










Middle School Parent Survey for Curriculum Night*








1. I am satisfied that the information I received at Curriculum Night was clear and concise.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very unsatisfied		3.9%	5
Unsatisfied		0.8%	1
No opinion		0.0%	0
Satisfied		43.3%	55
Very satisfied		52.0%	66
answered question			127
skipped question			0






2. I am satisfied with the information I received about new report cards.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very unsatisfied		4.1%	5
Unsatisfied		11.4%	14
No opinion		19.5%	24
Satisfied		42.3%	52
Very satisfied		22.8%	28
answered question			123
skipped question			4






3. I am satisfied with the information I received from teacher presentations and handouts about district assessments used to measure my child(ren)'s progress.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very unsatisfied		4.0%	5
Unsatisfied		4.0%	5
No opinion		3.2%	4
Satisfied		50.8%	63
Very satisfied		37.9%	47
answered question			124
skipped question			3






4. I am satisfied with the information I received from teacher presentations and handouts about how my child(ren) will be graded.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very unsatisfied		4.0%	5
Unsatisfied		2.4%	3
No opinion		5.6%	7
Satisfied		49.6%	62
Very satisfied		38.4%	48
answered question			125
skipped question			2

5. I am satisfied with the information I received about Skyward Family Access.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very unsatisfied		6.3%	8
Unsatisfied		7.9%	10
No opinion		17.5%	22
Satisfied		38.9%	49
Very satisfied		29.4%	37
answered question			126
skipped question			1

6. Overall, I am satisfied with communication provided by Pleasantdale School District.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very unsatisfied		4.7%	6
Unsatisfied		3.9%	5
No opinion		7.9%	10
Satisfied		41.7%	53
Very satisfied		41.7%	53
answered question			127
skipped question			0

7. How can the District improve communication with you? Please list.

	Response Count
	34
answered question	34
skipped question	93

8. What does the District do well in communicating with you? Please list.

	Response Count
	38
answered question	38
skipped question	89

9. Anything else we should know?

	Response Count
	39
answered question	39
skipped question	88

Q7. How can the District improve communication with you? Please list.

1	Fix the Skyward Family Access	Sep 19, 2011 10:00 AM
2	longer classes during curriculum night (12 min)	Sep 19, 2011 9:57 AM
3	personal parent email provided in info.	Sep 19, 2011 9:56 AM
4	The periods were short and the teachers ran short of time. Not alot of info on grading assessments. We did not get much info on report cards. I'd like to know exactly how the grades are calculated.	Sep 19, 2011 9:53 AM

Q7. How can the District improve communication with you? Please list.

5	Opportunities for individual communication with teachers about my child are limited. Parent conference slots are short and its only one time a year	Sep 19, 2011 9:51 AM
6	I did not hear info on report cards	Sep 19, 2011 9:49 AM
7	Skyward for Elementary	Sep 19, 2011 9:48 AM
8	Not sure any info was covered regarding report cards	Sep 19, 2011 9:46 AM
9	Start events no earlier than 6:30 p.m. Serve Beer	Sep 19, 2011 9:45 AM
10	More email updates from principals regarding district initiatives	Sep 19, 2011 9:44 AM
11	I did like the way the old STI would list the categories. For example, you could see if he was getting 100% in homework, but only 80% in quizzes. It was just helpful.	Sep 17, 2011 9:35 AM
12	Allow time during curriculum night for questions from parents.	Sep 15, 2011 8:19 PM
13	Mine still doesn't work, I emailed the "support" person two weeks ago.	Sep 15, 2011 1:06 PM
14	cell phone	Sep 15, 2011 1:03 PM
15	continue with email blasts.	Sep 15, 2011 1:01 PM
16	More emails	Sep 15, 2011 12:52 PM
17	Great Job! Happy so far.	Sep 15, 2011 12:52 PM
18	need more information via email	Sep 15, 2011 12:48 PM
19	Don't depend on kids to get messages home	Sep 15, 2011 12:47 PM
20	email on new grading system please.	Sep 15, 2011 12:44 PM
21	I didn't feel like I understood how the grading will be done this year. The weighting given to quizzes, tests, etc. in each class	Sep 15, 2011 12:43 PM
22	Video of meetings, town halls for parents that can't make it.	Sep 15, 2011 12:27 PM
23	Book online to use	Sep 15, 2011 12:26 PM
24	Doing a good job.	Sep 15, 2011 12:26 PM
25	Email parents	Sep 15, 2011 12:22 PM
26	There really was not time to discuss most of these issues.	Sep 15, 2011 12:18 PM
27	Maybe more in the summer mail that gets sent home	Sep 15, 2011 12:18 PM
28	Don't wait until it's crisis mode to notify the parent that the student has not been performing as is expected of him/her.	Sep 15, 2011 9:29 AM
29	The district needs to communicate information in a more timely manner about changes that are academic related. For example, there are significant changes in curriculum, assessments, further attempts, report cards and Skyward. The	Sep 15, 2011 9:28 AM

