

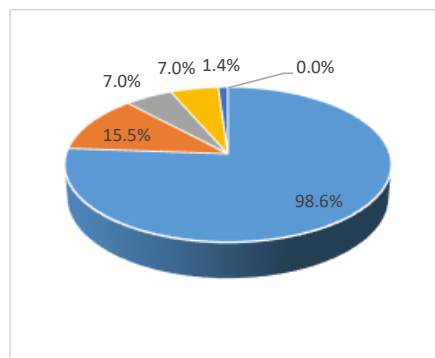
SIOUX VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT - STRATEGIC PLANNING SURVEY - FALL OF 2022

[108 survey responses]

Who are you?

- 1 Parent/Guardian
- 2 Community Member
- 3 Teacher/Staff Member
- 4 Graduate of Sioux Valley
- 5 Elected Official
- 6 Current JK-12 Student
- 7 Other (no responses)
- 8 Grandparent

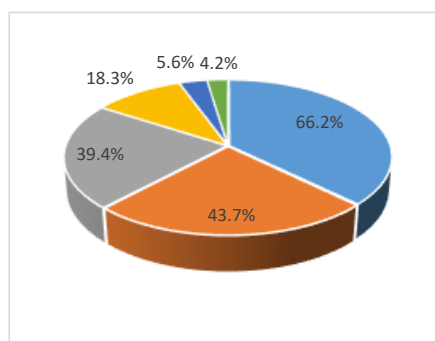
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What choice represents you?

- 1 My child is in elementary school
- 2 My child is in high school
- 3 My child is in middle school
- 4 I am a graduate of Sioux Valley
- 5 I am a stakeholder in the school
- 6 I am a teacher at Sioux Valley
- 7 I have no children currently attending Sioux Valley
- 8 I am a student at Sioux Valley

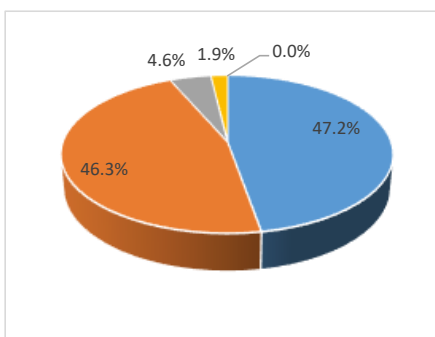
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What is your impression of JK-12 education at Sioux Valley?

- 1 Positive - The school has many strengths
- 2 Mixed positive - The school has more strengths than weaknesses
- 3 Mixed negative - The school has more weaknesses than strengths
- 4 Neutral - I do not have an opinion either way
- 5 Negative - The school has many weaknesses/significant concerns

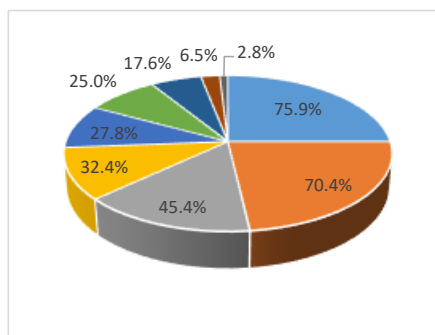
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What do you believe is the purpose of JK-12 education at Sioux Valley?

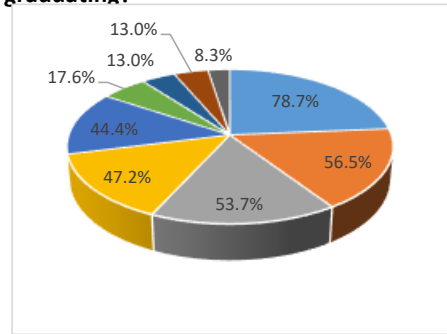
- 1 Ensure students have basic skills (reading, math)
- 2 Help students fulfill their potential and have choices in life
- 3 Prepare every student for future economic success
- 4 Support/develop our future workforce
- 5 Prepare students for college
- 6 Connect students to their peers and community
- 7 Create global citizens
- 8 Promote equity
- 9 Support our democratic society
- 10 Other (one response receiving a 0.9% rating)

75.9%
70.4%
45.4%
32.4%
27.8%
25.0%
17.6%
6.5%
2.8%
0.9%



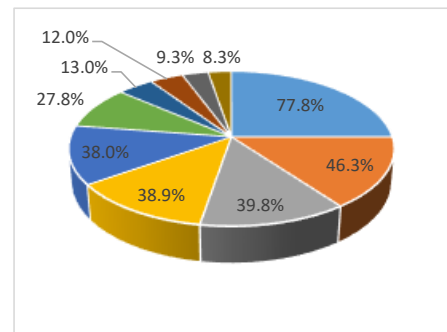
What are the most important skills current JK-12 students should learn before graduating?

