Robert L. Craig School
Parent Report Card Survey Results
2011-2012

What do you think?

A survey was recently distributed in all Robert L. Craig School Parent/Guardians to find out what parents/guardians think about the quality of the education their child receives and how they feel about the school as a whole. The purpose of the Parent/Guardian survey was also to assist the district to effectively set goals and objectives for the 2011-2012 school year. Sixty (60) parents responded to the survey. Here are the results of the survey.

Describe the quality of the educational program/instruction your child receives in the following areas:

	Very Strong	Strong	Adequate	Needs Improvement	No Answer
Reading/Language Arts	24	19	5	3	8
Mathematics	23	19	7	2	8
Social Studies	23	19	8	1	8
Science	20	22	7	2	8
Technology Integration	18	22	10	1	8
Indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Answer
1. My child is encouraged to participate in an instructional program that helps to realize his or her highest potential, interests, and talents and maintain high standards.	33	24	1	1	1
2. Special programs such as the media center, art enrichment, computer lab, and Gifted & Talented enhance my child's learning program.	33	22	3	0	2
3. My child is provided opportunities to use technology as a learning tool (e.g., computers, video equipment, laser discs, CD-ROMs)	29	30	1		
4. My child likes school.	34	20	3	0	3
5. The school provides a safe, clean, and pleasant environment for my child.	39	17	2	1	1
6. The discipline standards are high and problems are dealt with in an appropriate manner.	34	23	1	2	0
7. My child feels that he or she is welcomed and valued in a way that acknowledges cultural diversity, learning styles, and unique needs.	34	25	1	0	0
8. The school is providing opportunities for my child to develop a positive self-image.	33	23	4	0	0
9. Positive communication exists between myself and school personnel, and they are receptive to my concerns and suggestions.	34	22	1	2	1
10. The homework assigned to my child is teaching responsibility and good study habits and is reflective of the curriculum.	31	26	2	0	1
11. The school's progress report card, parent-teacher conferences, and interactions with school personnel effectively communicate my child's academic progress and behavior growth.	35	24	0	1	0

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Answer
12. The school provides support and services for students with identified or special needs.	37	19	1	1	2
13. The school provides my child with opportunities to develop respect, responsibility, and problem-solving skills.	30	27	3	0	0
14. The relationship between my child and his or her teacher(s) is one of mutual respect, warmth, and caring.	40	18	2		
15. I feel welcome at school.	42	16	1	0	1
16. Special activities such as Spirit Days, Geography Bee, Spelling Bee, Curriculum Expo and theme days build school pride and positive feelings.	34	23	1	0	2
17. The teacher(s) responds to my child's individual needs.	35	21	4		
18. The school provides a challenging and positive learning environment for students.	36	20	3	0	1
19. The leadership in the school is effective and is shared by parents, teachers, and the administration.	36	21	3	0	0
20. The school maintains high standards and expectancies in schoolwork and behavior.	36	21	3		
21. The Enrichment Program has been beneficial for my child.	29	21	4	1	5

Responses to the following:

1. In what area of the school life at Robert L. Craig does your child experience joy or success?

- Gym class (7)
- Math (5)
- Going to school everyday
- Play time and snack time
- All areas (6)
- His learning labs
- Social Studies (2)
- Science (2)
- The after school activities
- Reading (2)
- He loves gym, art, music, science and reading
- Art (5)
- Spelling Bee
- Getting good grades
- My child enjoys learning math and art
- Library
- Language Arts (2)
- Making friends, art, when he does stuff right and the encouragement given to him
- Loves going to school and having friends
- Music
- Sports
- Computers
- Everyone cares and he sees that and he feels special

- He loves the one on one with his teacher. He is especially happy when he gets all his work done. His teacher gives him a lot of encouragement.

2. In what areas of school life does your child struggle or feel unsuccessful?

- Math (4)
- Social Studies (2)
- None (9)
- Art
- Reading (2)
- Science (2)
- Reading is a bit difficult for him but we go over work he had done that day and try to give positive reinforcement of what he learned
- Reading Workshop doesn't allow for differentiated instruction
- Enrichment
- He has a tough time with Social Skills, but the school is helping
- My daughter is teased. Please don't let kids tease her.
- Speech, but he is improving a lot
- My child struggles with her writing and her timing on her work
- Short tempered so at times he feels overwhelmed and acts out
- He has trouble containing himself when he forgets information
- Language Development
- Gym (2)
- Science
- Time management
- Creative writing (2)
- "Mean Girls" – not be accepted – she feels excluded
- My child struggles with Math but her teacher is helping her

