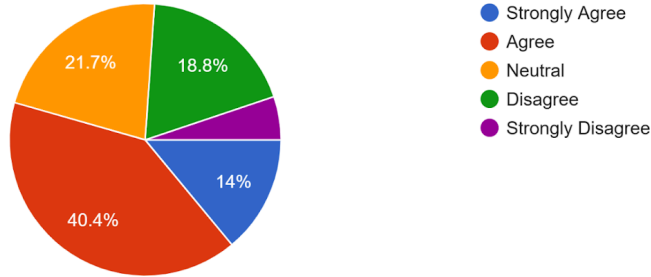


# Community Survey

Communication with the community was identified as an area of needed growth.

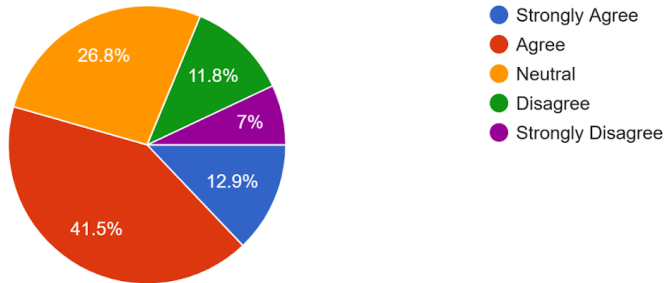
The school informs the community of what is happening in its schools.

272 responses



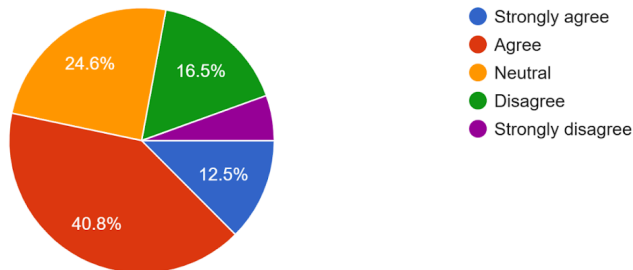
The school district values the input of community members.

272 responses



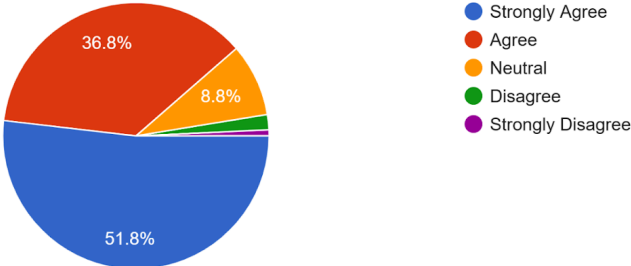
The school district communicates effectively with the broader community (through newsletters, social media, public meetings, etc.).

272 responses

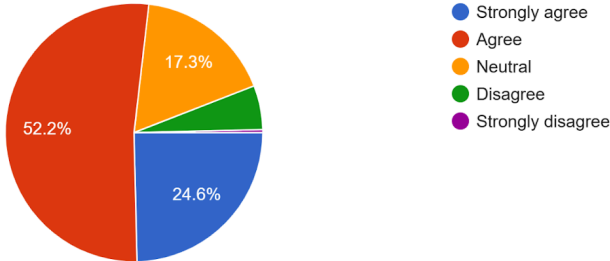


The community indicated that the school plays an important role in the community. Overall people indicated that they have opportunities to participate in what is happening in our schools, but this could be strengthened.

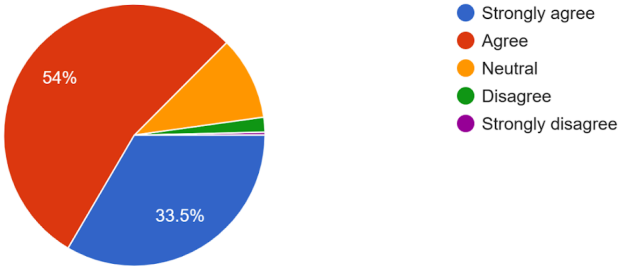
I feel that the school district is an important part of our community.  
272 responses



I believe the school district plays a positive role in the broader community.  
272 responses

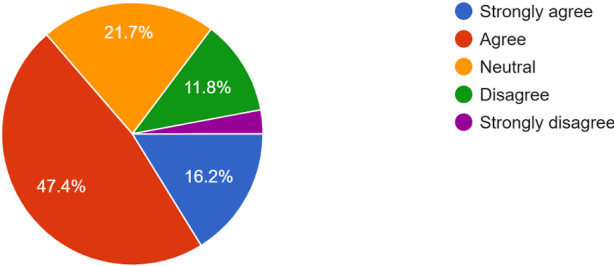


The district's success has a direct impact on the success of the community as a whole.  
272 responses



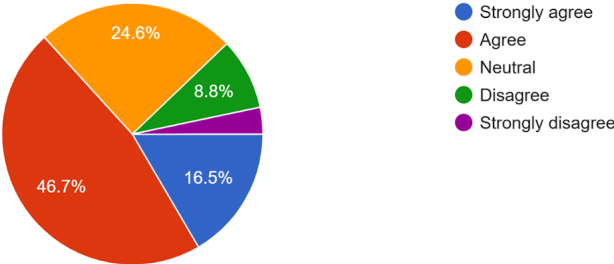
The district provides enough opportunities for the community to be involved in school events or activities.

272 responses



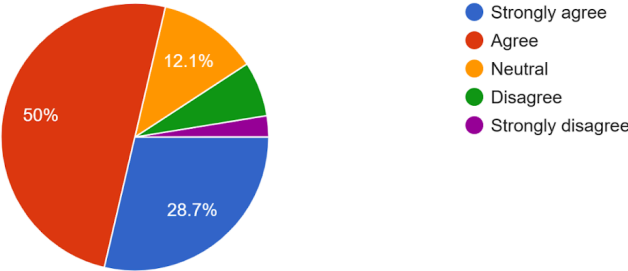
I feel encouraged to participate in school district activities, events, or volunteering.

