# Parent Survey Report for Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School 

November 2023

## Insights

TOTAL RESPONSES
137

COMPLETION RATE
98\%

TYPICAL TIME SPENT 2m:53s

# Q1 What is the grade of the child for whom you are completing this survey? 

Answered: 137 Skipped: 0



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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Pre-Kindergarten | $0.73 \%$ | 1 |
| Kindergarten | $0.73 \%$ | 1 |
| 1 | $0.73 \%$ | 1 |
| 2 | $0.00 \%$ | 0 |
| 3 | $2.19 \%$ | 3 |
| 4 | $0.00 \%$ | 0 |
| 5 | $3.65 \%$ | 5 |
| 6 | $35.77 \%$ | 49 |
| 7 | $31.39 \%$ | 43 |
| 8 | $24.82 \%$ | 34 |
| TOTAL |  | 43 |

## Q2 How many children do you have at this school?

Answered: 137 Skipped: 0


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | $78.83 \%$ | 108 |
| 2 | $18.98 \%$ | 26 |
| 3 | $2.19 \%$ | 3 |
| 4 | $0.00 \%$ | 0 |
| More than 4. | $0.00 \%$ | 0 |
| TOTAL |  | 137 |

## Q3 How far does your child live from school?



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Less than $1 / 4$ mile | $2.92 \%$ | 4 |
| $1 / 4$ mile up to $1 / 2$ mile | $2.19 \%$ | 3 |
| $1 / 2$ mile up to 1 mile | $4.38 \%$ | 6 |
| 1 mile up to 2 miles | $13.87 \%$ | 19 |
| More than 2 miles | $74.45 \%$ | 102 |
| Don't know | $2.19 \%$ | 3 |
| TOTAL |  | 137 |

Q4 On most days, how does your child arrive at and leave from school?


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|  | ARRIVE AT SCHOOL | LEAVE FROM SCHOOL | TOTAL RESPONDENTS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Walk | 75.00\% | 100.00\% |  |
|  | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Bike | 0.00\% | 0.00\% |  |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| School Bus | 83.64\% | 95.45\% |  |
|  | 92 | 105 | 110 |
| Family vehicle | 86.00\% | 54.00\% |  |
|  | 43 | 27 | 50 |
| Carpool | 100.00\% | 25.00\% |  |
|  | 4 | 1 | 4 |
| Transit | 33.33\% | 100.00\% |  |
|  | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Other | 0.00\% | 100.00\% |  |
|  | 0 | 2 | 2 |

## Q5 How long does it normally take your child to get to/from school?

Answered: 135 Skipped: 2


# Q6 Has your child asked you for permission to walk or bike to/from school in the last year? 

Answered: 135 Skipped: 2



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Yes | $14.07 \%$ | 19 |
| No | $85.93 \%$ | 116 |
| TOTAL |  | 135 |

## Q7 My child already walks or bikes to/from school.

Answered: 137 Skipped: 0


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $3.65 \%$ | 5 |
| No | $96.35 \%$ | 132 |
| TOTAL |  | 137 |

## Q8 Which of the following issues affected your decision to NOT allow your child to walk or bike to/from school? (Select ALL that apply.)



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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Distance | $88.55 \%$ |  |
| Speed of traffic along route | $41.22 \%$ | 116 |
| Amount of traffic along route | $41.22 \%$ | 54 |
| Weather or climate | $33.59 \%$ | 54 |
| Safety of intersections and crossings | $30.53 \%$ | 44 |
| Time | $22.14 \%$ | 40 |
| Violence or crime | $20.61 \%$ | 29 |
| Sidewalks or pathways | $16.79 \%$ | 27 |
| Adults to walk or bike with | $12.21 \%$ | 22 |
| Child's before or after school activities | $10.69 \%$ | 16 |
| Convenience of driving | $5.34 \%$ | 14 |
| Crossing guards | $5.34 \%$ | 7 |

Total Respondents: 131

## Q9 At what grade would you allow your child to walk or bike to/from school alone?

Answered: 132
Skipped: 5


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# Q10 Why do you not feel comfortable allowing your child to walk or bike at any grade? 

