

This survey is being completed for my student in Grade: _____ Teacher's Name: _____

Ridgeview Classical Schools 2003-2004 Parent Survey

Dear Parents,

This survey is a very important part of your input into the operation of our school. We thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey and return it by the due date. The information will be compiled by the Accountability Committee and used as part of our annual assessment process and improvement plan.

Please complete one survey per student in your household. Seal the survey in the envelope we have provided and return it to your student's teacher or to the school office. Your responses will be kept confidential and your anonymity will be guaranteed.

The deadline for the returns is Wednesday, April 7th. We hope to see a 100% response.

As incentives, **two free dress days** will be scheduled for all classrooms with a 100% response rate and you may receive **1 hour of volunteer time** for completing the survey and returning it by the deadline. If you choose to not participate, please sign your name on the top of the first page and return the blank survey.

Thank you.

The Accountability Committee

I. Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

(Circle one for each question)	Not Informed	Somewhat Informed	Informed	Very Informed	Not Sure
1. Overall, how well informed are you about <u>what</u> your child is being taught?	1	2	3	4	5
2. Overall, how well informed are you about <u>how</u> your child is being taught?	1	2	3	4	5
3. Overall, how well informed are you about how progress is assessed?	1	2	3	4	5

II. Instructional Effectiveness

How good a job do you think we are doing in teaching the following subjects?	Needs Improving	Average	Good	Outstanding	Not Sure
4. Reading / Literature	1	2	3	4	5
5. Grammar / Spelling / Riggs	1	2	3	4	5
6. Mathematics	1	2	3	4	5
7. History	1	2	3	4	5
8. Geography	1	2	3	4	5
9. Science	1	2	3	4	5
10. Music / Art / PE / Karate	1	2	3	4	5
11. Foreign Languages	1	2	3	4	5

(Circle one for each question)	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	No Opinion
12. I believe the Core Knowledge Curriculum is being delivered effectively.	1	2	3	4	5
13. Ridgeview Classical meets the needs of Gifted/Talented students.	1	2	3	4	5
14. Ridgeview Classical meets the needs of students requiring remediation.	1	2	3	4	5
15. Ridgeview Classical elective courses support the curriculum (Grades 7-12 only)	1	2	3	4	5
16. Ridgeview Classical Schools has sufficient extra-curricular activities. (Grades 7-12 only)	1	2	3	4	5
17. Feedback from the teacher is constructive and promotes further learning.	1	2	3	4	5
18. My child's teacher responds to my questions and concerns in a reasonable amount of time.	1	2	3	4	5
19. I believe Character Education is being taught effectively.	1	2	3	4	5

III. School Climate and Effectiveness

(Circle one for each question.)	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	No Opinion
20. My child likes school.	1	2	3	4	5
21. I am comfortable talking to my child's teachers.	1	2	3	4	5
22. I am comfortable talking to the Administration and Staff.	1	2	3	4	5
23. The Administration responds to my questions and concerns.	1	2	3	4	5
24. The office staff responds to my questions and concerns in a timely and professional manner.	1	2	3	4	5
25. The Administrative staff uses fair and consistent disciplinary measures.	1	2	3	4	5
25. The teachers use fair and consistent disciplinary measures.	1	2	3	4	5
26. My child's teachers' newsletters, the school's weekly notes, and/or the school's website keep me informed about classroom and school expectations, events and activities.	1	2	3	4	5
27. The report card is effective in communicating the educational progress of my child.	1	2	3	4	5
28. Parent/Teacher conferences are effective in communicating my child's educational progress.	1	2	3	4	5

IV. Reasons for Attending Ridgeview Classical Schools

<p>29. The three most important reasons I chose to enroll my child at RCS are:</p> <p>_____ a. The current system was not meeting my child's needs.</p> <p>_____ b. The current system was not responsive to my concerns as a parent.</p> <p>_____ c. I wanted a more disciplined classroom and school environment.</p> <p>_____ d. I wanted higher standards and expectations held for all students.</p>	<p>_____ e. I wanted a dress code that would positively affect the learning environment and reduce peer pressure.</p> <p>_____ f. I wanted a smaller school community</p> <p>_____ g. I wanted my child to learn using the Core Knowledge Curriculum.</p> <p>_____ h. Other</p>
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VII. Other

30. Have you read the three books that inspired the RCS philosophy?

✓ <i>Cultural Literacy</i> by E.D. Hirsch, Jr.	_____ Yes	_____ No
✓ <i>Why Johnny Can't Tell Right from Wrong</i> by William Kilpatrick	_____ Yes	_____ No
✓ <i>The Schools We Need and Why We Don't Have Them</i> by E.D. Hirsch, Jr.	_____ Yes	_____ No

31. Will your student be attending RCS next year? _____ Yes _____ No

32. Our household volunteers _____ hours per year at Ridgeview Classical Schools, excluding carpooling.

0-10	11-35	36-60	61-100	Over 100
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

33. On average, my child receives _____ minutes of homework per school night.

0-20	21-40	41-60	61-120	Over 120
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

34. Please state any outstanding concern and/or constructive criticism about Ridgeview Classical Schools, including any proposed solutions:

35. Have you spoken to a teacher, administrator, or Board of Directors member about this? _____ Yes _____ No