

# Roselle Park School District High School Survey – 2011

**DIRECTIONS:** Please circle one response for each question below. NOTE: This is a parent/guardian survey, and SHOULD NOT be completed by students.

1. The Roselle Park Board of Education represents your interests and involves the community in its decisions:  

17.65%	73.76%	6.33%	2.26%	Ø
Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not Applicable
  
2. Classroom instruction (regular classes, specials, electives, etc.) meets the needs of your child/children:  

27.02%	69.35%	2.42%	0.40%	0.81%
Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not Applicable
  
3. There is sufficient communication between school and home:  

43.95%	53.36%	0.90%	1.35%	0.45%
Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not Applicable
  
4. Is the amount of homework given appropriate for your child?  

85.07%	5.88%	9.05%
Appropriate	Inappropriate	No Opinion
  
5. You feel comfortable with contacting your child's school with your concerns:  

94.32%	2.18%	3.49%
Yes	No	No Opinion
  
6. The information provided on your child's school website is helpful:  

89.76%	2.44%	7.80%
Yes	No	No Opinion
  
7. I find TeacherEase to be a useful tool:  

81.48%	15.74%	0.93%	1.85%
Yes, extremely	Yes, Somewhat	Not Really	No Opinion
  
8. After-school activities at the high school represent a wide range of opportunities for your child (athletics, musical, yearbook, band/chorus, clubs, etc.):  

84.35%	6.96%	8.70%
Yes	No	No Opinion
  
9. After-school parent/guardian programs are helpful to you: (Financial Aid meeting, Dating Violence Prevention seminar, PTSA meetings, Back to School Night, etc.)  

73.89%	3.54%	22.57%
Yes	No	No Opinion
  
10. How satisfied are you with Guidance services at the high school?  

41.71%	54.03%	3.79%	0.47%	
Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not Applicable

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## Comments – High School

- Website for school isn't always updated with relevant information.
- My child is new to the HS, don't have extensive point of reference as of yet.
- The lunch could use an upgrade.
- My child is only in the HS for 3 weeks. I do not know the answers to these questions at this time.
- Teachers are talking about state mandated tests and assume we know about them. I do not.
- I think the guidance department should be more interactive with parents/students, particularly preparing for college. I have had 2 children who went through the high school to college and was very disappointed in the level of support provided by the guidance department.
- Guidance department needs to be more proactive. They are too reactive – only do things when asked to by parents.
- Very good how the principal is doing for the high school, I like it. They came to study and learn for to be better in the future. Principal very good job.
- Each teacher uses TeacherEase differently, so in the past, (middle school) only some used it. It may be more used now that its High School.
- The state of disrepair of the auditorium is a bit unsettling.
- I am pleased with the HS and hope that my child will be successful in the future. I love my town and stand by it. I just feel that why our mayor's child doesn't attend our school, I still have faith, I already had a son graduate in 07 and is doing well. Thank you, the teacher and all here tonight have been so kind and helpful.
- My son who has an IEP as far as I know has not met his Guidance Counselor and I find this to be a concern.
- Please help the kids know each other better and be much more friendly and open for new friendships.
- Need more test taking skills, programs to enhance testing block a child may have.
- Need more homework to prepare them to complete required work in college.
- I wish that all children were encouraged more to join several different types of activities instead of just one. Once they become members of a team they are discouraged from renouncing it and trying something else.
- I just want to address my utmost appreciation for my son's guidance counselor. She has been a great support for me and my family throughout the last four years.
- Making a child read a book of completely no interest over the summer is not beneficial. Letting them choose their own selection may be more of an incentive.
- Stop giving benefits to people who don't deserve – regarding scholarships – and everybody needs to be concern to get help. For this matter, no only people, because they know people.
- Summer homework should be voluntary and extra credit if desired.
- In my opinion the district does not have the interest of my child. Christi is right.
- The auditorium is in need of repair and smells damp. There should be more after school clubs such as chess and debate team.
- This is my child's first year at the HS, therefore I cannot comment. Although my experience as a parent in the MS was satisfactory. I would have preferred increased/better communication between parent and teacher.
- Happy to be here.
- I am very satisfied with the education and school activities which keep the students busy.
- I was told the school lunch this year is not good. Not enough variety and prices too high.
- The school lunch has been very unsatisfactory. The food is cold, not cooked, and too much money.
- T&G students are part of special education and should be treated fairly (Buses to MS for T&G). Special needs/handicapped students get majority of Special Education attention and funding.
- Would like more languages offered.
- There should be more extracurricular activities for the kids. Perhaps more business classes to train for business world.