Answered: 41 Skipped: 96

| \# | RESPONSES | DATE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Being alone, Safety, Distance, Location, Weather, Time for her to get to school, wooded area | 12/1/2023 9:13 AM |
| 2 | We live too far away | 11/30/2023 9:43 PM |
| 3 | For her safety | 11/30/2023 7:15 PM |
| 4 | Distance we live in Grand Rapids. Would require crossing busy intersections on the expressway. | 11/30/2023 10:24 AM |
| 5 | Distance. If not for distance, it would be safety. | 11/30/2023 9:19 AM |
| 6 | We live to far away, and even if we lived closer WRAMS in on the west side, not exactly best reputation of the area | 11/30/2023 7:39 AM |
| 7 | Too far | 11/30/2023 6:00 AM |
| 8 | Too far | 11/30/2023 12:21 AM |
| 9 | Because we live in Vesper | 11/29/2023 10:25 PM |
| 10 | Distance | 11/29/2023 10:24 PM |
| 11 | Traffic and distance | 11/29/2023 9:59 PM |
| 12 | Distance from schools. | 11/29/2023 9:29 PM |
| 13 | Too far | 11/29/2023 9:14 PM |
| 14 | We live miles from each school my kids attend. | 11/29/2023 9:03 PM |
| 15 | Too far and busy roads to all schools | 11/29/2023 8:09 PM |
| 16 | Traffic and safety of my children. Kidnapping, people not paying attention when driving. | 11/29/2023 8:05 PM |
| 17 | We live to far away | 11/29/2023 7:58 PM |
| 18 | Selected by options prior | 11/29/2023 7:57 PM |
| 19 | Too far, unsafe | 11/29/2023 7:56 PM |
| 20 | Live too far away from school | 11/29/2023 7:45 PM |
| 21 | For their protection and safty | 11/29/2023 7:41 PM |
| 22 | Strangers | 11/29/2023 6:43 PM |
| 23 | Distance and traffic | 11/29/2023 6:39 PM |
| 24 | Distance | 11/29/2023 6:38 PM |
| 25 | We live too far | 11/29/2023 6:38 PM |
| 26 | Distracted drivers and trafficking | 11/29/2023 6:29 PM |
| 27 | We live a ways from school, but with the lack of attentive drivers. I feel it's safer to take my child | 11/29/2023 6:15 PM |
| 28 | We live to far away | 11/29/2023 6:13 PM |
| 29 | Crime, strangers, nut jobs in this world | 11/29/2023 6:12 PM |
| 30 | Distance | 11/29/2023 6:09 PM |


| 31 | We live on airport and he goes to school at WRAMS. He'd have to cross the river. | $11 / 29 / 2023$ 6:01 PM |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 32 | I don't trust drives or other jerk kids along the way | $11 / 29 / 20235: 57$ PM |
| 33 | He is a special Needs | $11 / 29 / 20235: 48$ PM |
| 34 | Distance | $11 / 29 / 2023$ 5:37 PM |
| 35 | We live about 17 miles away from school. | $11 / 29 / 20235: 28$ PM |
| 36 | We live a very far distance. It wouldn't be feasible or safe | $11 / 29 / 20235: 23$ PM |
| 37 | Because to get to and from school they'd either have to walk down a busy st or walk through <br> and area that has high crime and some not so good citizens | $11 / 29 / 2023$ 5:21 PM |
| 38 | Creepy people grabbing kids | $11 / 29 / 20235: 07$ PM |
| 39 | We live off highway 54 | $11 / 29 / 20235: 05$ PM |
| 40 | The number of registered sex offenders and violent offenders along the toute | $11 / 29 / 2023$ 5:05 PM |
| 41 | The location of the middle school is more than a twenty minute drive from our home. It would <br> take my children hours to walk or bike. Even if we lived closer, the route to the school is not <br> even close to being safe enough | $11 / 29 / 20235: 05$ PM |