1 Critical thinking and problem solving skills	78.7%
2 Communication skills	56.5%
3 Interpersonal skills (working with others)	53.7%
4 Organizational and time management skills	47.2%
5 Financial management skills	44.4%
6 Technology skills	17.6%
7 Research skills (gathering and analyzing information)	13.0%
8 Leadership skills	13.0%
9 Community service skills	8.3%
10 Other	0.0%



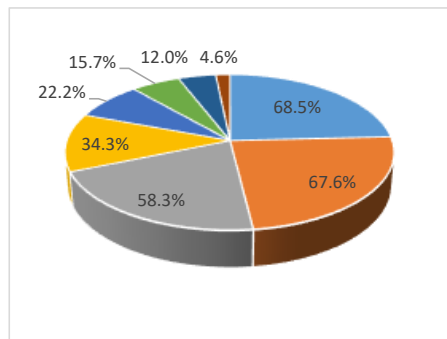
What do you value most in a public school?

1 Quality of teaching	77.8%
2 Caring environment	46.3%
3 A sense of community	39.8%
4 Physical Safety	38.9%
5 Challenging academic programs	38.0%
6 Fun learning experience	27.8%
7 Welcoming to parents and the community	13.0%
8 Extra-curricular options	12.0%
9 Diversity of students	9.3%
10 Quality of facilities	8.3%
11 Other (one response receiving a 0.9% rating)	0.9%



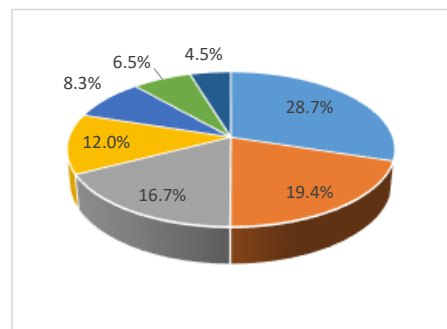
What do you want Sioux Valley School District to provide our students?

1 Safe and orderly learning environment	68.5%
2 Highly qualified teachers	67.6%
3 Curriculum that prepares students for the workforce	58.3%
4 Rigorous, challenging curriculum	34.3%
5 Technology in the classrooms	22.2%
6 Successful extra-curricular programs	15.7%
7 High graduation rates	12.0%
8 High test scores	4.6%
9 Other (two different responses each receiving a 0.9% rating)	1.8%



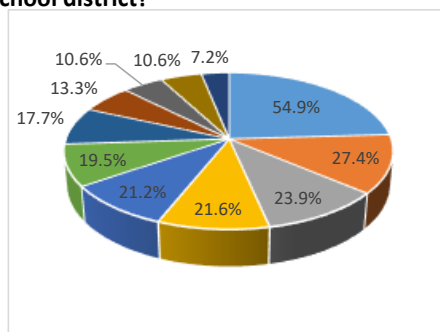
What do you think is the #1 challenge at Sioux Valley?

1 Recruiting and retaining highly qualified staff	28.7%
2 Providing a balanced curriculum & variety of electives	19.4%
3 Meeting the needs of a growing diverse student population	16.7%
4 Providing a safe and orderly environment	12.0%
5 Expanding communication & parent/community involvement	8.3%
6 Increasing student achievement	6.5%
7 Providing challenging instructional programs	4.5%
8 Other (four different responses each receiving a 0.9% rating)	3.6%



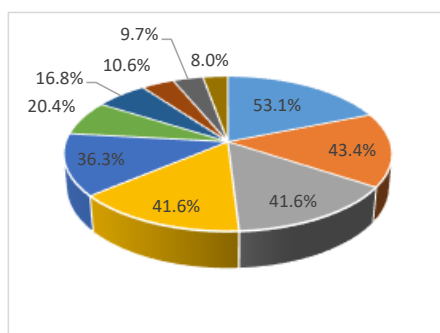
What priorities would you recommend for improvement of our current JK-12 school district?

1 Students' motivation and behavior	54.9%
2 Quality of classroom curriculum, equipment, and materials	27.4%
3 Parent and community involvement	23.9%
4 Quality of teaching	21.6%
5 Basic academic skills (reading, math)	21.2%
6 Access to advanced courses for high school students	19.5%
7 Academic rigor and expectations	17.7%
8 Services for English Language Learners (ELL)	13.3%
9 Students' use of technology	10.6%
10 Fine arts options	10.6%
11 Other (eight different responses each receiving a 0.9% rating)	7.2%
12 Extra-curricular options	6.2%



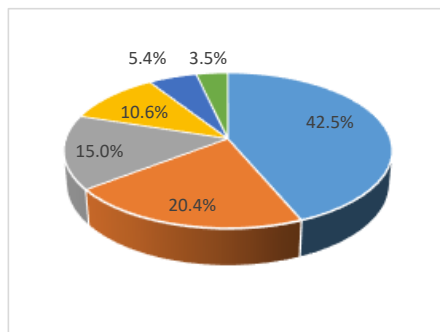
How do you stay connected to school issues?

