

# Parent Survey Report

In the spring of 2004 members of the School Council interviewed 107 parents of Hampshire Regional students using a 61 item survey instrument to gather information on how parents feel about their experiences with the educational program at Hampshire Regional High School. The group attempted to interview a parent or guardian for every fifth student listed on the enrollment roster. When the fifth parent was not available to be interviewed the next student was selected and their parent was contacted. There are 720 families sending at least one student to Hampshire Regional. Of the 720 families, 107 of the homes were contacted and a parent participated in the study. This represents 14.8% of the homes or just over one seventh of the families sending students to Hampshire Regional were contacted.

Following are the 61 items used on the survey and the responses of the parents. The interviews were conducted on the evenings of April 6,7,13,15, and 28 and May 5 of 2004. It should be noted that these calls were placed a few days or weeks prior to the town meetings where voters were asked to support the 05 fiscal budget restoring four teaching positions. At the time of the calls there was frustration that students were sitting in too many study halls.

**(51) male students and (56) female students' parents were contacted, or 47.6 % of the parent's students were male and 52.3 % were female.**

<b>Grade 7</b>	<b>18 students</b>	<b>16.8%</b>
<b>Grade 8</b>	<b>19 students</b>	<b>17.7%</b>
<b>Grade 9</b>	<b>20 students</b>	<b>18.6%</b>
<b>Grade 10</b>	<b>22 students</b>	<b>20.5%</b>
<b>Grade 11</b>	<b>14 students</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Grade 12</b>	<b>14 students</b>	<b>13%</b>

**(34) or 31.7% of the parents report they had a student graduate from Hampshire. (72) or 67.2% of the parents report they have not had a student graduate from Hampshire.**

## **1. Our school actively promotes parent-teacher communication**

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>
<b>(18) 16.8%</b>	<b>(65) 60.7%</b>	<b>(20) 18.6%</b>	<b>(4) 3.7%</b>

## **2. The rules of our school are fair and reasonable**

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>
<b>(21) 19.6%</b>	<b>(82) 76.6%</b>	<b>(4) 3.7%</b>	

## **3. I know fairly well what our school's curriculum covers**

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
<b>(15) 14%</b>	<b>(61) 57%</b>	<b>(26) 24.2%</b>	<b>(4) 3.7%</b>	<b>(1) .9%</b>

**4. The views of parents and community members are seriously considered when school decisions are made.**

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
<b>(5) 4.6%</b>	<b>(61) 57%</b>	<b>(23) 21.4%</b>	<b>(2) 1.8%</b>	<b>(16) 14.9%</b>

**5. The educational program offered to students is of high quality**

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
<b>(11) 10.2%</b>	<b>(56) 52.3%</b>	<b>(34) 31.7%</b>	<b>(3) 2.8%</b>	<b>(3) 2.8%</b>

**6. All students have equal access to a quality education in our school**

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
<b>(17) 15.8%</b>	<b>(67) 62.6%</b>	<b>(15) 14%</b>	<b>(1) .9%</b>	<b>(7) 6.5%</b>

**7. Our school provides teachers and students with a safe and orderly learning environment**

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
<b>(24) 22.4%</b>	<b>(75) 70%</b>	<b>(8) 7.4%</b>		

**8. Our school is doing a good job in preparing students to continue their education or entering the work force.**

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
<b>(18) 16.8%</b>	<b>(60) 56%</b>	<b>(18) 16.8%</b>	<b>(1) .9%</b>	<b>(10) 9.3%</b>

**9. The transition from middle school to high school is a natural/easy process in our school**

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
<b>(22) 20.5%</b>	<b>(57) 53.2%</b>	<b>(7) 6.5%</b>	<b>(2) 1.8%</b>	<b>(19) 17.7%</b>

**10. Our school provides a welcoming friendly environment for visitors**

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
<b>(18) 16.8%</b>	<b>(77) 71.9%</b>	<b>(5) 4.6%</b>		<b>(7) 6.5%</b>

**11. Our school reaches out to parents and connects to them as partners in the education of students**

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
<b>(9) 8.4%</b>	<b>(61) 57%</b>	<b>(31) 28.9%</b>	<b>(1) .9%</b>	<b>(5) 4.6%</b>

