



# Richards Middle School

## Parent Survey Results (2008-2009)

### Title I Needs Assessment

1. 76% of parents are aware that RMS is a Title I school
2. 78.7% understand that academic assistance programs are provided by Title I
3. 94.9% feel that the school staff is supportive and willing to help.
4. The best source to receive information is as follows:  
Email: 61.5%, send home via student: 50.8%, school website: 37.7%
5. Title I documentation received by parents:  
LEA Parent Policy: 46%, Compact: 50.6%, FERPA: 44.8%, RMS Parent Policy: 46%, Action Plan: 50.6%, Complaint Procedure: 29.9%
6. The majority of parents come to school twice a year (41.7%) or once a month (30.6%).
7. Parents have visited the Family Center 1-2 times (30.5%), 3-5 times (13.6%), 6+ times (5.1%), or never (53.4%).
8. Parents come to the Family Center to learn strategies to work with their children (58.5%), check out materials (36.6%), or for translation services (17.1%).
9. Parents have not visited the Family Center because they were unaware of it (49.3%), unaware of the resources (28%), they did not need assistance (28%), or it was not convenient (13.3%).
10. Parents would like more math, study skills, and reading resources in the Family Center.
11. Parent involvement opportunities attended: Parent/teacher conferences: 63.6%, PTA: 51.5%, volunteer: 40.4%, workshops: 35.4%, & SWP committee: 15.2%.
12. The best time for parents to attend meetings/workshops is after school (66.3%), Saturdays (30.7%), during school (20.8%), or before school (15.8%).
13. 73.1% of the parents receive the Knightly Knews, and electronic newsletter.
14. 83.3% receive the notices for workshops and parent meetings.
15. The survey resulted in the following suggestions for helping students meet their academic potential: more programs, better assistance for Spanish speaking parents, continuation of the homeworknow.com website, keep doing what we are doing, more communication, notification of opportunities and resources, uniforms for students, teachers need to continue to do an excellent job, continue to provide resources through the Family Center, and provide transportation for parents.