272 responses

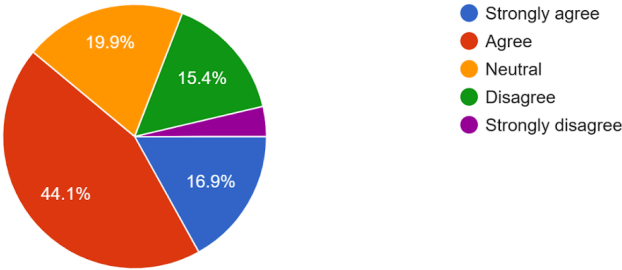


There is an overall agreement that schools are welcoming and safe. While there is an overall agreement that the quality of education is positive, the preparation of our students for the future is not held in as high a regard.

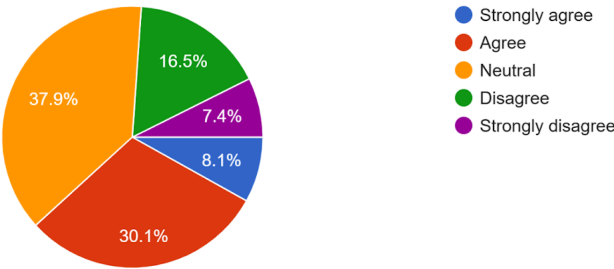
I feel that the district provides a safe and welcoming environment for students and staff.  
272 responses



I believe the school district is providing a quality education for students.  
272 responses



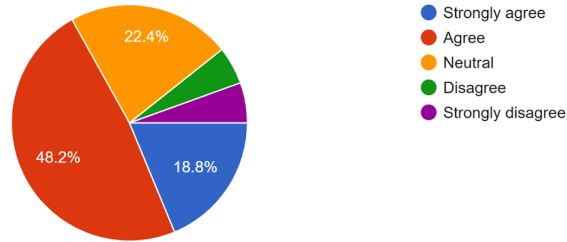
The school district prepares students well for life after graduation (college, careers, etc.).  
272 responses



Overall the community seems to support investing in and providing additional opportunities for our students in the future.

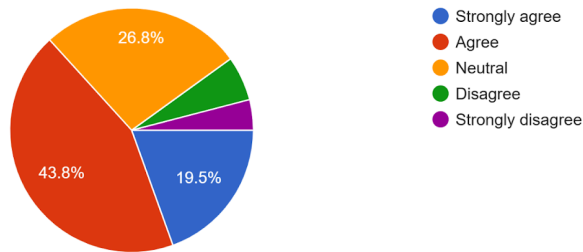
I would support future school funding measures or bonds to improve the school district.

272 responses



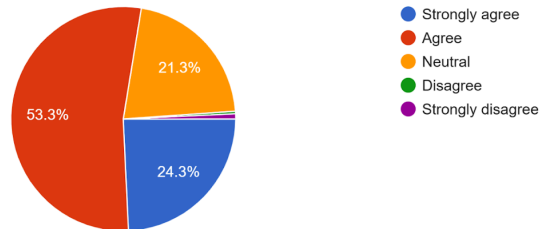
The district should prioritize upgrading or expanding school facilities to meet future needs.

272 responses



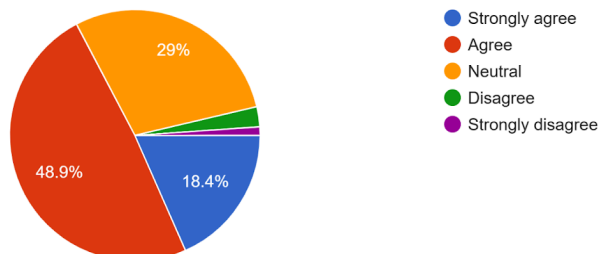
The school district should focus on increasing career and technical education opportunities for students.

272 responses



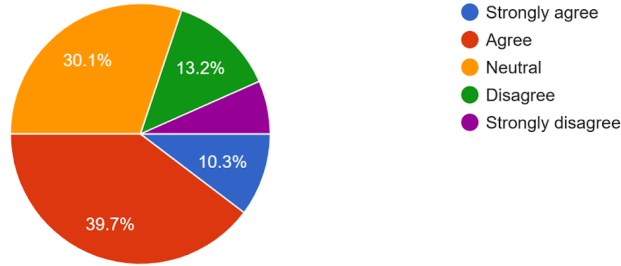
The district should invest more in technology to better prepare students for the future.

272 responses

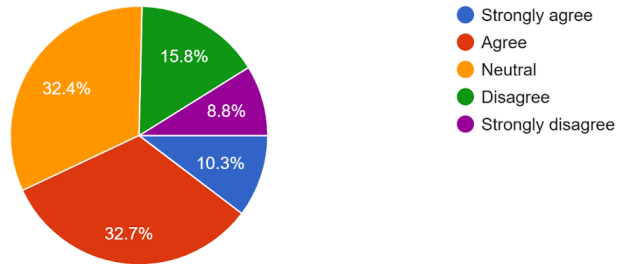


While over half of the community agrees that the district is making good use of taxpayer dollars, the agreement in transparency and clarity of use of funding is not as high.