**12. Our school serves the needs of its students**

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
<b>(9) 8.4%</b>	<b>(65) 60.7%</b>	<b>(23) 21.4%</b>	<b>(2) 1.8%</b>	<b>(8) 7.4%</b>

**13. This school has a clear mission and works to achieve it**

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
<b>(9) 8.4%</b>	<b>(73) 68.2%</b>	<b>(14) 13%</b>		<b>(11) 10.2%</b>

**14. I am pleased with what my student is learning at HRHS**

<b>Strongly Agree</b> (18) 16.8%	<b>Agree</b> (64) 59.8%	<b>Disagree</b> (16) 14.9%	<b>Strongly Disagree</b> (3) 2.8%	<b>No Answer</b> (6) 5.6%
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**15. My student's abilities are accommodated and challenged appropriately in this school**

<b>Strongly Agree</b> (20) 18.6%	<b>Agree</b> (62) 57.9%	<b>Disagree</b> (23) 21.4%	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>No Answer</b> (2) 1.8%
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**16. My student likes HRHS**

<b>Strongly Agree</b> (41) 38.3%	<b>Agree</b> (54) 50.4%	<b>Disagree</b> (7) 6.5%	<b>Strongly Disagree</b> (2) 1.8%	<b>No Answer</b> (3) 2.8%
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**17. Hampshire Regional is a good school**

<b>Strongly Agree</b> (34) 31.7%	<b>Agree</b> (64) 59.8%	<b>Disagree</b> (6) 5.6%	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>No Answer</b> (3) 2.8%
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**18. The school has high expectations of staff/faculty**

<b>Strongly Agree</b> (13) 12.1%	<b>Agree</b> (58) 54.2%	<b>Disagree</b> (14) 13%	<b>Strongly Disagree</b> (1) .9%	<b>No Answer</b> (21) 19.6%
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**19. The school has high expectations of students**

<b>Strongly Agree</b> (15) 14%	<b>Agree</b> (76) 71%	<b>Disagree</b> (13) 12.1%	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>No Answer</b> (3) 2.8%
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**20. Students and teachers respect each other, creating a good atmosphere at HRHS**

<b>Strongly Agree</b> (20) 18.6%	<b>Agree</b> (74) 69.1%	<b>Disagree</b> (6) 5.6%	<b>Strongly Disagree</b> (2) 1.8%	<b>No Answer</b> (5) 4.6%
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**21. The school is well thought of in the community**

<b>Strongly Agree</b> (21) 19.6%	<b>Agree</b> (63) 58.8%	<b>Disagree</b> (16) 14.9%	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>No Answer</b> (7) 6.5%
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**22. Students are generally well behaved and well mannered**

<b>Strongly Agree</b> (13) 12.1%	<b>Agree</b> (80) 74.7%	<b>Disagree</b> (7) 6.5%	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>No Answer</b> (7) 6.5%
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**23. The school adapts well to changing times**

<b>Strongly Agree</b> (15) 14%	<b>Agree</b> (66) 61.6%	<b>Disagree</b> (15) 14%	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>No Answer</b> (11) 10.2%
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**24. A broad, varied and interesting curriculum caters for a wide range of needs**

<b>Strongly Agree</b> (5) 4.6%	<b>Agree</b> (46) 42.9%	<b>Disagree</b> (41) 38.3%	<b>Strongly Disagree</b> (8) 7.4%	<b>No Answer</b> (7) 6.5%
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**25. Students get help and support to do their best when they need it**

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
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(18) 16.8%      (69) 64.4%      (15) 14%      (3) 2.8%      (2) 1.8%

**26. Most students have a positive attitude towards the school and want to do well**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Answer
(18) 16.8%	(80) 74.7%	(3) 2.8%	(1) .9%	(5) 4.6%

**27. Most staff are committed to the school and the high achievement of students**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Answer
(23) 21.4%	(72) 67.2%	(8) 7.4%		(4) 3.7%

**28. I can get all the information I need to help me support the work of the school**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Answer
(9) 8.4%	(70) 65.4%	(20) 18.6%	(2) 1.8%	(6) 5.6%

**29. When important decisions are made about school programs or policies, residents are informed far enough in advance to allow for discussion**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Answer
(6) 5.6%	(47) 43.9%	(41) 38.3%	(1) .9%	(12) 11.2%