3. One thing I would like to change about Robert L. Craig.

- Nothing (13)
- The lunch forms
- Teach strategies and techniques to strengthen test taking skills for the NJASK
- They should be wearing uniforms
- There should be school buses for all students so that the working parents don't have to be rushing to pickup the kids from school and then get back to work
- The attitude of some of the school aides. Some teachers that do not motivate students to learn
- Activities at lunchtime. Lunch detention – more consistent and parents must be informed
- Parking – there is not enough and you have to double park
- More in classroom study
- Better lunch
- More clubs
- Be able to go and observe class situations on regular school days
- I would ask the students about their teachers, to make sure the teacher is meeting the child's needs.
- No lunch detention
- If they could keep my son until he was in 3rd grade so he can continue to receive the services he has
- More computer usage like using Study Island. Stronger reading/language arts program
- Reading program
- Some times I worry a teacher I like might have to leave because of cuts

4. As a parent, the thing I appreciate most about Robert L. Craig.

- Everything (2)
- Health
- Teachers (3)
- The love my son feels when he goes to school
- Communication with teacher. Also, I appreciate all the after school programs
- The support that my child received from her teachers
- Small classes allow the teacher –student relationship to be made "personalized"
- Communication and small school setting (3)
- The excellent education teachers give to my child. Their patience and dedication
- Parent/Teacher Communication (5)
- The fact they always have reading homework assignment
- The activities
- The extra mile teachers are willing to go to help a child that may be struggling
- Appreciate all the teachers hard work and the fast communication between school and parent
- The small classes and teachers are wonderful
- The respect and cooperation
- New lunch menu and well taking care of our children by all teachers
- The teachers and how they continue through the year to have a relationship with parents as well as children
- My sons teacher, Ms. Salamone – Because of her, my son loves going to school
- The children are well taken care of by the teachers
- Commitment to education
- Teachers are always ready to help my child (2)
- Everyone helps my son in areas that he struggles with and more
- Special thanks to Mrs. Freda for doing an excellent job
- Its high standards and caring for the children
- The education – the school
- How much the staff truly cares about each and every child. The Principal knows everyone's name. Impressed he is at all functions and keeps children in line. They are so well behaved – Great leadership!

5. Praise, Comments, Concerns:

- I think Mrs. DeAngelis hands down is one of the best teachers I have ever met. She truly understands the difficulties that children with disabilities have and handles each one in her own way. She always has time to speak to me. How much she cares. She inspires my child which inspires my whole family to help him
- Robert L. Craig is a good school
- Teachers are helpful and nice
- Love the school
- Great school
- Miss Salamone and Mrs. Reilly are the best! Words don't do justice – they are great and will be missed
- Thank you Dr. Sobol, for her dedication and for the countless hours of personal time she spends for the benefit of our children
- Its time for teachers with more than 30 years to retire
- Academic Enrichments for basic skills: one time a week will never remediate children's academic weaknesses!
- All support and services that we receive
- The school lunch is much better than before. I would like to praise Mrs. Kinsella for all her hard work that she does in school and also in the community
- Some subjects require more homework (i.e. Math). The standards of education have been decreased
- Mrs. Kinsella is a wonderful teacher who my son loves because of how she treats all the kids
- Staff are all great
- Some of the classes need improvement
- RLC School is a great school where children learn to love school since day 1. Has a great staff and curriculum
- Try to make half days instead of closing for snow storm (2)
- I am very satisfied with pre-k disabled program and staff
- What is the child staff ratio during lunch recess?

- The teachers, speech therapist all do such great work with Xavier. I really appreciate all they do for him
- Miss Salamone is a wonderful dedicated teacher and we have seen my son blossom under her care
- Staff and teachers are great, very friendly and warm
- Great Job!
- Mrs. DeAngelis is an amazing teacher who cares for her students and loves to watch them learn and grow as individuals. Wonderful teacher!
- Love the new lunch program
- Great staff – strong discipline program
- Dedication to the kids
- Stop all the meetings in the mornings. Stop with all the detentions
- It is a great feeling to know everyone is looking out for my child as much as I do
- Fine with the education
- Workshops are not attended by a significant number of parents
- There should be more events. Parents should be there more often to the workshops

6. Please suggest topics for future parent workshops.

- How to encourage more students to apply for Academies/Bergen Tech?
- Help students to enroll in advanced programs of education
- Bullying
- How my child can feel comfortable in his surroundings with new kids and people? How to socialize, not be afraid?

7. Please provide suggestions for 2011-2012 Back to School Night.

- I don't know, everything is good
- Uniforms
- Playground
- The profile of Moonachie's population has changed. A welcome speech by any school member in Spanish would create a "Bond" between Latino community and the school.
- Have a write in sheet then parents may write challenges or concerns they would like addressed
- I would like to see more kids pictures (2)
- Stress the fact that the school has an Anti-Bullying Policy Program. More parents attend this event than any other (i.e. workshops)
- I have no problem. I have been doing it for years. Its just fine, very informative

8. Please indicate your overall degree of satisfaction with the Robert L. Craig School.

- 0 Not Satisfied
- 5 Somewhat Satisfied
- 22 Satisfied
- 27 More than Satisfied