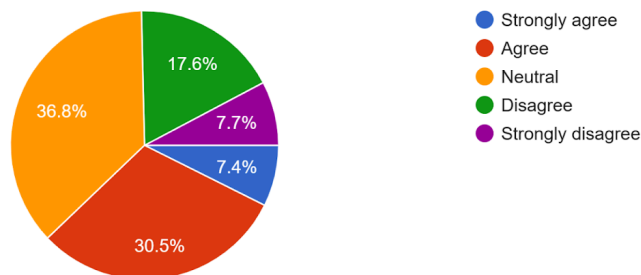
The school district is making good use of taxpayer dollars.  
272 responses



I feel that the school district is transparent about its goals, decisions, and financial matters.  
272 responses

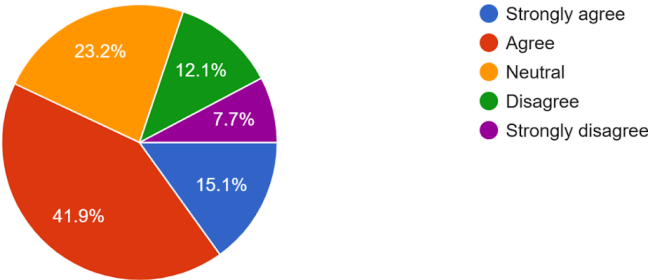


The district makes clear how funding is allocated and spent.  
272 responses

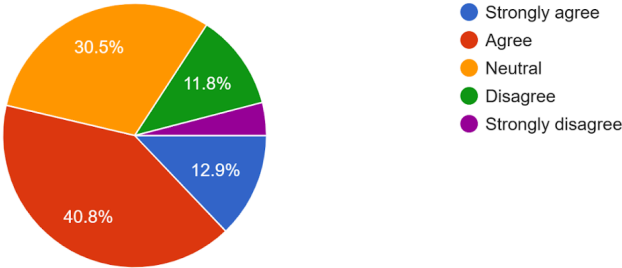


Over half of the community respondents agreed that they have a positive perception of leadership, the direction of the district, and the maintenance of buildings and grounds.

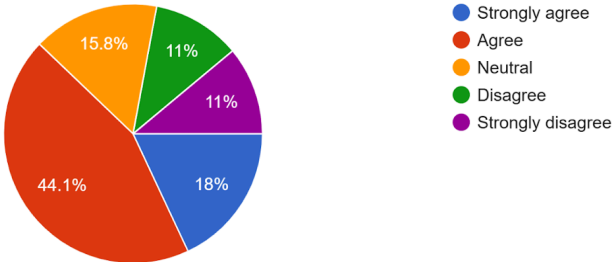
I have a positive perception of the district's leadership and administration.  
272 responses



I am confident in the direction the school district is taking for the future.  
272 responses



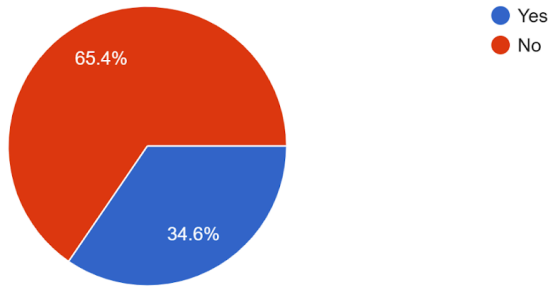
The school district's facilities (buildings, grounds, sports facilities) are well-maintained.  
272 responses



# Alumni Section

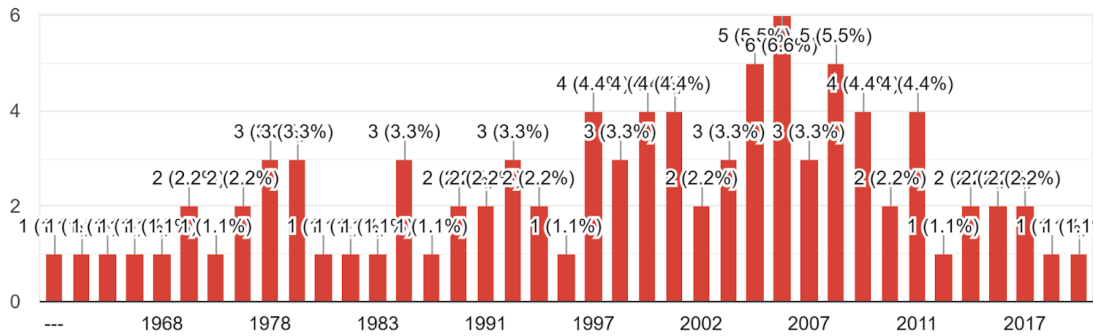
Are you a graduate of Southwestern?

272 responses



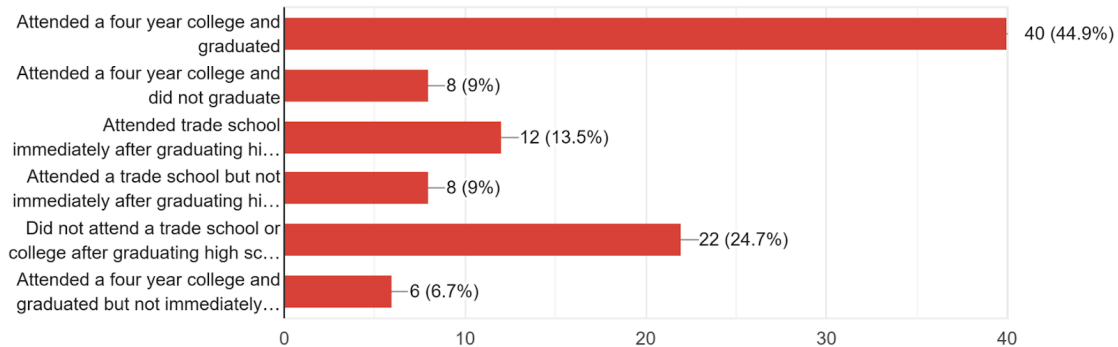
What year did you graduate from Southwestern?

91 responses



Check all boxes that describe your postgraduate trajectory?

89 responses

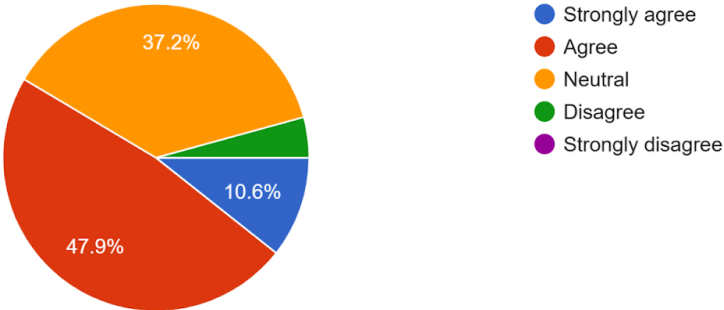




While over half the alumni agreed that Southwestern prepared them for the future, less than 30% agree that Southwestern does a better job now.

