

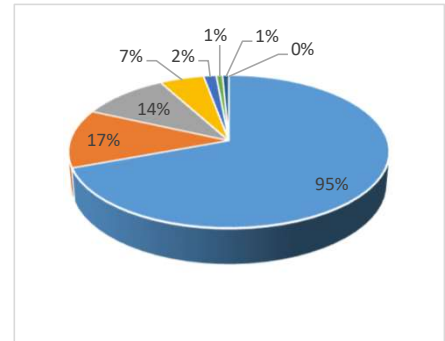
SIOUX VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

FALL OF 2023 - STRATEGIC PLANNING SURVEY RESULTS - 100 RESPONSES RECEIVED

Who are you?

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

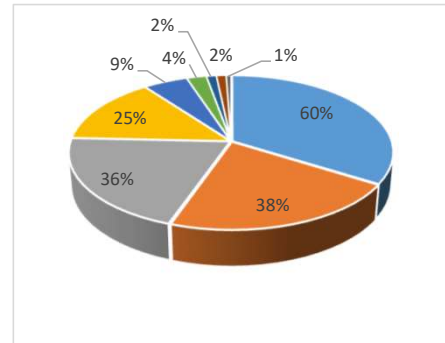
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What choice represents you?

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

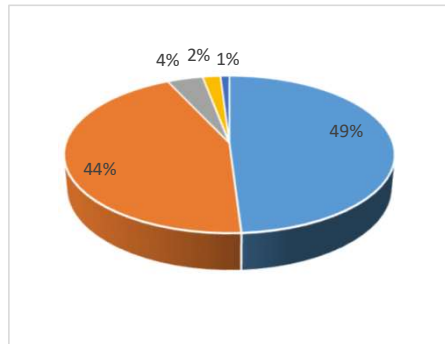
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What is your impression of JK-12 education at Sioux Valley?

- 1 Mixed positive - The school has more strengths than weaknesses
- 2 Positive - The school has many strengths
- 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

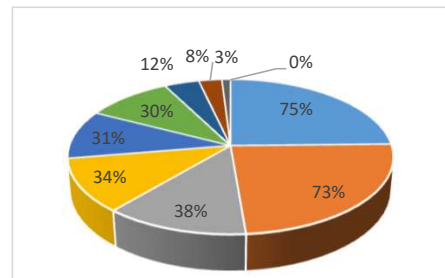
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What do you believe is the purpose of JK-12 education at Sioux Valley?

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

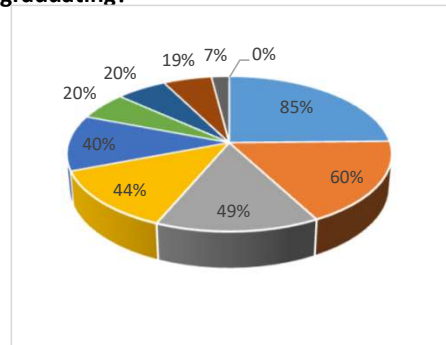
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- 9 Other - three different responses each receiving a 1% rating **3%**
- 10 Support our democratic society **0%**

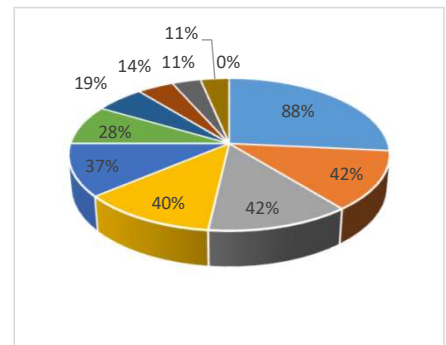
What are the most important skills current JK-12 students should learn before graduating?

- 1 Critical thinking and problem solving skills **85%**
- 2 Communication skills **60%**
- 3 Interpersonal skills (working with others) **49%**
- 4 Organizational and time management skills **44%**
- 5 Financial management skills **40%**
- 6 Technology skills **20%**
- 7 Research skills (gathering and analyzing information) **20%**
- 8 Leadership skills **19%**
- 9 Community service skills **7%**
- 10 Other **0%**



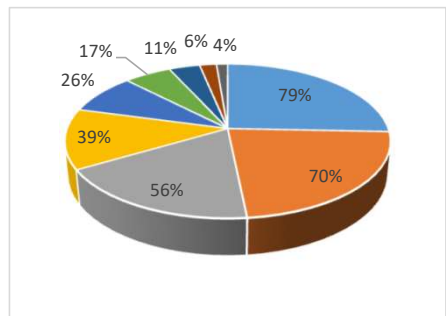
What do you value most in a public school?