## Q11 Would you probably let your child walk or bike to/from school if this problem were changed or improved?




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|  | YES | NO | NOT SURE | TOTAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Distance | 52.11\% | 28.17\% | 19.72\% |  |
|  | 37 | 20 | 14 | 71 |
| Convenience of driving | 40.00\% | 20.00\% | 40.00\% |  |
|  | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Time | 76.47\% | 23.53\% | 0.00\% |  |
|  | 13 | 4 | 0 | 17 |
| Child's before or after school activities | 44.44\% | 33.33\% | 22.22\% |  |
|  | 4 | 3 | 2 | 9 |
| Speed of traffic along route | 55.26\% | 23.68\% | 21.05\% |  |
|  | 21 | 9 | 8 | 38 |
| Amount of traffic along route | 60.00\% | 20.00\% | 20.00\% |  |
|  | 21 | 7 | 7 | 35 |
| Adults to walk or bike with | 55.56\% | 11.11\% | 33.33\% |  |
|  | 5 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| Sidewalks or pathways | 66.67\% | 8.33\% | 25.00\% |  |
|  | 8 | 1 | 3 | 12 |
| Safety of intersections and crossings | 81.48\% | 14.81\% | 3.70\% |  |
|  | 22 | 4 | 1 | 27 |
| Crossing guards | 75.00\% | 0.00\% | 25.00\% |  |
|  | 3 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Violence or crime | 71.43\% | 14.29\% | 14.29\% |  |
|  | 10 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| Weather or climate | 51.85\% | 25.93\% | 22.22\% |  |
|  | 14 | 7 | 6 | 27 |

# Q12 In your opinion, how much does your child's school encourage or discourage walking and biking to/from school? 

Answered: 132 Skipped: 5


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Strongly Encourages | $0.00 \%$ | 0 |
| Encourages | $3.03 \%$ | 4 |
| Neither | $95.45 \%$ | 126 |
| Discourages | $1.52 \%$ | 2 |
| Strongly Discourages | $0.00 \%$ | 0 |
| TOTAL |  | 132 |

# Q13 How much fun is walking or biking for your child? 

Answered: 134 Skipped: 3


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Very Fun | $17.16 \%$ | 23 |
| Fun | $32.09 \%$ | 43 |
| Neutral | $44.03 \%$ | 59 |
| Boring | $5.22 \%$ | 7 |
| Very Boring | $1.49 \%$ | 2 |
| TOTAL |  | 134 |

## Q14 How healthy is walking or biking for your child?

Answered: 134 Skipped: 3


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Very Healthy | $47.01 \%$ | 63 |
| Healthy | $39.55 \%$ | 53 |
| Neutral | $12.69 \%$ | 17 |
| Unhealthy | $0.00 \%$ | 0 |
| Very Unhealthy | $0.75 \%$ | 1 |
| TOTAL |  | 134 |

Q15 What is the highest grade or year of school you completed?
Answered: 134 Skipped: 3


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Grades 1 through 8 (Elementary) | $2.24 \%$ | 3 |
| Grades 9 through 11 (Some high school) | $1.49 \%$ | 2 |
| Grade 12 or GED | $14.93 \%$ | 20 |
| College 1 to 3 years | $34.33 \%$ | 46 |
| College 4 years or more | $41.04 \%$ | 55 |
| Prefer not to answer | $5.97 \%$ | 8 |
| TOTAL |  | 134 |