# Roselle Park School District Middle School Survey – 2011

# Surveys = 284

**DIRECTIONS:** Please circle one response for each question below. NOTE: This is a parent/guardian survey, and SHOULD NOT be completed by students.

1. The Roselle Park Board of Education represents your interests and involves the community in its decisions:  

18.44%	67.02%	11.35%	1.42%	1.77%
Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not Applicable
  
2. Classroom instruction (regular classes, specials, electives, etc.) meets the needs of your child/children:  

28.17%	67.61%	3.52%	0.35%	0.35%
Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not Applicable
  
3. There is sufficient communication between school and home:  

29.79%	62.77%	6.03%	0.71%	0.71%
Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not Applicable
  
4. Is the amount of homework given appropriate for your child?  

85.36%	8.21%	6.43%
Appropriate	Inappropriate	No Opinion
  
5. You feel comfortable with contacting your child's school with your concerns:  

94.70%	2.83%	2.47%
Yes	No	No Opinion
  
6. The information provided on your child's school website is helpful:  

85.77%	5.69%	8.54%
Yes	No	No Opinion
  
7. Are present methods of communication with Middle School parents effective?  

58.89%	23.89%	5.56%	11.67%
Yes, extremely	Yes, Somewhat	Not Really	No Opinion
  
8. How aware are you of the Middle School's policy regarding missing homework?  

74.47%	21.63%	3.90%
Aware	Not Aware	No Opinion
  
9. The Middle School encourages parents/guardians to be involved in school events:  

88.65%	1.77%	9.57%
Yes	No	No Opinion
  
10. Student report cards provide adequate feedback regarding your child's progress at school:  

84.89%	7.22%	9.89%
Yes	No	No Opinion

## Comments – Middle School

- I would get that homework would be done at school. I feel it should be at home.
- I find the principal extremely professional and very helpful with any issues that might come up.
- We are very happy with all of the teachers and programs at RPMS.
- I feel our town is not doing enough for our kids that is why my kids will not go to this high school. When 12 grade students have 3 free periods that is not high school to me.
- The website doesn't always have current up to date information, could use an actual updated calendar.
- The district needs to stop teaching to the test. Acknowledge that these are children, not numbers. The stressors are overwhelming for our youth today. We need to seek better way to provide balance with social, emotional and academics.
- School website should be updated regularly to include any notices that have been sent home with students.
- Reinforcing students to take their time and spell correctly.
- Thank you.
- I emailed teachers a couple times last year and never heard a word back. Very disappointing and frustrating.
- Just stay on top of the student and I will do the same.
- I feel there should be no homework giving on weekends.
- I find I receive most information from my child or other parents. I know that there is a website and I have used to access the calendar.
- It is hard to say on some since my child just began MS.
- It has only been 2 weeks of school, hard to give you realistic answers to some of these questions. This survey would be great midway through the school year.
- The teachers in the Roselle Park Schools work very hard for our children. We appreciate all they do for us. Thank you.
- I feel that the teaching of foreign language (Spanish) is not scheduled effectively – not conducive to learn, it should be throughout the year.
- I feel that the absence of music teaching within the school schedule is a shame. It should be part of it.
- Would like to be sure that all notices and communications will be updated on the school website.
- I feel that parents cannot have a say in how their child is placed. Strictly test scores.
- I do like consist communication.
- School should try to reduce the request for duplicate info. One emergency access is requested, it should not be requested again.
- Do a sound check before your PTA meeting (auditorium). I asked 10 people – no one could understand what is being said.
- Put BIG numbers on doors of classrooms for back to school night for us 'old folks.'
- The Guidance department seems to be lacking terms of information for students who are not problems. No info, (unless requested) on any supplemental programs. For a relatively small school, guidance counselors do not seem overly familiar with my child, who has straight As and A+s and very good test scores. Seems that if you are not G & T or on free lunch you are not made aware of any outside opportunities. Class materials are OK but don't seem challenging. Thank you.
- My child complains of too much noise/talking by students during class and no teacher reprimand or repercussions of bad behavior. I am not satisfied with the little homework my child brings when she even has homework. This was a problem for me last year as well.
- My only comment is that I currently have four children in the school district. One in HS, two in MS and one in Sherman. Through the years I have been more that satisfied with the performance of our teachers, staff, and schools in general. Thank you very much.
- Method of communication is sufficient but there is somewhat of a lack of follow-through to act in issues.
- For PE class I feel the children should exercise instead of just playing sports. Healthy bodies, healthy minds.