- 1 Quality of teaching **88%**
- 2 Caring environment **42%**
- 3 Challenging academic programs **42%**
- 4 Physical Safety **40%**
- 5 A sense of community **37%**
- 6 Fun learning experience **28%**
- 7 Extra-curricular options **19%**
- 8 Welcoming to parents and the community **14%**
- 9 Diversity of students **11%**
- 10 Quality of facilities **11%**
- 11 Other **0%**



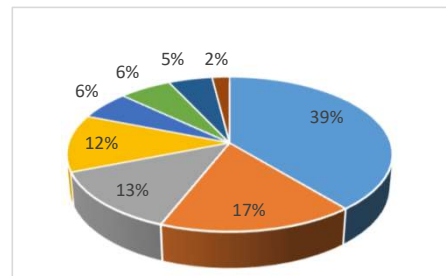
What do you want Sioux Valley School District to provide our students?

- 1 Highly qualified teachers **79%**
- 2 Curriculum that prepares students for the workforce **70%**
- 3 Safe and orderly learning environment **56%**
- 4 Rigorous, challenging curriculum **39%**
- 5 Technology in the classrooms **26%**
- 6 High graduation rates **17%**
- 7 Successful extra-curricular programs **11%**
- 8 High test scores **6%**
- 9 Other - four different responses each receiving a 1% rating **4%**



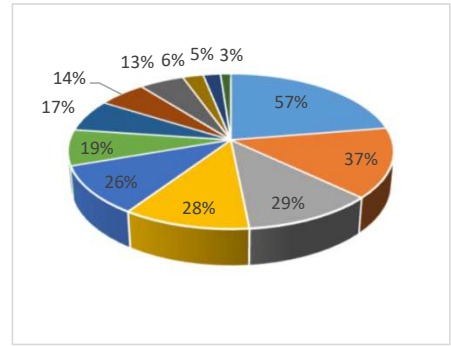
What do you think is the #1 challenge at Sioux Valley?

- 1 Recruiting and retaining highly qualified staff **39%**
- 2 Meeting the needs of a growing diverse student population **17%**
- 3 Providing a balanced curriculum & variety of electives **13%**
- 4 Increasing student achievement **12%**
- 5 Providing a safe and orderly environment **6%**
- 6 Providing challenging instructional programs **6%**
- 7 Other - five different responses each receiving a 1% rating **5%**
- 8 Expanding communication & parent/community involvement **2%**



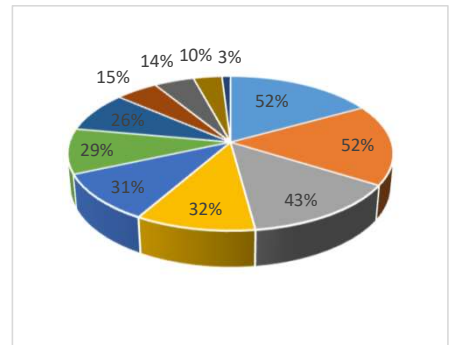
What priorities would you recommend for improvement of our current JK-12 school district?

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| 1 | Students' motivation and behavior | 57% |
| 2 | Quality of teaching | 37% |
| 3 | Quality of classroom curriculum, equipment, and materials | 29% |
| 4 | Academic rigor and expectations | 28% |
| 5 | Basic academic skills (reading, math) | 26% |
| 6 | Access to advanced courses for high school students | 19% |
| 7 | Parent and community involvement | 17% |
| 8 | Students' use of technology | 14% |
| 9 | Fine arts options | 13% |
| 10 | Extra-curricular options | 6% |
| 11 | Other - five different responses each receiving a 1% rating | 5% |
| 12 | Services for English Language Learners (ELL) | 3% |



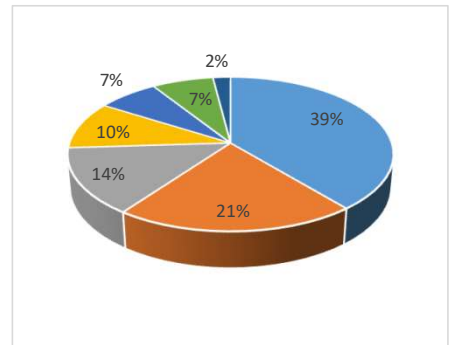
How do you stay connected to school issues?