# Q16 Please provide any additional comments below: 

Answered: 20 Skipped: 117

| \# | RESPONSES | DATE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | I am not letting her walk to school as we live a mile away. There is no busing option available due to the mile that we live close, which is very difficult for getting her to and from school as both parents have to work. | 12/1/2023 9:16 AM |
| 2 | The round-about by the DOT/WFHR radio station makes me extremely nervous for kids crossing from the sidewalk (along the river/DOT building) over to Gaynor. So much moving traffic around the roundabout and so busy there. | 11/30/2023 1:12 PM |
| 3 | My student will never walk or bike to WRAMS as we live in the Kellner area. It's either get a ride or ride the bus. | 11/30/2023 12:27 PM |
| 4 | There needs to be an overpass from the bike trail to a path that goes to the school. More kids are struck by vehicles than what's actually reported. | 11/30/2023 11:36 AM |
| 5 | I think the community needs to consider multiple new safe walking biking paths specifically Grand Rapids area. Airport Ave, 48th, 32nd, and Whitrock Ave into Kellner. There are many people that walk and bike these roads where traffic is heavy. | 11/30/2023 10:28 AM |
| 6 | Big waste of money to hire the company you did with this survey.they charge a lot, and do little. Walking or biking to school would never be an option due to distance, routes avaliable no matter how many bike paths that are created | 11/30/2023 7:42 AM |
| 7 | We live on the west side in a nice neighborhood. But it's the amount of sex offenders from point A to B. | 11/29/2023 10:02 PM |
| 8 | A safe route would also include not crossing busy roads or railroad tracks as well as routes being straight and through safe neighborhoods where sex offenders weren't on the pathway. | 11/29/2023 9:19 PM |
| 9 | We live little far away from school so it is kinda very hard to walk or bike special when it is snowing | 11/29/2023 8:28 PM |
| 10 | It's winter now in Wisconsin usually it's cold | 11/29/2023 8:17 PM |
| 11 | So much focus on walking and biking to school in this survey. How about we address the bus situations where the buses are packed even at 3 to a seat, or kids vaping on the bus, or the buses always arriving late to school, or fights on the bus or swearing and listening to very loud and inappropriate music. These are all things that is happening with our bus and I know the majority of other buses too. | 11/29/2023 7:03 PM |
| 12 | Bus ride is over an hour in the morning and afternoon. That's OVER 10 hours a WEEK on a bus. I think that is ridiculous. | 11/29/2023 6:59 PM |
| 13 | We live in Stevens Point. Walking or biking to school is not an option. | 11/29/2023 5:26 PM |
| 14 | We live by mead school and it is expected that my child walk to the middle school. There is no busing even though we are more than 2 miles away. There is no way I would let my child do this due to the fact that he'd either have to walk down 25th Ave with all the traffic or use side roads that would take him past the apartment buildings that have a lot of criminal activity. I do not feel that those options would be safe for my child. My older kids won't even ride the bus from the high school home due to the face that they have been hit and punched by the kids from said apartment buildings on the bus. | 11/29/2023 5:25 PM |
| 15 | Even walking to the bus is dangerous for a 5 year old to do alone. Single parents can't take off work to do this. It makes it difficult when I've had a schedule of 6am or 7am start time for 10 plus years. Then have to get him off the bus at 4 . If I'm able to get him on at 8 I can't be there to get him off at 4 . Not if I work at least 8 hour days. Which I work longer. | 11/29/2023 5:12 PM |
| 16 | I have seen ideas of a bike "carpool" where a certain amount of adults pick up kids like a bus stop. Have a meeting place and a bunch of staff and kids ride their bikes/sit in a trailer to | 11/29/2023 5:10 PM |

school. I think that would be a cool and fun way for kids to exercise to and from school

| 17 | My neice and I live to far for her to walk or ride bike to and from school that's why she rides <br> the bus | 11/29/2023 5:07 PM |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 18 | The middle school is in the most inconvenient location possible. I don't understand why they <br> moved it from the middle of the city to the furthest outskirts possible. | $11 / 29 / 2023$ 5:06 PM |  |
| 19 | Since we live far, walking or biking probably wouldnt be good options. Hence, this survey didnt <br> really pertain to my child. | 11/29/2023 5:04 PM |  |
| 20 | The location of WRAMS compared to our home is the biggest factor because it's not even <br> close. Lincoln is closer, so I will be much more likely to have my child bike to school when <br> they get to Lincoln (walking is still too time-consuming considering the distance). | 11/25/2023 1:30 PM |  |

