

# RANKED THOUGHTS

Big Spring School District

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How are we communicating well and what can we do to improve our communication about your child's education and our District?

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**Global connect- positive** We receive important messages and reminders. *Big Spring High School*

4.1  (16 )  
Ranked #1 of 81





**We get texts, emails, and calls about school activities, closures, or delays. I appreciate the lengths you go to so we can stay informed.** *Big Spring High School*

4.1  (9 )  
Ranked #2 of 81



**Aspen- negative** Website is difficult to navigate and not used by teachers. Most use Google classroom which parents cannot access without your child's password. *Big Spring High School*

4.0  (16 )  
Ranked #3 of 81





**We have Aspen for grades but I feel if a teacher sees a student having issues they should communicate with the parent. Send an email or call.** The sooner a parent knows there is an issue they can help is it the student doesn't understand or an outside issue. *Big Spring High School*




























4.0  (8 )  
Ranked #4 of 81



**I think the school district does a nice job of communicating early dismissals and two hour delays.** I love that I can get a text about my child getting out of school early due to inclement weather. That way, I can make sure I am home for her. *Big Spring High School*

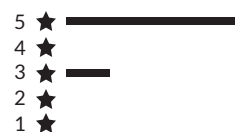
4.0  (5 )  
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<p><b>The district does a good job sending e-mails and recorded phone messages.</b> The e-mails and phone messages keep us informed in a timely manner. <i>Big Spring High School</i></p>	<p>3.9  (17 )</p> <p>Ranked #6 of 81</p>	<p>5 </p>
<p><b>Weekly google classroom summary could be utilized by all teachers</b> Connection and collaboration between home and school <i>Big Spring High School</i></p>	<p>3.9  (11 )</p> <p>Ranked #7 of 81</p>	<p>5 </p>
<p><b>Emails and letters sent from district staff informative and helpful</b> Information provided in a respectful and professional manner <i>Big Spring High School</i></p>	<p>3.9  (11 )</p> <p>Ranked #8 of 81</p>	<p>5 </p>
<p><b>The districts automated messages are an excellent way of distributing general information</b> This is very important as the students sometimes do not communicate this information well. <i>Big Spring High School</i></p>	<p>3.9  (4 )</p> <p>Ranked #9 of 81</p>	<p>5 </p>
<p><b>BSSD is communicating well via text, emails and phone.</b> <i>Big Spring High School</i></p>	<p>3.8  (9 )</p> <p>Ranked #10 of 81</p>	<p>5 </p>
<p><b>I appreciate a recorded message by a member of district administration. I also get automated messages from another district- computer voice =terrible</b> <i>Big Spring High School</i></p>	<p>3.8  (9 )</p> <p>Ranked #11 of 81</p>	<p>5 </p>
<p><b>It would be helpful if teachers put more information on Aspen about what each grade is about. There's just a name and that doesn't always make sense</b> <i>Big Spring High School</i></p>	<p>3.8  (7 )</p> <p>Ranked #12 of 81</p>	<p>5 </p>
<p><b>Global Connect Calls</b> It's a convenient timely way to receive information. <i>Mount Rock Elementary School</i></p>	<p>3.8  (6 )</p> <p>Ranked #13 of 81</p>	<p>5 </p>
<p><b>Individual teachers send emails as needed</b> It helps to keep the parent on top of their child's classroom performance so we can help them navigate any issues as they arise. <i>Big Spring Middle School</i></p>	<p>3.8  (6 )</p> <p>Ranked #14 of 81</p>	<p>5 </p>

**Class DoJo is nice to see what's going on in the classroom. Red DoJo's need to be explained better.** It's nice to see pictures. Most parents want to help! If we don't understand why a red DoJo was given we can't help correct the problem. *Mount Rock Elementary School*

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Ranked #15 of 81



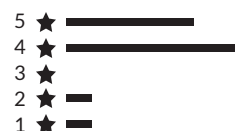
**There should be a way to get specific calls per student to relay their progress directly to parents.** This would eliminate the involvement of students in the communication process and allow parents to receive information from "the source". *Big Spring High School*

3.8  (4 )  
Ranked #16 of 81



**I think communications is adequate but the website and Aspen are weak spots.** It's very difficult to navigate Aspen as a parent. It's not intuitive or user friendly. *Big Spring High School*

3.7  (14 )  
Ranked #17 of 81



**If a student is struggling arrange a parent/ teacher conference.** Bringing parent into loop to help student get tutoring if need be. *Big Spring High School*

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Ranked #18 of 81



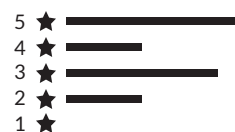
**I appreciate the classroom teacher using SeeSaw to highlight, showcase, and collaborate on my child's learning.** It allows me to connect to what is happening in the classroom and participate in my child's day to day education. *Oak Flat Elementary School*

3.7  (4 )  
Ranked #19 of 81



**More communication with teachers** I find there is a general lack of communication with teachers, especially if a student is struggling in a subject. *Big Spring High School*

3.6  (19 )  
Ranked #20 of 81



**Better communication about students grades.** If a child is failing behind it's important for the parent to know. The sooner the better. *Big Spring High School*

3.6  (16 )  
Ranked #21 of 81



**The district website could use a lot of attention. For example, calendars are often out of date.** The website could be a more trustworthy tool to gather information about events and services. *Big Spring High School*