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communication prior to the start of school was very vague or didn't exist in some cases. It noted the teachers would be clarifying this and did not happen in several classes. This is especially true regarding further attempts.

30	I'm glad the school sent out the 2 page document "Questions Parents May Have About Grading & Skyward Family Access." I do like the new Skyward system, I think it is much more up-to-date as far as homework/grades. I'm still not 100% behind the Life Skills aspect of the grading process and the retakes on tests. After much debate from parents last year, I'm not surprised that the school district has incorporated them into the new report card system. The grading system has been changed to reflect what the school district wants. I wish more of the parental concerns/input were taken into account. Parents complained, and I feel our opinions/voices were not heard or taken into account.	Sep 15, 2011 9:23 AM
31	Does a good job	Sep 15, 2011 9:03 AM
32	It would have been nice to get a reminder this week about Curriculum night. I didn't remember the start time and had to hunt for it in the Friday Packet.	Sep 15, 2011 8:44 AM
33	Skyward does not show the attachments that the teacher's are putting on the website.	Sep 15, 2011 8:35 AM
34	keep in contact a little more on what the kids do during school	Sep 15, 2011 8:02 AM

Q8. What does the District do well in communicating with you? Please list.

1	Sending email reminders	Sep 19, 2011 10:00 AM
2	Love Skyward Family	Sep 19, 2011 9:57 AM
3	emails Friday packets Skyward	Sep 19, 2011 9:53 AM
4	Really love Skyward!	Sep 19, 2011 9:53 AM
5	Many general communication opportunities, Friday packets, emails, phone calls, etc.	Sep 19, 2011 9:51 AM
6	Friday Papers. Have not tired Skyward but used old system frequently with older children.	Sep 19, 2011 9:49 AM
7	Keep striving for improvement	Sep 19, 2011 9:48 AM
8	Very accessible	Sep 19, 2011 9:46 AM
9	Friday packets	Sep 19, 2011 9:45 AM
10	So-so. Friday packet is helpful. Would like more information on grading and Skyward to be sent.	Sep 19, 2011 9:44 AM
11	Emails Friday packet	Sep 17, 2011 9:35 AM
12	I thought the teachers did a wonderful job explaining expectations for the school	Sep 17, 2011 5:59 AM

Q8. What does the District do well in communicating with you? Please list.