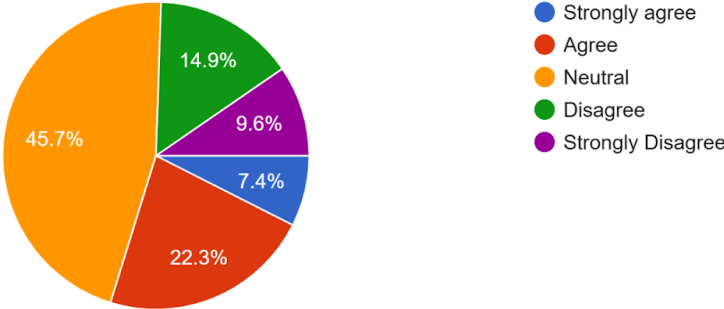
Southwestern prepared me for my future.

94 responses



Southwestern does a better job of preparing students now than it did when I was in school.

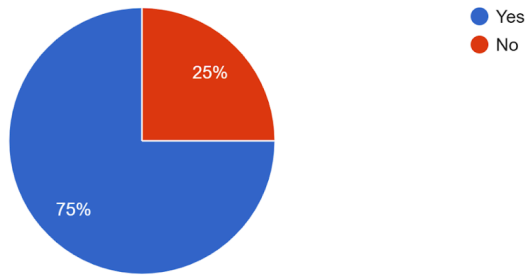
94 responses



# Parent Section

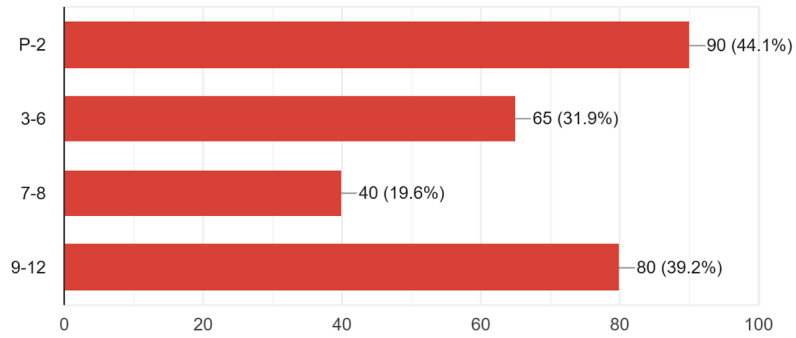
Are you a parent of a student currently attending Southwestern?

272 responses



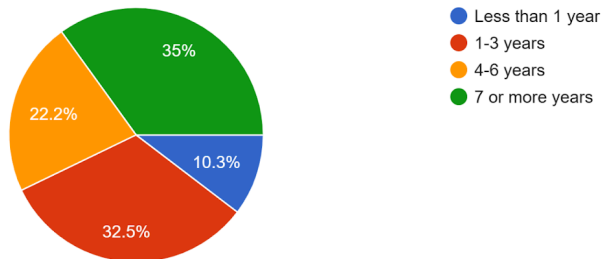
What grade(s) is/are your child(ren) currently in? (Select all that apply)

204 responses



How long have your children been attending schools at Southwestern?

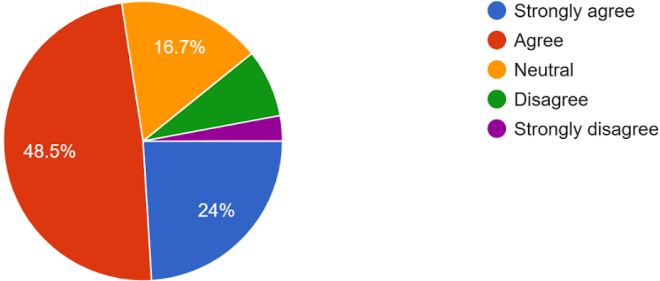
203 responses



Parents indicate a high agreement of satisfaction with their child’s academic progress, quality of education, and educational resources for their children.

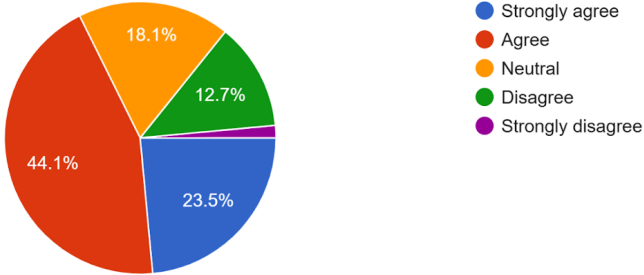
I am satisfied with my child's academic progress.

204 responses



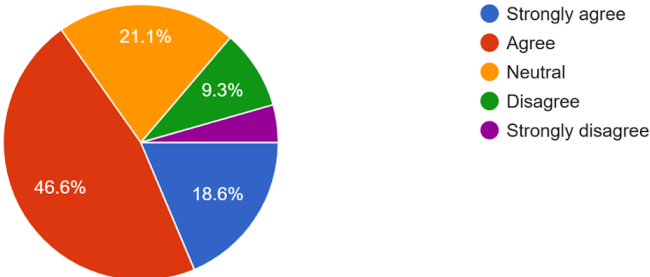
Southwestern provides a high-quality education for my child.

204 responses



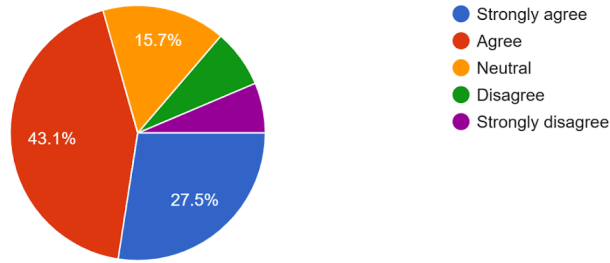
My child has access to appropriate resources and support to succeed academically.