**30. Students achieve more when their parents are actively involved with the schools**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Answer
(59) 55.1%	(46) 42.9%	(2) 1.8%		

**31. The school district encourages parents to be actively involved in their children's education at the middle school level**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Answer
(18) 16.8%	(61) 57%	(21) 19.6%		(7) 6.5%

**32. The school district encourages parents to be actively involved in their children's education at the high school level**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Answer
(5) 4.6%	(47) 43.9%	(24) 22.4%		(31) 28.9%

**33. The school district encourages residents who do not have children currently attending school to be involved in school activities**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Answer
(1) .9%	(31) 28.9%	(27) 25.2%	(3) 2.8%	(45) 42%

**34. Our school has a high level of community involvement**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Answer
(7) 6.5%	(53) 49.5%	(31) 28.9%	(1) .9%	(15) 14%

**35. Teachers welcome parents/community involvement**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Answer
(12) 11.2%	(71) 66.3%	(11) 10.2%	(1) .9%	(12) 11.2%

**36. Administrators welcome parents/community involvement**

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
(6) 5.6%	(68) 63.5%	(15) 14%	(2) 1.8%	(16) 14.9%

**37. HRHS meets my expectation for academic standards**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mostly</b>	<b>Seldom</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
(44) 41.1%	(43) 40.1%	(9) 8.4%	(9) 8.4%	(2) 1.8%

**38. Does the school offer the courses your student wants to take**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mostly</b>	<b>Seldom</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
(29) 27.1%	(47) 43.9%	(9) 8.4%	(20) 18.6%	(2) 1.8%

**39. The courses are interesting/challenging**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mostly</b>	<b>Seldom</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
(46) 42.9%	(47) 43.9%	(6) 5.6%	(5) 4.6%	(3) 2.8%

**40. Do you see the need for more AP courses**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mostly</b>	<b>Seldom</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
(59) 55.1%	(6) 5.6%	(2) 1.8%	(22) 20.5%	(18) 16.8%

**41. Do you see the need for more foreign language courses**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mostly</b>	<b>Seldom</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
(71) 66.3%	(2) 1.8%	(4) 3.7%	(22) 20.5%	(8) 7.4%

**42. Do you think an appropriate amount of homework is assigned**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mostly</b>	<b>Seldom</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
(54) 50.4%	(15) 14%	(10) 9.3%	(11) 10.2%	(17) 15.8%

**43. Does your student share information about his/her studies**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mostly</b>	<b>Seldom</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
(62) 57.9%	(21) 19.6%	(11) 10.2%	(11) 10.2%	(2) 1.8%

**44. Do you feel properly informed about the school program**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mostly</b>	<b>Seldom</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
(60) 56%	(25) 23.3%	(8) 7.4%	(12) 11.2%	(2) 1.8%

**45. Are you satisfied with communications between the teacher and the parent**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mostly</b>	<b>Seldom</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
(55) 51.4%	(17) 15.8%	(9) 8.4%	(23) 21.4%	(3) 2.8%

**46. Is the guidance department preparing your student to meet the challenges of life**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mostly</b>	<b>Seldom</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
(34) 31.7%	(30) 28%	(4) 3.7%	(20) 18.6%	(19) 17.7%

**47. Is the guidance department preparing him/her for higher education**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mostly</b>	<b>Seldom</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
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(40) 37.3%    (19) 17.7%                      (7) 6.5%                      (14) 13%    (27) 25.2%

**48. Are the classes of a suitable size for sufficient individual attention**

Yes	Mostly	Seldom	No	No Answer
(50) 46.7%	(30) 28%	(4) 3.7%		(17) 15.8%    (6) 5.6%

**49. Do you feel that the students are mutually supportive and considerate toward one another**

Yes	Mostly	Seldom	No	No Answer
(59) 55.1%	(36) 33.6%	(3) 2.8%		(9) 8.4%

**50. Do you feel that the teachers take a personal interest in each student**

Yes	Mostly	Seldom	No	No Answer
(51) 47.6%	(41) 38.3%	(7) 6.5%		(8) 7.4%

**51. Are there sufficient activities for social interaction and growth**

Yes	Mostly	Seldom	No	No Answer
(53) 49.5%	(28) 26.1%	(6) 5.6%		(17) 15.8%    (3) 2.8%