1 District web site	53.1%
2 School Messenger calls and emails	43.4%
3 Social media	41.6%
4 Emails with child's teachers	41.6%
5 Infinite Campus parent portal	36.3%
6 Word of mouth	20.4%
7 Parent/Teacher Conferences and Open Houses	16.8%
8 Attendance at events	10.6%
9 Classroom newsletters	9.7%
10 Local newspapers	8.0%
11 Other (seven different responses each receiving a 0.9% rating)	6.3%



What do you believe is the #1 issue facing students?

1 Negative peer pressure	42.5%
2 Too much stress	20.4%
3 Being ready for college	15.0%
4 Lack of parental involvement	10.6%
5 Other (six different responses each receiving a 0.9% rating)	5.4%
6 Drugs and alcohol	3.5%
7 Low academic proficiency	2.7%



**The last eight questions were open ended; therefore, a percentage could not be applied.
What is listed are the most frequent responses and the number of responses for each item.**

What do you believe is working well in our school district?

1 Good teachers	20
2 Good communication	12
3 Strong sense of community/community involvement	6
4 Safe environment/good school climate	6
5 Supportive, caring administrators	5
6 Good curriculum/strong academics/quality education	5
7 Strong extra-curricular activities	4
8 Good discipline/follow-up of rules	4
9 Good opportunities for students	3
10 Caring Staff	3

What do you believe are the district's greatest strengths?

1 Good teachers	20
2 Strong sense of community/community involvement	16
3 Caring staff	14
4 Good leadership, strong administrators	8
5 Good students	5
6 Supportive parents/parent involvement	5
7 Good facilities	5
8 Good communication	4
9 Good student to teacher ratio/classroom sizes	4
10 Good extra-curricular programs	3

What areas of our school district need improvement?

1 Inappropriate student behaviors	8
2 More balanced curriculum/more options of classes	6
3 Addressing bullying issues	6
4 Better classroom management and discipline	6
5 Better communication	5
6 More social/emotional support for students	3
7 Better safety and security measures	3
8 Retaining qualified staff	3
9 Athletics is too much of a priority over academics	3
10 More staff resources are needed	3

When you think of Sioux Valley Schools, what are you most proud of?

1 Strong sense of community/community involvement	20
2 Committed, caring teachers	10
3 Quality of staff	8
4 Good students/student achievement	6
5 Small school, small community feel	6
6 Nice facilities	5
7 School pride	5
8 Quality education	3
9 Good school culture and learning environment	3
10 Successful athletic programs	3

What are the school district's greatest facility needs?

1 Gym space	10
2 Better maintenance and cleaning of current facilities	6
3 More locker rooms/bigger locker rooms	5
4 More parking/better parking flow	5
5 Outgrowing current facilities	5
6 More classroom space/larger classrooms	4
7 Updated classrooms in upper elem, MS, & HS	3
8 More space for special education services	2
9 Better kitchen facilities/more lunchroom space	2
10 More classrooms throughout the school	2

When you think of Sioux Valley Schools, what comes to mind?

1 Small school/small town feel	11
2 Sense of community/community support	9
3 School pride and positive school culture	7
4 Great school	7
5 Quality education	6
6 Good teachers	4
7 Good people	4
8 Safe place for kids to learn	3
9 Cheer team	3
10 Great athletics	3

If you could change one thing about Sioux Valley, what would it be?

1 More social, emotional support for students	4
2 More academic support for students that struggle	4
3 More consistent discipline in the classrooms	4
4 More communication between school and home	4
5 More diversity and representation	4
6 More electives and course offerings	3
7 More parking/better parking lot flow	3
8 More focus on academics over athletics	3
9 Equal opportunities in athletics	2
10 Implement zero tolerance policy for bullying	2

Is there any other input that you would like to provide at this time?

1 Thank you for everything you do	5
2 Please address bullying issues/racist comments students make	4
3 Great school system, good quality education	4
4 Make sure teachers are supported	3
5 Priority of academics over athletics	3
6 Make students accountable for their behaviors	3
7 Caring staff	3
8 Plan for growth/need smaller class sizes in middle school	3
9 More frequent communication about students' academic progress	2
10 Treat all students equally and with respect	2