204 responses

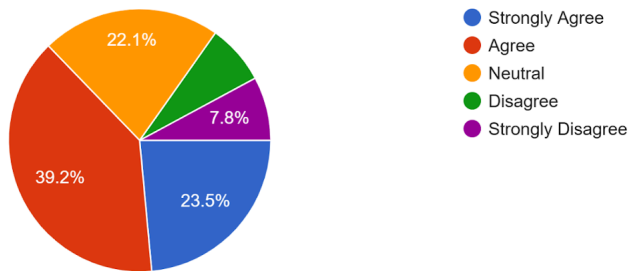


Parents indicated that leadership is approachable, focused on improving education, and listens to parent concerns.

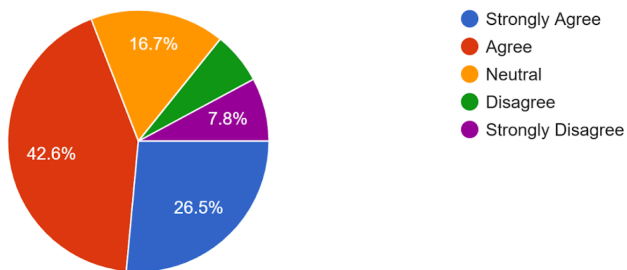
I feel welcome to share my concerns and ideas with school staff or administration.  
204 responses



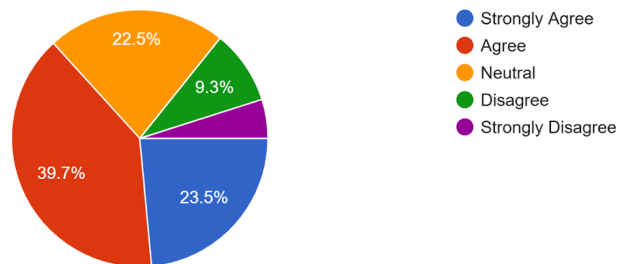
I feel confident in the leadership of the district and school administration.  
204 responses



The school's leadership is approachable and listens to parents' concerns.  
204 responses



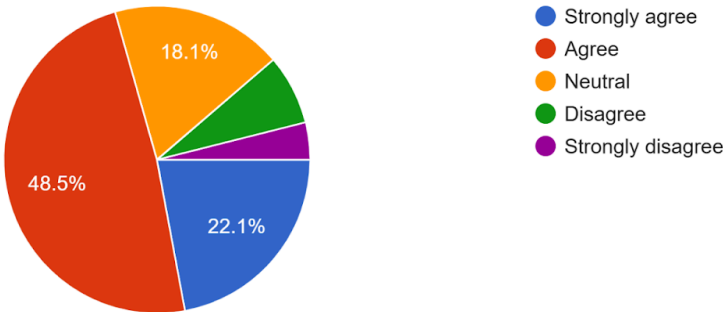
The district's leaders are focused on improving the quality of education.  
204 responses



Parents indicated that they were informed of their child’s academic progress, but less felt the district communicates effectively with parents.

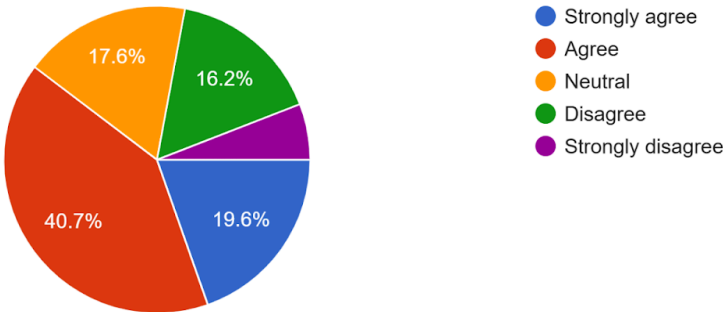
I am kept informed about my child’s academic progress and behavior.

204 responses



The school district communicates effectively with parents.

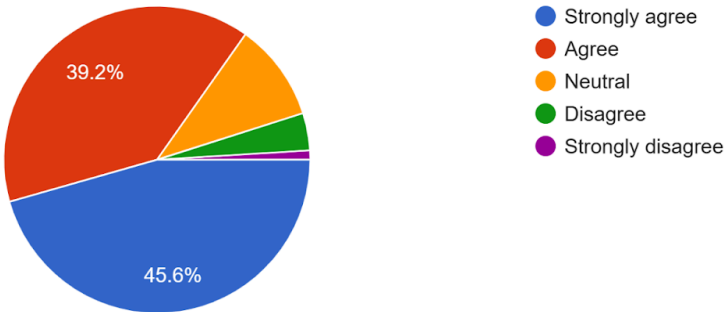
204 responses



Overall parents endorsed the statement of the school providing a safe environment and children supported by staff.

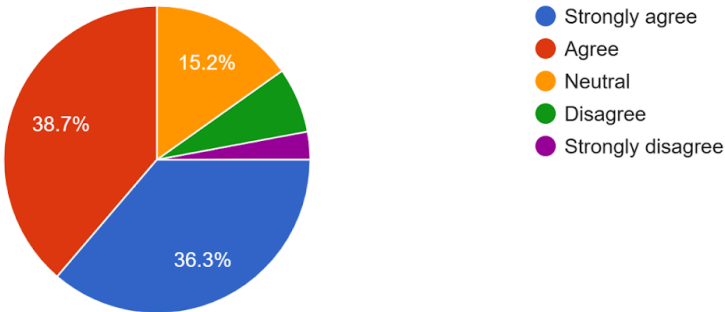
The school provides a safe and welcoming environment for my child.