- I would like to get a copy of what my child buys in the lunch room using their ID card. He is never sure of prices and it seems he spends more than he thinks he has.
- Bring back MS sports. It is outrageous that this was cut when so many other items were brought back but not this. Children need this level of participation at sports to enable them to prepare for high school. Why do standardized tests come home on weekends and/or during holidays. I am very disappointed that I have no opportunity to understand and discuss scores and what they mean. I find it intolerable that RP after many years cannot figure out how to provide full day kindergarten. This is not the 1960s – parents work and pay tax and kids need a full day of learning to keep up.
- I do not support summer homework. Does the school board even have the authority to assign work beyond the 180 days required by the state? Summer work should be optional. If handed in, extra credit should be given.
- Prefer to have email/text communication for school or BOE.
- I believe they need more homework and more serious consequences, for incomplete and missing homework.
- I appreciate the interest in my son and I give thanks for the support you bring him.
- Sorry love, my problem is my English is not very good.
- For me, it's one of the best schools in New Jersey. I feel satisfied with the school system.

Roselle Park School District  
**ALDEN** Elementary School Survey – 2011      # SURVEYS = 153

**DIRECTIONS:** Please circle one response for each question below. NOTE: This is a parent/guardian survey, and SHOULD NOT be completed by students.

1. The Roselle Park Board of Education represents your interests and involves the community in its decisions:  

41.89%	52.03%	4.73%	0.68%	0.68%
Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not Applicable
  
2. Classroom instruction (regular classes, specials, electives, etc.) meets the needs of your child/children:  

53.69%	44.30%	2.01%	0%	0%
Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not Applicable
  
3. There is sufficient communication between school and home:  

49.66%	46.31%	3.36%	0.67%	0%
Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not Applicable
  
4. Is the amount of homework given appropriate for your child?  

94.41%	2.80%	2.80%
Appropriate	Inappropriate	No Opinion
  
5. You feel comfortable with contacting your child's school with your concerns:  

96.03%	1.99%	1.99%
Yes	No	No Opinion
  
6. The information provided on your child's school website is helpful:  

77.85%	7.38%	14.77%
Yes	No	No Opinion
  
7. Are you satisfied with the variety of evening presentations (Talent Show, Concerts, etc.) given in the elementary schools?  

