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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:

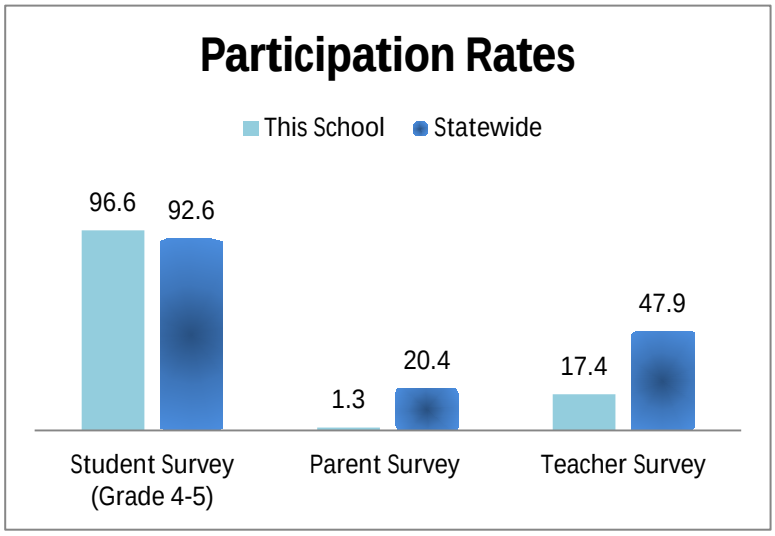
-Teaching and Student Achievement;
-Families and Communities;
-Safe and Supportive Schools, and
-Funding and resources.

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.



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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 96.6%. 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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Grade Level

What grade are you in?	This School #	This School %	Statewide #	Statewide %
4th grade	107	99.1	9343	49.3
5th grade	1	0.9	9607	50.7
Total	108	100.0	18950	100.0

Gender

Are you a boy or a girl?	This School #	This School %	Statewide #	Statewide %
Boy	56	50.0	9594	50.5
Girl	55	49.1	8997	47.3
I don't want to say.	1	0.9	413	2.2
Total	112	100.0	19004	100.0

Ethnicity

Are you Hispanic or Latino?	This School #	This School %	Statewide #	Statewide %
Yes	73	65.8	4032	22.5
No	38	34.2	13892	77.5
Total	111	100.0	17924	100.0

Race

What is your background? Select all that apply.	This School #	This School %	Statewide #	Statewide %
White	57	61.3	14038	81.0
Black or African American	22	23.7	2236	12.9
Asian	2	2.2	795	4.6
American Indian or Alaskan Native	9	9.7	638	3.7
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	11	11.8	438	2.5
Total	93	--	17341	--

*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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Teacher Practice

How often are these true?	This School Total	This School % Never	Some-times	Usually	Always	Statewide Total	Statewide % Never	Some-times	Usually	Always
My teachers give me good directions for my work.	110	0.0	3.6	10.9	85.5	18830	1.1	7.5	21.0	70.4
My teachers let things get crazy in class.	108	80.6	13.0	2.8	3.7	18678	70.5	26.3	1.6	1.6
My teachers call on a lot of different students in class.	111	4.5	36.9	16.2	42.3	18889	2.6	17.6	29.7	50.1
My teachers have us work in small groups in class.	106	0.9	53.8	25.5	19.8	18407	2.9	62.4	22.9	11.8
My teachers give me work that makes me think hard.	111	4.5	35.1	31.5	28.8	18835	3.2	35.5	39.9	21.4

Teacher Practice - Continued

How often do these happen?	This School Total	This School % Never	Some-times	Usually	Always	Statewide Total	Statewide % Never	Some-times	Usually	Always
My teachers give me enough time to do a good job on my classwork.	107	1.9	14.0	15.0	69.2	18753	1.9	13.5	30.1	54.5
My teachers help me after I miss any school.	110	11.8	28.2	18.2	41.8	18628	10.5	21.7	23.7	44.1
My teachers will explain something different ways until I get it.	108	4.6	14.8	14.8	65.7	18422	3.6	16.7	25.9	53.8

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Homework

	This School %					Statewide %				
	Total	None	Less than 1 hour	1 hour	2 or more hours*	Total	Never	Less than 1 hour	1 hour	2 or more hours*
How many hours a day do you usually spend on homework?	107	6.5	45.8	27.1	20.6	18446	2.9	54.2	29.5	13.5

*Response categories are combined.