204 responses



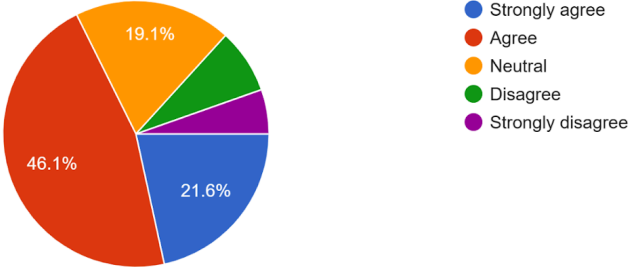
My child feels supported by their teachers and staff.

204 responses

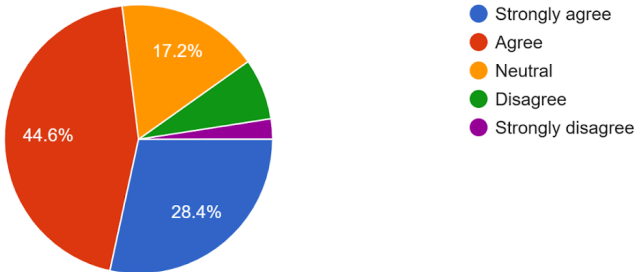


Parents indicated that the school provides extracurricular opportunities for their children and for parental involvement. Access to resources were thought of favorably as well.

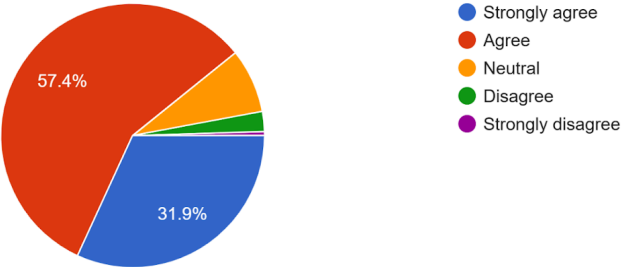
The school offers appropriate extracurricular activities (sports, arts, clubs) for my child's interests.  
204 responses



The district provides enough opportunities for parents to be involved in school activities.  
204 responses

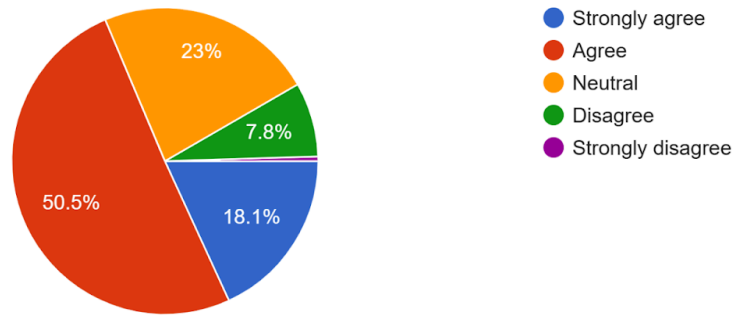


My child has access to the technology needed for schoolwork (computers, internet, etc.).  
204 responses



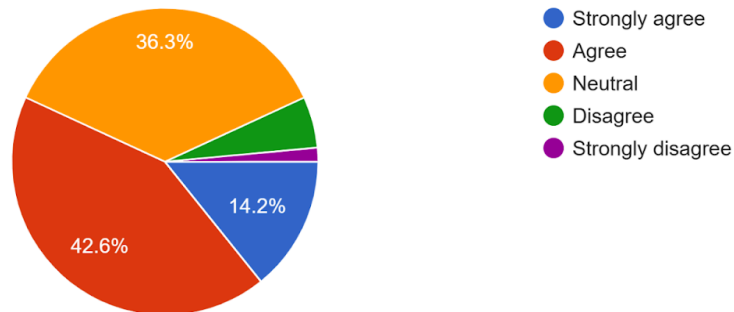
The school integrates technology effectively into the classroom to enhance learning.

204 responses



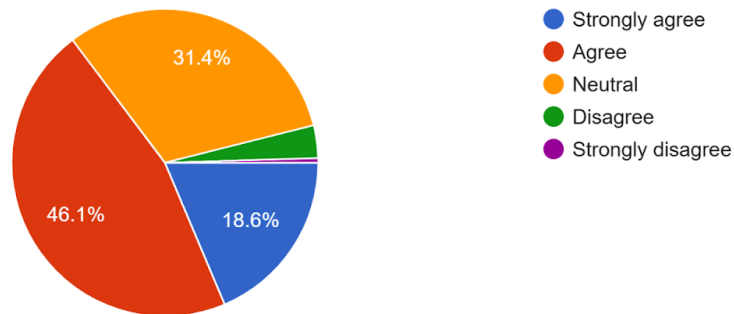
The school library and media resources meet my child's needs.

204 responses



The district should invest in technology and resources to better prepare students for the future.

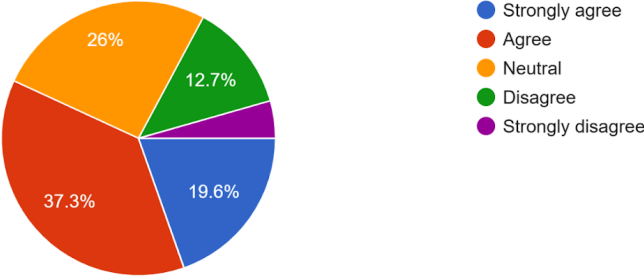
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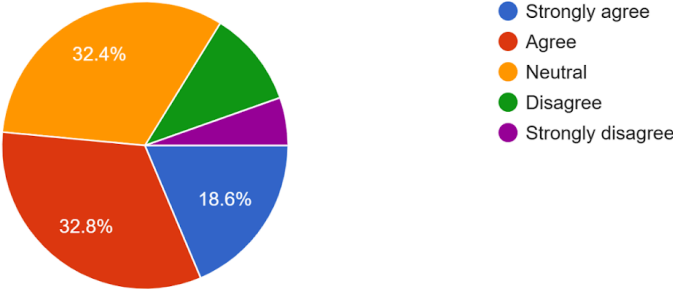


While over half of the parents agreed that Southwestern offers a well-rounded curriculum and are confident in the direction the district is taking, less than 40% agreed that the district helps develop life skills.