**52. Does your student enjoy and look forward to going to school**

Yes	Mostly	Seldom	No	No Answer
(54) 50.4%	(34) 31.7%	(7) 6.5%		(10) 9.3%    (2) 1.8%

**53. Would you like to see more activities where parents can meet and interact**

Yes	Mostly	Seldom	No	No Answer
(69) 64.4%	(8) 7.4%	(2) 1.8%		(23) 21.4%    (5) 4.6%

**54. Do you have any comments or concerns not mentioned**

Yes	Mostly	Seldom	No	No Answer
(10) 9.3%	(1) .9%	(36) 33.6%		(60) 56%

**55. During the past calendar year, how many school activities, meetings, or events did you attend**

11 or more	8 - 10	4 - 7	3 or less	No Answer
(30) 28%	(5) 4.6%	(28) 26.1%	(36) 33.6% %	(8) 7.4%

**56. What kinds of programs could we offer to help you as a parent of a Hampshire Regional student**

- More parental involvement
- Creating ways for parents to meet other parents
- MCAS prep
- A greater focus on family
- Science fair
- Weight training
- More fieldtrips

**Programs on teenagers and how to deal with them**  
**More information on drugs**  
**Homework on internet**  
**Better communication from teachers**  
**More parent input**  
**Parent support groups**  
**End study halls**  
**More academic and athletic offerings**  
**More social events**  
**More college information nights**  
**Meet with teachers more often**  
**More Public activities**  
**Computer skills**  
**Opportunities to talk with Guidance**  
**More language classes**  
**More information on future classes**  
**More arts**  
**College prep meetings**  
**Curriculum expectation programs from parents**  
**Update web site**  
**More open houses**  
**More teacher conferences**  
**Evening programs**

**57. Where do you get the majority of your information about Hampshire Regional**

<b>(20) media</b>	<b>(50) your student</b>
<b>(13) student handouts</b>	<b>(59) newsletter</b>
<b>(17) word of mouth</b>	<b>(10) web site</b>

**58. The three things I like best about this school are**

**Shared responses were:**

**Band/music**  
**After school activities**  
**School environment**  
**Quality of teachers**  
**Quality of office staff**  
**Facilities**  
**School size**  
**Class size**  
**Good academics**  
**Athletic program**  
**Middle school teams**

**Individual responses were:**

**School tries to reach out**  
**Non urban setting**  
**Principal open to discussion**  
**High standards**  
**School committee**  
**Guidance and special education**  
**Like that child likes school**  
**Kids have freedom to be creative**  
**This survey**  
**Administration willing to make changes**  
**Teachers unified**  
**Positive interactions**  
**Friendly teachers, nice kids**  
**Teach students to be open-minded**  
**Community feeling**  
**Appreciate dress code and discipline**  
**Relationships between students and teachers**  
**Handling issues**  
**Like sports night and orientation**  
**School moving in right direction**

**59. What changes would you like to see in the educational program at HRHS**

**Shared responses were:**

**Shop/Tech courses**  
**Broader range of courses**  
**Change start times**  
**More Advanced Placement courses**  
**Small class size**  
**More courses**  
**Late busses**  
**More advanced courses AP and Honors**  
**More challenging curriculum**  
**Better communication**

**Individual responses were:**

**Higher goals for graduation**  
**Kids work at their own pace**  
**Honors recognition**  
**More positive words**  
**Full-time police**  
**More real-life experiences**  
**Reinstate classes and programs**  
**More money**  
**Disappointment at senior level**  
**More information from guidance**

**More communication**  
**Guidance test information out sooner**  
**More after school activities**  
**Better communication from principal to kids and community**  
**Involve families**  
**Attention for every child**  
**Computer classes**

**60. Do you have any ideas that would help improve this school**

**Shared responses were:**

**More support for budgets**  
**More parental support/involvement**  
**More advanced courses – Advanced Placement**  
**Zero tolerance for bullying**

**Individual responses were:**

**Less fundraising at the beginning of the year**  
**More teacher quality control**  
**Dress code enforced**  
**New textbooks**  
**Busing for school choice students**  
**More open houses**  
**More money**  
**Focus on academics**  
**More open forum between teachers and parents**  
**More electives**  
**Progress reports constantly**  
**Address drug problem**  
**Up to date curriculum**  
**Understand that budget directs curriculum**