welcome at this school.	116	0.9	0.0	44.0	55.2	21764	1.6	3.6	45.6	49.2

Parent Engagement - Continued

How often do you do the following?	This School %					Statewide %				
	Total	Never	A few times per year	Monthly	At least weekly	Total	Never	A few times per year	Monthly	At least weekly
I help my child with homework.	114	0.0	0.9	1.8	97.4	21395	3.8	7.7	10.0	78.6
I talk with my child about school.	117	0.0	2.6	3.4	94.0	21615	0.3	1.5	3.2	95.0
I visit my child's classroom.	107	10.3	39.3	26.2	24.3	21351	16.8	62.1	12.9	8.2
I read with my child.*	94	3.2	3.2	3.2	90.4	6511	1.0	1.5	4.0	93.5

* This question is only asked of parents answering for a student in grades PK-2

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Parent Participation

Do you attend these types of school-related events at this school? Select all that apply.	This School #	This School %	Statewide #	Statewide %
Parent-teacher conferences	79	76.7	16545	81.0
Special events (college nights, open houses, fundraisers, etc.)	28	27.2	12606	63.5
Plays, concerts, dances	26	25.2	11503	57.9
Book fairs	29	28.2	9365	47.2
Sporting events	12	11.7	5676	29.4
Parent Teacher Association or Parent Teacher Organization meetings	38	36.9	6037	31.0
Workshops or trainings about how to help my child	34	33.0	3454	17.9
Department Nights (math night, literacy night, science fairs, etc.)	9	8.7	4702	24.2
Field trips	22	21.4	5978	30.7
School Improvement Team meetings	14	13.6	1415	7.4
Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meetings	21	20.4	2989	15.5
After-school program events	14	13.6	6008	30.9
Other	2	1.9	605	3.2
I am not aware of any of these.	8	7.8	652	3.4
Total	103*	--	19110*	--

*For "choose all that apply" items, the total may not equal the sum of response options, and the percentages may not total 100%.

Learning Opportunities

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	This School Total	This School % Strongly Disagree	This School % Disagree	This School % Agree	This School % Strongly Agree	Statewide Total	Statewide % Strongly Disagree	Statewide % Disagree	Statewide % Agree	Statewide % Strongly Agree
My child is learning as much as he or she can at this school.	117	0.9	4.3	43.6	51.3	21522	3.2	14.9	49.8	32.0
This school has high expectations for my child.	116	0.9	5.2	54.3	39.7	21378	2.3	10.7	51.6	35.4
My child's homework helps him or her do better in school.	116	0.9	1.7	44.8	52.6	21449	1.9	8.1	54.1	35.9

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Involvement in Decision-making

Does this school involve you in these types of school-level decisions? Select all that apply.	This School #	This School %	Statewide #	Statewide %
Fundraising/event planning	46	44.7	10385	55.2
School rules	47	45.6	5741	30.8
Before and after school programs	13	12.6	6325	33.9
School programs	40	38.8	5894	31.7
Choosing curricula	13	12.6	1775	9.8
Budget	9	8.7	2119	11.7
Facilities	3	2.9	1749	9.6
I am not aware of any of these.	39	37.9	5983	32.1
Total	103*	--	18641*	--

*For "choose all that apply" items, the total may not equal the sum of response options, and the percentages may not total 100%.

Parent-School Partnership

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	This School Total	This School % Strongly Disagree	This School % Disagree	This School % Agree	This School % Strongly Agree	Statewide Total	Statewide % Strongly Disagree	Statewide % Disagree	Statewide % Agree	Statewide % Strongly Agree
This school views parents as important partners.	113	0.0	0.9	51.3	47.8	21457	1.8	5.9	50.2	42.1
This school and I have the same goals for my child.	116	0.9	3.4	49.1	46.6	21443	1.7	7.0	52.8	38.5

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Parent Involvement

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement?	This School Total	This School % Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Statewide Total	Statewide % Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Many parents I know help out at this school.	101	5.0	26.7	58.4	9.9	20891	5.0	23.8	49.4	21.7

Parent Involvement Frequency

How often do you do the following?	This School Total	This School % Never	A few times per year	Monthly	At least weekly	Statewide Total	Statewide % Never	A few times per year	Monthly	At least weekly
I volunteer in my child's classroom.	109	67.0	24.8	2.8	5.5	21062	71.4	21.3	3.6	3.7
I volunteer at this school.	106	63.2	27.4	3.8	5.7	21118	54.5	31.7	7.2	6.6

Parent Engagement in Post-High School Plans

The following questions are asked only of parents who are responding for a child in grades 9-12.