Student Engagement

How often do these happen?	This School %					Statewide %				
	Total	Never	Some-times	Usually	Always	Total	Never	Some-times	Usually	Always
My teachers make learning fun.	111	5.4	18.9	13.5	62.2	18872	5.8	24.6	29.0	40.6
My teachers make me want to learn more.	107	0.0	15.9	11.2	72.9	18618	5.3	18.4	22.2	54.2

College/Career Readiness

	This School %				Statewide %			
	Total	Yes	No	Not Sure	Total	Yes	No	Not Sure
Do you think you will finish high school?	111	74.8	0.0	25.2	18934	85.2	0.9	13.8
Do you think you will go to college?	106	71.7	1.9	26.4	18817	80.0	2.1	17.9
Do your teachers think you will go to college?	110	71.8	1.8	26.4	18855	61.7	1.6	36.7

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Breakfast

How many days a week do you usually eat breakfast?	This School #	This School %	Statewide #	Statewide %
0	3	2.8	485	2.6
1	10	9.2	544	2.9
2	5	4.6	600	3.2
3	8	7.3	743	4.0
4	7	6.4	609	3.3
5	18	16.5	1297	6.9
6	3	2.8	995	5.3
7	55	50.5	13453	71.8
Total	109	100.0	18726	100.0

Physical Activity

How many days a week do you run around and play for at least 1 hour?	This School #	This School %	Statewide #	Statewide %
0	9	8.3	1004	5.4
1	8	7.4	942	5.1
2	12	11.1	1491	8.1
3	16	14.8	1796	9.7
4	6	5.6	1720	9.3
5	15	13.9	2721	14.7
6	8	7.4	1760	9.5
7	34	31.5	7085	38.3
Total	108	100.0	18519	100.0

Asthma

Has a doctor or nurse ever told you that you have asthma?	This School #	This School %	Statewide #	Statewide %
Yes	20	19.0	3830	20.7
No	85	81.0	14702	79.3
Total	105	100.0	18532	100.0

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Time Home Alone

How many days a week are you usually home by yourself, for more than a few minutes?	This School #	This School %	Statewide #	Statewide %
0	49	44.5	9034	48.7
1	12	10.9	2336	12.6
2	7	6.4	1867	10.1
3	11	10.0	1483	8.0
4	3	2.7	757	4.1
5	9	8.2	1314	7.1
6	4	3.6	268	1.4
7	15	13.6	1487	8.0
Total	110	100.0	18546	100.0

Technology Use for Entertainment

	This School					Statewide				
		%					%			
	Total	Never	Less than 1 hour	1 hour	2 or more hours*	Total	Never	Less than 1 hour	1 hour	2 or more hours*
How many hours a day do you usually play video games, watch TV, or play on the computer (not homework)?	108	20.4	16.7	24.1	38.9	18533	7.5	22.8	23.9	45.8

*Response categories are combined

School Safety

Do you agree or disagree?	This School* #	This School* %	Statewide* #	Statewide* %
I feel safe in the hallways of my school.	17712	95.5	17712	95.5
I feel safe when I walk outside of school.	74	69.8	14807	80.0

*Indicates the number and percentage of respondents that answered affirmatively.

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Theft

Have you ever been robbed at school?	This School #	This School %	Statewide #	Statewide %
Yes	14	12.8	3043	16.2
No	95	87.2	15715	83.8
Total	109	100.0	18758	100.0

Discipline and Equity

Do you agree or disagree?	This School* #	This School* %	Statewide* #	Statewide* %
My school's rules are fair.	98	90.7	15052	81.3

*Indicates the number and percentage of respondents that answered affirmatively.

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Bullying

Have these things happened to you this year?	This School* #	This School* %	Statewide* #	Statewide* %
Kids at school have called me names or made fun of me.	35	32.1	7381	39.4
Kids at school have done mean things to me.	35	32.1	5923	31.7
Kids on the bus have done mean things to me.	3	2.9	3095	16.9

The following is calculated based on the responses to the above items.

Percentage of students who reported experiencing:	This School %	Statewide %
At least 1 type of bullying	37.8	47.7
2 or more types of bullying	25.2	29.1

The following question is asked only of students who have experienced one or more type(s) of bullying this year.

Did you tell a parent or teacher that someone bullied you?	This School #	This School %	Statewide #	Statewide %
Yes	30	73.2	6572	74.7
No	11	26.8	2222	25.3
Total	41	100.0	8794	100.0

The following question is asked only of students who told an adult that someone had bullied them.

Did the bullying stop after you told an adult?	This School #	This School %	Statewide #	Statewide %
Yes	18	62.1	3663	59.8
No	11	37.9	2460	40.2
Total	29	100.0	6123	100.0

*Indicates the number and percentage of respondents who answered affirmatively.

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Teacher-Student Relationships

Do you agree or disagree?	This School* #	This School* %	Statewide* #	Statewide* %
My teachers care about me.	106	97.2	17542	95.1
I think my teachers like teaching.	107	96.4	18158	96.3

*Indicates the number and percentage of respondents who answered affirmatively.