71.90%	6.54%	21.57%
Yes	No	No Opinion
  
8. Morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up procedures are satisfactory:  

89.66%	6.21%	4.14%
Yes	No	No Opinion
  
9. Student report cards provide adequate feedback regarding your child's progress at school:  

80.14%	3.55%	16.31%
Yes	No	No Opinion
  
10. School lunches are varied and appealing to your child.  

60.69%	21.38%	17.93%
Yes	No	No Opinion

## Comments – Aldene

- Very good.
- The website is not user friendly. I had to search for at least 15 minutes to find simple information.
- The curriculum for each grade level needs to be online.
- Teachers should have an updated website for parents to visit.
- School supply list should be sent home in summer or on website.
- A letter stating drop off procedure and where each class lines up would be helpful prior to the first day of school.
- No kindergarten orientation?
- No sign out when taking a child home early.
- Website is not Mac friendly.
- I don't think in elementary schools they challenge students who are ahead enough.
- I feel the school calendar can be more working parent friendly. This year is an improvement over last year, but I feel there are too many days off other districts do not have.
- Not satisfied with the quality of the meals.
- Try to make healthy choices for lunch for the kids.
- My child is new. She doesn't receive her report card yet. I circle no opinion. So far I like the school system and the staff is wonderful.
- I am so satisfied with the school principal and teachers with all their activities, school projects/teaching. Please continue the said programs/projects that greatly help our children. Thank you.
- Not enough focus on talented students or not at all focus for talented students.
- I would like that elementary school would send out emails like the MS does – automatic. Thank you.
- For the Hispanic parents that only speak Spanish, it is very important that school contact be clear and concise. In my opinion, one bilingual secretary would be optimal.

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 Elementary School Survey – 2011

# Surveys = 170

**DIRECTIONS:** Please circle one response for each question below. NOTE: This is a parent/guardian survey, and SHOULD NOT be completed by students.

1. The Roselle Park Board of Education represents your interests and involves the community in its decisions:  

41.40%	51.59%	3.82%	1.27%	1.91%
Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not Applicable
  
2. Classroom instruction (regular classes, specials, electives, etc.) meets the needs of your child/children:  

55.83%	41.72%	2.45%	0%	0%
Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not Applicable
  
3. There is sufficient communication between school and home:  

62.34%	36.36%	1.30%	0%	0%
Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not Applicable
  
4. Is the amount of homework given appropriate for your child?  

95.29%	3.53%	1.18%
Appropriate	Inappropriate	No Opinion
  
5. You feel comfortable with contacting your child's school with your concerns:  

96.88%	1.88%	1.75%
Yes	No	No Opinion
  
6. The information provided on your child's school website is helpful:  

84.38%	1.88%	13.75%
Yes	No	No Opinion
  
7. Are you satisfied with the variety of evening presentations (Talent Show, Concerts, etc.) given in the elementary schools?  

84.52%	1.29%	14.19%
Yes	No	No Opinion
  
8. Morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up procedures are satisfactory:  

83.75%	8.75%	7.50%
Yes	No	No Opinion
  
9. Student report cards provide adequate feedback regarding your child's progress at school:  

88.75%	0%	11.25%
Yes	No	No Opinion
  
10. School lunches are varied and appealing to your child.  

62.73%	13.04%	24.22%
Yes	No	No Opinion

## Comments – Robert Gordon

- I would like to propose more hours for school for the kindergarten class.
- We think the principal and the staff of Robert Gordon are doing a great job.
- Can you please offer water as an option with lunches. I understand why you offer milk and juice, but not everyone likes it. Thanks.
- The first graders can benefit from more Gifted and Talented programs.
- We are only 3 weeks into the new school. Ask me again at the end of the year. Thank you.
- The school provides an adequate education but the principal needs to work on his leadership skills.
- Please do something about school bus, because parents are not allowed to park at the time of drop off in the morning. It gets very hard during the time of show, when you have younger children with you. Thank you.
- It would be nice to have more food choices for lunch.
- My child's teacher is on point.
- Feel free to contact me at any time regarding the opinions expressed.
- Communication last year fell short when info not updated on website regularly.
- Homework can sometimes take 2-3 hours – a little extreme for 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Too early in the school year to offer detailed answers (1<sup>st</sup> year parent).
- I am very pleased with the way school is in 2011. Boy, has it changed since 1965.
- In my opinion I think kindergarten should be longer than 2 hours. Thank you.
- Parking is bad. Can't park without getting a ticket and crossing guards by the school are bad. The lady is not very nice and the guy by the field does not know what he is doing. Someone is going to get hurt.
- Please have parking available in the evening. Have a lot of problems for space. Was once ticketed by police.
- Thank you for helping my daughter.
- Many times my daughter has complained about lunch. I think she ought to pay attention to something more important.
- I feel very content with the instruction. I am very content with the materials.
- Could you revise the lunch to something healthier for the children and with more variety.