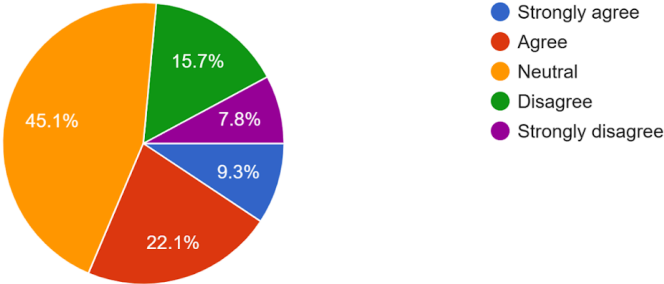
The school offers a well-rounded curriculum that meets my child's needs.  
204 responses



I am confident in the direction the school district is taking.  
204 responses



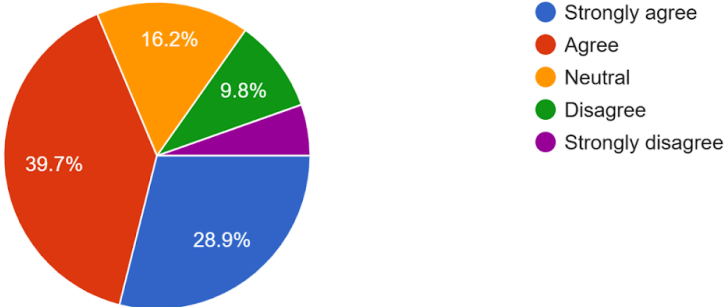
The district helps students develop important life skills (e.g., financial literacy, time management).  
204 responses



While almost 70% indicated that the district promotes positive behavior, just over 50% feels confident in the manner in which bullying or safety issues are handled.

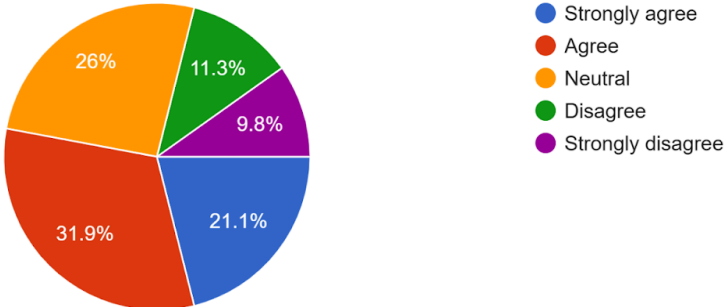
The school district promotes positive behavior and social-emotional well-being.

204 responses



I feel confident that the school handles bullying or other safety issues effectively.

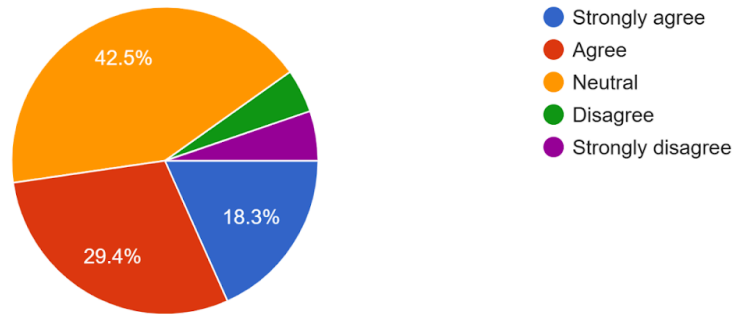
204 responses



When it comes to special services the “neutral response” was the one that was most popular.

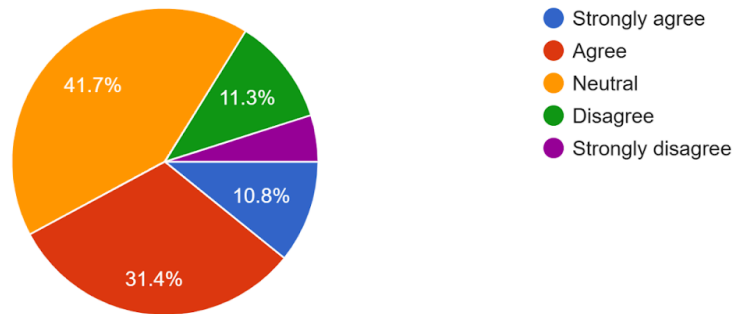
My child receives the support they need through special education services (if applicable).

153 responses



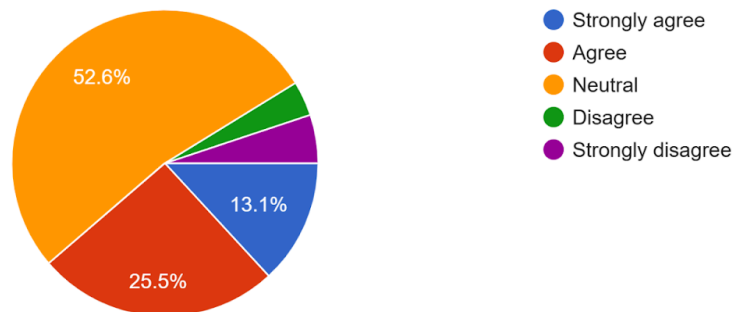
The school offers enough opportunities for advanced learners or gifted students.

204 responses



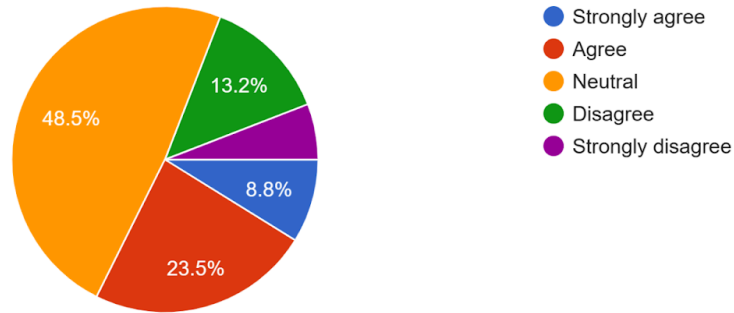
My child is benefiting from the career and technical education opportunities provided by the district (if applicable).

