

RCPS Comprehensive Plan and Priorities Survey Summary

Thank you to the 1,374 Rockbridge County Public Schools parents and guardians, employees, community members, and students in grades 9-12 who participated in our recent Comprehensive Plan and Priorities Survey. This survey represents part of an important, ongoing process to develop the right comprehensive plan to guide our division for the next five years.

Our independent research partner, K12 *Insight*, administered the survey and compiled the results. Some of the top survey findings are:

- 67% of all participants rated the overall quality of an RCPS education as excellent or good
- 63% of participants said RCPS is fulfilling its mission, and 57% said RCPS has clear goals to measure success
- Most participants said the division's revised mission and vision statements (74% and 76%, respectively) represent the right direction for RCPS
- Participants were asked what makes them feel proud about RCPS, and their top responses were academic program (50%), staff members (47%), student achievement (47%), and the career and technical education program (43%)
- While a strong majority of participants somewhat support or strongly support current division programs and initiatives, less than half of participants said they believe the division has met or surpassed current goals
- The top challenges participants said the division needs to address over the next five years are: School funding issues; recruiting, training, and retaining high-quality staff; increasing student achievement; preparing students for college; and expanding and improving the use of appropriate technology in classroom curricula
- Participants identified college and workplace preparation, lack of parental involvement, and a changing economy as the top three issues facing students today
- Participants ranked communication, critical thinking, interpersonal skills, problem solving, and organization and time management as the five most important skills and abilities that students need to be successful in the future

These findings represent a wealth of information for us to consider throughout this planning process. Such stakeholder participation will help us develop the right future for Rockbridge County Public Schools.

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