	year and what will be covered in the curriculum	
13	Pleasant dale Middle School does a great job keeping parents informed, via phone, newsletters and meetings.	Sep 15, 2011 3:40 PM
14	I really like the new Skyward website.	Sep 15, 2011 1:04 PM
15	email	Sep 15, 2011 1:03 PM
16	Class curriculum	Sep 15, 2011 12:52 PM
17	Friday packet is great	Sep 15, 2011 12:52 PM
18	emails and website are informative	Sep 15, 2011 12:48 PM
19	email, but need info via mail/with student etc.	Sep 15, 2011 12:48 PM
20	Email.	Sep 15, 2011 12:47 PM
21	emails	Sep 15, 2011 12:43 PM
22	Lots of emails	Sep 15, 2011 12:34 PM
23	Skyward and papers sent home	Sep 15, 2011 12:33 PM
24	I like the online communication	Sep 15, 2011 12:31 PM
25	Sending emails of upcoming events.	Sep 15, 2011 12:27 PM
26	emails/website/Skyward Great	Sep 15, 2011 12:26 PM
27	via internet and Friday folder	Sep 15, 2011 12:24 PM
28	Friday packet and emails	Sep 15, 2011 12:23 PM
29	Email, email, email	Sep 15, 2011 12:22 PM
30	Emails	Sep 15, 2011 12:19 PM
31	Email	Sep 15, 2011 12:18 PM
32	Friday packet is good.	Sep 15, 2011 12:18 PM
33	Actually I was very happy with all the teachers presentation and I feel good about my son being a student at Pleasantdale „I told him there is no excuse for not doing well in school with all the help he is provided from teachers...	Sep 15, 2011 11:25 AM
34	Friday packets are always a good source of resource, however, the new electronic monitoring of their progress via handwork submissions, quizzes and tests should be easier to monitor my child's progression this trimester.	Sep 15, 2011 9:29 AM
35	The district is starting to communicate more than in the past. The explanation and directions for report cards and Skyward are clear.	Sep 15, 2011 9:28 AM
36	Send out more e-mails with information about what is going on with the school and changes that are taking place. Otherwise, parents have to rely on other	Sep 15, 2011 9:23 AM

Q8. What does the District do well in communicating with you? Please list.

parents to get information. Some of it may be accurate; however, some of it might not be completely accurate. If the school district wants to avoid this communication problem, then they need to be more proactive in their communication process.

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| 37 | Sending updates and reminders | Sep 15, 2011 9:03 AM |
| 38 | I like the email notifications. I also really like the Skyward Family system. It is easy and user friendly!! | Sep 15, 2011 8:44 AM |

Q9. Anything else we should know?

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| 1 | Probably make Skyward little more user friendly for parents who are not very familiar with portal and internet system. | Sep 19, 2011 10:00 AM |
| 2 | Very impressed with teaching staff, enthusiasm. | Sep 19, 2011 9:59 AM |
| 3 | The teachers didn't have enough time to complete their presentations which limited the amount of information we received and also limited the ability to ask questions. | Sep 19, 2011 9:58 AM |
| 4 | You feed middle schoolers the same amount of food as elementary, not enough. | Sep 19, 2011 9:57 AM |
| 5 | Felt rushed in curriculum especially if you have more than 1 child in middle school. | Sep 19, 2011 9:56 AM |
| 6 | Tonight we only went to one of the specials when do we get to the 2nd half of the year? to meet the teacher? | Sep 19, 2011 9:55 AM |
| 7 | Some of the retake requirements are much different from others. | Sep 19, 2011 9:54 AM |
| 8 | teachers didn't seem to have enough time to finish talking. | Sep 19, 2011 9:53 AM |
| 9 | No | Sep 19, 2011 9:49 AM |
| 10 | Re-assess the supplies list for the year. Some things excessive and ridiculous in quantity. | Sep 19, 2011 9:48 AM |
| 11 | Not at this time, thank you. | Sep 19, 2011 9:46 AM |
| 12 | Putting a PP online about Skyward would be helpful. | Sep 19, 2011 9:44 AM |
| 13 | We are very lucky to have such great teachers. They truly have a passion for teaching! | Sep 17, 2011 9:35 AM |
| 14 | I would have liked to hear more about skyward | Sep 17, 2011 5:59 AM |
| 15 | I felt as if the teachers were rushed to get through their presentations, and most were unable to complete presenting the information before it was time to move to the next class. It felt very rushed to get through the night. Time was not allotted for questions or interaction between parents and teachers. | Sep 15, 2011 8:19 PM |

Q9. Anything else we should know?