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	This School Total	This School % Never	A few times per year	Monthly	At least weekly	Statewide Total	Statewide % Never	A few times per year	Monthly	At least weekly
I talk with my child about career plans.	-	-	-	-	-	3535	1.1	14.8	32.5	51.7
I talk with my child about going to college.	-	-	-	-	-	3554	1.7	13.1	30.4	54.8

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Parent-Teacher Communication

How do you communicate with your child's teacher(s)? Select all that apply.	This School #	This School %	Statewide #	Statewide %
In person	87	75.0	14372	68.8
Parent-teacher conferences	69	59.5	13485	65.4
Written notes sent with the child	82	70.7	12934	62.5
E-mail	5	4.3	11723	58.4
Phone/voicemail	62	53.4	9386	46.3
Parent portal (e.g., schoolnotes.com or other online site)	5	4.3	2257	11.5
Mail	6	5.2	1391	7.1
Text message	44	38.6	8772	43.3
Social networking site (e.g. Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, etc.)	3	2.6	373	1.9
Website	2	1.7	1456	7.4
Newsletter	17	14.7	2950	14.9
Total	**116***	--	**19748***	--

*For "choose all that apply" items, the total may not equal the sum of response options, and the percentages may not total 100%.

Parent-Teacher Communication - Continued

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	This School Total	This School % Strongly Disagree	This School % Disagree	This School % Agree	This School % Strongly Agree	Statewide Total	Statewide % Strongly Disagree	Statewide % Disagree	Statewide % Agree	Statewide % Strongly Agree
It is easy for me to communicate with my child's teachers if I need to.	113	0.9	0.0	37.2	61.9	21339	1.6	3.9	42.5	52.1
I understand my child's report card.	114	0.0	0.0	54.4	45.6	21483	1.2	3.9	51.9	43.0

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School-Parent Communication

What is/are the best method(s) for this school to contact you? Select all that apply.	This School #	This School %	Statewide #	Statewide %
Phone/Voicemail	105	91.3	19145	89.8
E-mail	27	23.7	15360	74.9
Notes sent with your child	100	87.7	13929	66.5
Parent-teacher conferences	72	62.6	12419	60.0
Newsletter	20	17.4	4859	24.3
Mail	21	18.3	7143	35.3
Text message	44	38.6	8772	43.3
Parent portal (e.g., schoolnotes.com or other online site)	6	5.2	2761	14.0
PTA/PTO meetings	27	23.5	3007	15.1
Community bulletins	14	12.2	1703	8.6
Social networking site (e.g., Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, etc.)	3	2.6	1659	8.4
Website	2	1.7	2758	14.0
Total	115*	--	19747*	--

*For "choose all that apply" items, the total may not equal the sum of response options, and the percentages may not total 100%.

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School-Parent Communication - Continued

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	This School % Total	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Statewide % Total	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
It is easy for me to communicate with my child's principal if I need to.	108	3.7	4.6	55.6	36.1	20987	2.9	6.2	50.1	40.8
This school contacts me if my child does something well.	112	6.3	13.4	45.5	34.8	20674	9.5	27.0	39.5	24.0
This school contacts me if my child is having a problem with class work.	112	0.9	6.3	52.7	40.2	20279	4.7	16.0	50.1	29.1
This school contacts me if there is a problem with my child's behavior.	111	0.9	0.0	42.3	56.8	20254	1.8	4.7	51.6	41.9
This school responds quickly to my requests or concerns.	112	1.8	0.9	57.1	40.2	20877	2.5	7.2	51.5	38.8
This school tells me about events happening in school.	116	0.9	2.6	49.1	47.4	21186	2.4	6.3	51.2	40.2

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School Services

Has this school made you aware of these types of school-level services? Select all that apply.	This School #	This School %	Statewide #	Statewide %
Arts programs (music, dance, art, theater)	11	11.1	8958	45.7
Sports	16	16.2	8423	43.0
Counseling	30	30.3	6172	31.8
Academic enrichment (chess club, robotics club)	10	10.1	5479	28.5
Tutoring programs	18	18.2	5240	27.0
Before or after-school programs	21	21.2	12841	64.1
Parent support groups	36	36.4	4236	21.9
Homework club	15	15.2	4507	23.2
Family literacy programs	15	15.2	2991	15.5
I am not aware of any of these.	42	42.4	3406	17.5
Total	99*	--	19256*	--

*For "choose all that apply" items, the total may not equal the sum of response options, and the percentages may not total 100%.

Community Support

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement?	This School Total	This School % Strongly Disagree	This School % Disagree	This School % Agree	This School % Strongly Agree	Statewide Total	Statewide % Strongly Disagree	Statewide % Disagree	Statewide % Agree	Statewide % Strongly Agree
The community supports this school.	107	1.9	2.8	72.0	23.4	21197	1.4	7.2	57.2	34.2

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School Resources

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	This School %					Statewide %				
	Total	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
This school has enough classroom supplies (e.g., books, paper, desks).	107	0.0	2.8	69.2	28.0	21269	3.9	16.2	57.9	21.9
This school has enough computers.	95	2.1	23.2	60.0	14.7	20553	7.0	28.4	50.3	14.4
This school is well-maintained.	115	0.9	0.0	58.3	40.9	21613	2.4	8.3	54.5	34.8

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Section 3: Teacher/Staff Survey Introduction

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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 20.0%. 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 reported for schools where at least 10 teachers/staff responded.

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

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