Teacher-Student Respect

Do you agree or disagree?	This School* #	This School* %	Statewide* #	Statewide* %
My teachers are nice to me.	105	98.1	17566	94.0
Kids in my school are nice to teachers.	78	72.9	14042	76.6

*Indicates the number and percentage of respondents who answered affirmatively.

Personal Relationships

Do you agree or disagree?	This School* #	This School* %	Statewide* #	Statewide* %
I can talk to an adult at my school if I'm having a problem at home.	71	66.4	12615	67.9
I can talk to an adult at my school if I'm having a problem with my school work.	102	92.7	17329	93.6
I can talk to an adult at my school if I'm having a problem with another student.	101	91.8	17211	91.9
I can talk to a good friend about my problems.	84	77.8	15612	83.2

*Indicates the number and percentage of respondents who answered affirmatively.

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Student Violence

	This School*		Statewide*	
	#	%	#	%
Have you been in a fight at school this year in which you and the other person hit/touched one another?	12	11.0	2566	13.7
During the past 12 months, have you seen another student with a weapon, like a gun or knife, at this school? Your answer will be private.	23	21.3	2182	11.7

*Indicates the number and percentage of respondents who answered affirmatively.

Alcohol

	This School		Statewide	
Have you ever drunk beer or alcohol without your parent's or guardian's permission?	#	%	#	%
Yes	5	4.6	655	3.5
No	104	95.4	17890	96.5
Total	109	100.0	18545	100.0

The following question is asked only of students who have drunk beer or alcohol without permission. Results are calculated to create schoolwide and statewide results.

	This School	Statewide
How many times did you drink alcohol in the past 30 days?	%	%
0	-*	98.7*
1-2	-	0.9
3 or more	-	0.4

*This percentage includes those who said they had never drunk alcohol.

Smoking

	This School		Statewide	
Have you ever smoked a cigarette, even one or two puffs?	#	%	#	%
Yes	3	2.7	353	1.9
No	108	97.3	18260	98.1
Total	111	100.0	18613	100.0

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Drug Usage

Have you ever taken an illegal drug?	This School #	This School %	Statewide #	Statewide %
Yes	1	0.9	175	0.9
No	107	99.1	18522	99.1
Total	108	100.0	18697	100.0

Drugs at School

During the past year, have you been offered drugs at school?	This School #	This School %	Statewide #	Statewide %
Yes	2	1.9	311	1.7
No	104	98.1	18267	98.3
Total	106	100.0	18578	100.0

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Parent Engagement

Do you agree or disagree?	This School* #	This School* %	Statewide* #	Statewide* %
My parents want to know what I'm doing in school.	105	98.1	17712	95.5
My parents want me to get good grades.	110	99.1	18801	99.4

*Indicates the number and percentage of respondents who answered affirmatively.

Parent Engagement in Post High School Plans

How often do these happen?	This School Total	This School % Never	This School % Some-times	This School % Often	Statewide Total	Statewide % Never	Statewide % Some-times	Statewide % Often
My parents or guardians talk to me about jobs I can have when I grow up.	110	15.5	46.4	38.2	18827	14.3	57.0	28.8
My parents or guardians talk to me about going to college when I grow up.	108	15.7	41.7	42.6	18385	13.5	48.4	38.0

Out of School Time

What do you do after school or on weekends? Select all that apply.	This School #	This School %	Statewide #	Statewide %
Play outside	58	53.2	12897	69.8
Homework	55	50.5	10637	57.6
Play on a sports team	18	16.5	7452	40.3
Dance	28	25.7	4300	23.3
Play an instrument	18	16.5	4020	21.8
Act in plays	10	9.2	1233	6.7
Get tutoring	2	1.8	541	2.9
After-school program	11	10.1	3247	17.6
Total	109*	--	18479*	--

*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 Facilities

How often are these true?	This School Total	This School % Never	This School % Some-times	This School % Usually	This School % Always	Statewide Total	Statewide % Never	Statewide % Some-times	Statewide % Usually	Statewide % Always
The classrooms are about the right temperature.	110	5.5	57.3	15.5	21.8	18889	4.1	42.2	39.9	13.8
There is soap in the bathroom to wash my hands.	108	2.8	19.4	22.2	55.6	18506	3.5	18.4	29.8	48.3

School Resources

Do you agree or disagree?	This School* #	This School* %	Statewide* #	Statewide* %
There are enough books for everyone in my classes.	108	98.2	17678	93.4
The desks in my school are the right size for me.	100	91.7	15726	83.3
My school looks nice inside.	6	5.4	2087	11.0
The outside of my school building looks nice.	89	83.2	15236	81.5
The school has enough comptuers for students to use.	43	41.0	12329	66.3

*Indicates the number and percentage of respondents who answered affirmatively.

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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 1.3%. 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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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 17.4%. 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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