Roselle Park School District  
 SHERMAN Elementary School Survey – 2011

# SURVEYS = 226

**DIRECTIONS:** Please circle one response for each question below. NOTE: This is a parent/guardian survey, and SHOULD NOT be completed by students.

1. The Roselle Park Board of Education represents your interests and involves the community in its decisions:  

34.98%	57.40%	4.48%	0%	3.14%
Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not Applicable
  
2. Classroom instruction (regular classes, specials, electives, etc.) meets the needs of your child/children:  

65.18%	33.04%	1.34%	0.45%	0%
Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not Applicable
  
3. There is sufficient communication between school and home:  

68.47%	29.98%	2.25%	0%	0%
Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not Applicable
  
4. Is the amount of homework given appropriate for your child?  

90.09%	4.05%	2.73%
Appropriate	Inappropriate	No Opinion
  
5. You feel comfortable with contacting your child's school with your concerns:  

96.82%	0.45%	2.73%
Yes	No	No Opinion
  
6. The information provided on your child's school website is helpful:  

85.84%	2.21%	11.95%
Yes	No	No Opinion
  
7. Are you satisfied with the variety of evening presentations (Talent Show, Concerts, etc.) given in the elementary schools?  

78.38%	2.70%	18.92%
Yes	No	No Opinion
  
8. Morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up procedures are satisfactory:  

85.37%	8.29%	6.34%
Yes	No	No Opinion
  
9. Student report cards provide adequate feedback regarding your child's progress at school:  

88.07%	0.92%	11.01%
Yes	No	No Opinion
  
10. School lunches are varied and appealing to your child.  

64.09%	16.36%	19.55%
Yes	No	No Opinion

## Comments – Sherman

- My children complain about the flour used – they don't even like pizza anymore!
- My child has been at Sherman for three years now and I am very pleased with the curriculum and the staff. Keep up the great work. Thank you.
- Is it necessary to give homework on Friday nights? That's our family time and I wish we could not have to worry about homework in the weekends.
- Very disappointed with the rainy day recess procedure of watching television in the gym. My daughter does not enjoy the movies – would rather read but is not allowed to.
- Math should be emphasized as much as reading.
- A big concern to me is the weight of student book bags in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Way too heavy for growing bodies. As an adult, I can hardly lift my child's bag some days.
- Why an 'O' or 'S' on report cards?
- Thank you for making my children feel safe.
- Would like to see school cafeteria updated, organized and repainted.
- First day needs to be better organized. Parents should be notified who their child's teacher is one week prior to the start of school. Children are very uneasy.
- This school is amazing. My family and I moved to Roselle Park 2 years ago and couldn't be happier.
- First day of school was a disaster. Last year several doors were available. This year only one – the front door, not good.
- I feel the last week of school the ½ days are difficult due to work schedule.
- I am very disappointed with Sherman school website. The information is very limited and isn't always up to date. A website that I believe is very helpful to look at is North Plainfield Public Schools website.
- I am so happy with the Sherman school. The teachers and staff are amazing.
- I am so happy with my children's experience at Sherman school.
- Kindergarten should be full day.
- I think Sherman school is great. The teachers and the school principal are doing an absolutely outstanding job and really care about each student. Thank you very much for all of your hard work and dedication.
- Would like more information on the website. Calendar on website is only for the current month. It would be useful to know about events, half days and other things further in advance, so we can make arrangements to attend. If you know when, please post it.
- I have no complaints. To me, the work of the principal and teachers seem very good. I congratulate them for the work they do with the students, especially my son.