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| 1 | Emails with child's teachers | 52% |
| 2 | Infinite Campus parent portal | 52% |
| 3 | District web site | 43% |
| 4 | School Messenger calls and emails | 32% |
| 5 | Social media | 31% |
| 6 | Parent/Teacher Conferences and Open Houses | 29% |
| 7 | Word of mouth | 26% |
| 8 | Classroom newsletters | 15% |
| 9 | Attendance at events | 14% |
| 10 | Local newspapers | 10% |
| 11 | Other - three different responses each receiving a 1% rating | 3% |



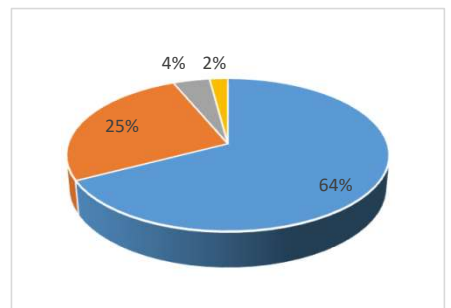
What do you believe is the #1 issue facing students?

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| 1 | Negative peer pressure | 39% |
| 2 | Too much stress | 21% |
| 3 | Lack of parental involvement | 14% |
| 4 | Being ready for college | 10% |
| 5 | Other - seven different responses each receiving a 1% rating | 7% |
| 6 | Low academic proficiency | 7% |
| 7 | Drugs and alcohol | 2% |



What are your thoughts about the district's enrollment and growth?

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| 1 | Would like to see enrollment stay the same. | 64% |
| 2 | Would like to see enrollment grow slightly. | 25% |
| 3 | Would like to see enrollment less than it currently is. | 4% |
| 4 | Would like to see enrollment grow significantly. | 2% |



The last seven questions were open ended; therefore, a percentage could not be applied.

What is listed are the seven 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	14
2 Good communication	14
3 Good curriculum/strong academics/quality education	8
4 Safe environment/good school climate	4
5 Strong extra-curricular activities	4
6 Supportive, caring administrators	3
7 Strong sense of community/community involvement	3

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

1 Good teachers	16
2 Caring staff	16
3 Strong sense of community/community involvement	11
4 Good leadership, strong administrators	8
5 Three sections/smaller class sizes in elementary	5
6 Good enrollment numbers	3
7 Good facilities	3

What areas of our school district need improvement?

1 Better communication	6
2 More HS elective options	5
3 Better classroom management, consistent discipline	5
4 More social/emotional support for students	5
5 Addressing inappropriate student behaviors	4
6 Individual help for students that need it	4
7 School lunch program (more options, kids leave hungry)	3

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

1 Strong sense of community/community involvement	12
2 Committed, caring teachers	11
3 Quality education	11
4 Good school culture and learning environment	7
5 Good students/student achievement	6
6 Quality of staff	5
7 Successful extra-curricular programs	3

What are the school district's greatest facility needs?

1 More classrooms throughout the school	15
2 Gym space	8
3 Better maintenance and cleaning of current facilities	5
4 More parking/better pick-up & drop-off flow	4

- 5 Better kitchen facilities/more lunchroom space 3
- 6 Larger performing arts facility 3
- 7 Expand athletic facilities with addition of new school sports 3

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

- 1 School pride and positive school culture 7
- 2 Small school/small town feel 7
- 3 Great overall school 7
- 4 Quality education 6
- 5 Sense of community/community support 5
- 6 Positive school culture, good place for kids 4
- 7 Safe place for kids to learn 3

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

- 1 More consistent discipline throughout the school 4
- 2 More academic support for individual student needs 4
- 3 More focus on academics, more rigor 3
- 4 More diversity and representation 3
- 5 More social, emotion support for students 3
- 6 More HS electives and course offerings 3
- 7 More recognition in all areas where students excel 3