16	My daughter in 6th is averaging more homework per night than my sophomore. 3-4 hours a night is too much for 6th grade. I heard from several parents that they are having the same issues.	Sep 15, 2011 1:06 PM
17	Please make more time for more than 1 student!	Sep 15, 2011 1:00 PM
18	I have a hard time making some meetings. Any chance Internet Safety and other presentations would be posted on website to be viewed when you can?	Sep 15, 2011 12:52 PM
19	Great teaching staff!!! We are so lucky!	Sep 15, 2011 12:51 PM
20	New research shows that homework is not beneficial and my have negative effects.	Sep 15, 2011 12:50 PM
21	I have requested my password twice from Skyward and still waiting for response.	Sep 15, 2011 12:43 PM
22	The standards and Mastery Goal were clear in each class. The teachers education was clearly explained. Only one teacher explained the new grading system and I still don't understand it.	Sep 15, 2011 12:35 PM
23	thank you	Sep 15, 2011 12:33 PM
24	Spanish teacher was very informative!	Sep 15, 2011 12:31 PM
25	Kids have to much to carry between classes (5th)	Sep 15, 2011 12:30 PM
26	Are you putting the assesemtns on the website or do I have to carry the paperwork around with me. You may have it there but I did not notice it because I am not completely familiar with the information there.	Sep 15, 2011 12:29 PM
27	Love Skyward!!	Sep 15, 2011 12:28 PM
28	Not so far.	Sep 15, 2011 12:26 PM
29	Well Done!!!	Sep 15, 2011 12:25 PM
30	I'm so pleased my daughter has come to this school!	Sep 15, 2011 12:25 PM
31	Great job in all areas!!!	Sep 15, 2011 12:24 PM
32	Great teachers!	Sep 15, 2011 12:21 PM
33	middle school curriculum night very difficult for single parent with multiple children. would like to see a more open forum rather than the moving between rooms/schedules- also it did not give most teachers time to discuss what they needed to say. Two or Three 15 -20 minute sessions in each room like elementary may be more productive.	Sep 15, 2011 10:28 AM
34	Don't wait until crisis mode before things spin out of control before contacting the parent/guardian of issues such as bullying, poor performance, incomplete homework submissions are addressed before it's too late to correct the situation.	Sep 15, 2011 9:29 AM
35	Curriculum Night is great to meet the teachers. But 10 minutes per class certainly is not enough time to discuss all the changes for the year and answer any questions. Not one class time was there any time to ask let along answer questions. Also, not one teacher addressed the new further attempt portion of	Sep 15, 2011 9:28 AM

Q9. Anything else we should know?

academics. In addition, the further attempt document provided prior to curriculum night is very loose. For example, not all tests or quizzes will have a further attempt option. How will we as parents know this and how will the students know? Student may be eligible for further attempt when he demonstrates additional effort? What effort is required? This needs to be shared with the students and parents. Alternate forms of assessments can be used. What are they? The entire further attempt process is reasonable to allow students to achieve a higher understanding but it appears to be too loose and would be based on subjectivity of the teachers.

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| 36 | I missed the first few sessions last night so I don't know if I missed anything about report cards. I know I have read so info but I would like more and to hear it again. Some teachers didn't mention the grading process. | Sep 15, 2011 8:44 AM |
| 37 | I feel like when the kids are in the Elem. there is so much information handed to you. You really know what is going on (ie., test, homework, afterschool activities etc.). My son gets to Middle School and he is basically treated as an adult. If you have a child that still needs parental supervision with homework, organization, etc., Middle School is very difficult for both the student and parents. Very upsetting! | Sep 15, 2011 8:35 AM |
| 38 | felt as if school had no interest in communication last night. No teacher was allotted enough time last night. Thankfully every teacher is accessible because last night was a waste of time | Sep 15, 2011 8:22 AM |
| 39 | it was just hard to follow the schedule when i had to be at 3 different classes at the same time so i missed some of the teachers | Sep 15, 2011 8:02 AM |