137 responses



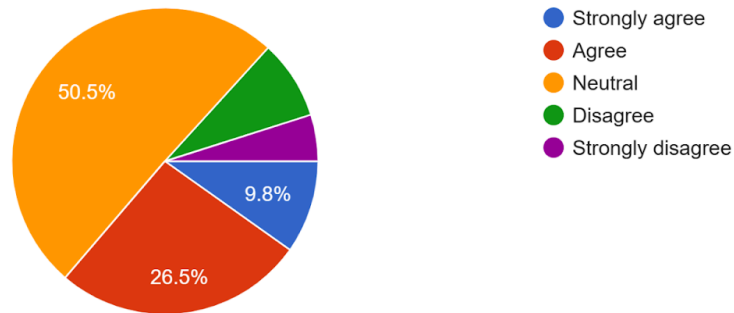
The school district provides sufficient information and support for students planning to attend college.

204 responses



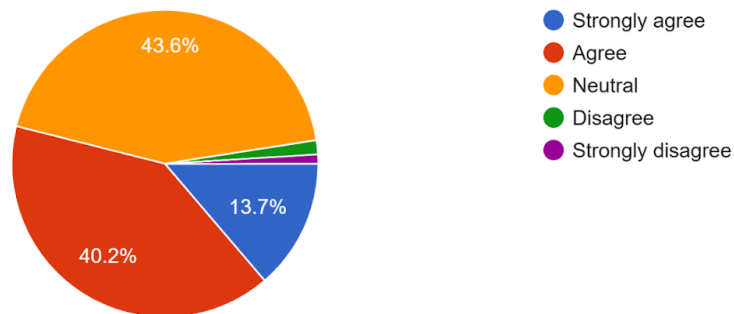
The district offers adequate career and technical education programs for students planning to enter the workforce.

204 responses



The school district should focus more on career and technical education opportunities for students.

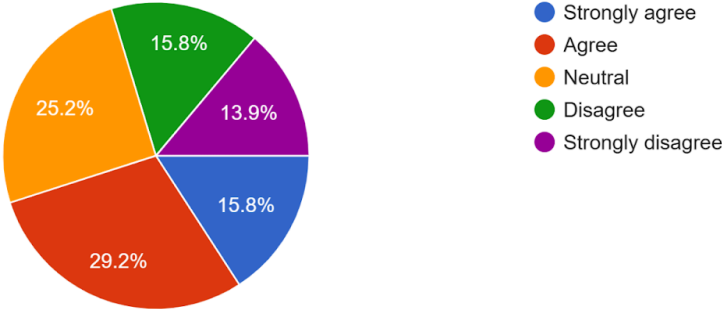
204 responses



Less than 30% disagreed with the statement that Elearning is effective.

Elearning is effective.

202 responses



## **Extended Response Analysis**

Based on the responses, here are the five most common themes regarding what the school district is doing well:

1. **Strong Sense of Community and Involvement**
  - Many responses highlight the school's effort to foster a close-knit community.
  - Community events, extracurricular activities, and family engagement opportunities are frequently mentioned.
2. **Caring and Dedicated Staff & Administration**
  - Parents and community members appreciate the teachers, new administration, and leadership at the elementary level.
  - Staff members are seen as approachable, friendly, and invested in student success.
3. **Student Safety and Security**
  - Several responses emphasize that the district prioritizes student safety.
  - Measures like school security, safety procedures, and a welcoming environment are appreciated.
4. **Improved Communication and Transparency**
  - Many respondents feel that the district has improved in keeping parents informed.
  - Communication efforts via social media, administrative responsiveness, and transparency in decision-making are recognized.
5. **Academic and Extracurricular Opportunities**
  - Career training, vocational programs, and extracurricular activities are praised.
  - The elementary school, in particular, receives positive feedback for engaging programs, student recognition, and structured learning opportunities

Based on the provided responses, here are the 5 most common themes regarding needed improvements for the school district:

1. Communication and Transparency:
  - Many responses highlight a lack of consistent and clear communication between the school, parents, and the community.
2. Academic Rigor and Quality of Instruction:
  - Concerns about the adequacy of academic standards, particularly at the high school level.
3. Discipline, Accountability, and Student Support:
  - Issues related to inconsistent discipline, bullying, and favoritism.
4. Extracurricular Activities and Facilities:
  - Concerns about the availability and quality of extracurricular activities, including sports and clubs.
5. Leadership and Administration:
  - Criticism of school leadership at various levels (administrators, school board, athletic directors).

Based on the provided text, here are the 5 most common themes regarding how the district can better support students and families:

1. Improved Communication:
  - This includes more timely updates on student progress (grades, missing assignments), clearer communication about school events, policies, and changes, and streamlining communication platforms to avoid information overload.
  - Emphasis on direct communication with parents, not solely relying on students to relay messages.
2. Increased Transparency and Accountability:
  - This involves being more open about school decisions, sharing information about curriculum and school board activities, and holding staff and administration accountable.
  - Desire for more clarity on how decisions are made and a feeling that all sides of situations are being heard.
3. Enhanced Academic Support:
  - This includes providing more tutoring, offering a wider range of classes (including AP, dual credit, and vocational programs), and ensuring students are adequately prepared for post-graduate life (college or careers).
  - There is also a desire for more instruction on how parents can support their children's learning at home.
4. Better Support for Student Well-being:
  - This includes addressing bullying, providing counseling services for students facing life changes, and offering more extracurricular activities (especially non-sports related).
  - Also concerns regarding guidance counselor support for college and career planning.
5. Focus on Qualified and Invested Staff:
  - This includes hiring and retaining qualified teachers, providing better training for staff (especially regarding IEPs and 504 plans), and ensuring that staff are approachable and understanding of individual student needs.
  - Concerns regarding teacher retention, and the quality of some coaching staff.