3.6  (16 )  
Ranked #22 of 81



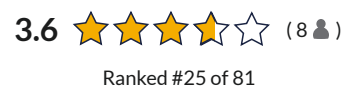
**There are times I have heard through the grapevine things that I felt should have been shared with parents by the administration.** The grapevine is unreliable and facts/information is biased. I would prefer to have concrete information shared along with the consequences/actions *Big Spring High School*



**The high school now has exhibition night, a monthly newsletter, the district webpage, a Twitter account, and parents may access grades via Aspen.** We have numerous opportunities for parents to learn more about their child's education. *Big Spring High School*



**I have good communication with teachers through email and always enjoy attending school conferences.** *Big Spring High School*



**Remind app** Keeps parents in the loop, sends reminders about events that we might have forgotten/didn't know about in the first place. *Big Spring Middle School*



**The BSMS uses texts to send reminders of important events/dates impacting the MS students. This has been very informative and nice way to receive in** *Big Spring Middle School*



**We need to make sure parents are getting staff communications. Emails updated?** *Big Spring High School*



**Strong start to school year with teacher communication via seesaw or class dojo. This has dropped significantly since December.** Like to see what is going on in the classroom and helps have engaging conversations with kids about their day. *Mount Rock Elementary School*



**Great utilization of website and electronic communication** Many questions can be answered through the school website, text and email communication, and Aspen *Big Spring High School*



<p><b>I feel that communication is right where it should be.</b></p> <p><b>I don't feel like I'm missing any information. It's important to always know what is going on.</b> <i>Mount Rock Elementary School</i></p>	<p><b>3.4</b> ★★★★★ (7 🧑)</p> <p>Ranked #31 of 81</p>	<p>5 ★ ██████████</p> <p>4 ★ ██████████</p> <p>3 ★ ██████████</p> <p>2 ★ ██████████</p> <p>1 ★ ██████████</p>
<p><b>Using email is helpful.</b> <i>Big Spring High School</i></p>	<p><b>3.4</b> ★★★★★ (7 🧑)</p> <p>Ranked #32 of 81</p>	<p>5 ★ ██████████</p> <p>4 ★ ██████████</p> <p>3 ★ ██████████</p> <p>2 ★ ██████████</p> <p>1 ★ ██████████</p>
<p><b>Class Dojo</b> Class story posts/announcements, individual messages between parent and teacher, photos, and behavior logs are conveniently shared via texts/app <i>Mount Rock Elementary School</i></p>	<p><b>3.4</b> ★★★★★ (6 🧑)</p> <p>Ranked #33 of 81</p>	<p>5 ★ ██████████</p> <p>4 ★ ██████████</p> <p>3 ★ ██████████</p> <p>2 ★ ██████████</p> <p>1 ★ ██████████</p>
<p><b>Grade notifications from Aspen are also appreciated.</b></p> <p>I cannot look at Aspen everyday. getting notifications based on criteria I set up is useful and saves time. <i>Big Spring Middle School</i></p>	<p><b>3.4</b> ★★★★★ (4 🧑)</p> <p>Ranked #34 of 81</p>	<p>5 ★ ██████████</p> <p>4 ★ ██████████</p> <p>3 ★ ██████████</p> <p>2 ★ ██████████</p> <p>1 ★ ██████████</p>
<p><b>The communication I receive now is excellent. I do feel though that there should be information on attendance and lunches for new parents.</b> Parents may not be aware of how to use Chartwells, or that they must submit a signed excuse as opposed to sending an e-mail <i>Oak Flat Elementary School</i></p>	<p><b>3.4</b> ★★★★★ (3 🧑)</p> <p>Ranked #35 of 81</p>	<p>5 ★ ██████████</p> <p>4 ★ ██████████</p> <p>3 ★ ██████████</p> <p>2 ★ ██████████</p> <p>1 ★ ██████████</p>
<p><b>I feel very informed</b> As long as we the parents are informed, then we can support our children,the teachers, staff,etc. <i>Big Spring Middle School</i></p>	<p><b>3.4</b> ★★★★★ (2 🧑)</p> <p>Ranked #36 of 81</p>	<p>5 ★ ██████████</p> <p>4 ★ ██████████</p> <p>3 ★ ██████████</p> <p>2 ★ ██████████</p> <p>1 ★ ██████████</p>
<p><b>I feel well informed regarding my childs education and school performance</b> <i>Big Spring High School</i></p>	<p><b>3.3</b> ★★★★★ (19 🧑)</p> <p>Ranked #37 of 81</p>	<p>5 ★ ██████████</p> <p>4 ★ ██████████</p> <p>3 ★ ██████████</p> <p>2 ★ ██████████</p> <p>1 ★ ██████████</p>
<p><b>Communication via email, phone calls are good.</b> If a child is called to the counseling office the parent should be notified. <i>Big Spring High School</i></p>	<p><b>3.3</b> ★★★★★ (17 🧑)</p> <p>Ranked #38 of 81</p>	<p>5 ★ ██████████</p> <p>4 ★ ██████████</p> <p>3 ★ ██████████</p> <p>2 ★ ██████████</p> <p>1 ★ ██████████</p>
<p><b>More email communication from the school and PTO via email would be appreciated. Such as assemblies, activities, etc... no more paper copies!</b> Contact from the school helps parents remain engaged. Paper copies seem unnecessary if we can opt out and get</p>	<p><b>3.3</b> ★★★★★ (8 🧑)</p> <p>Ranked #39 of 81</p>	<p>5 ★ ██████████</p> <p>4 ★ ██████████</p> <p>3 ★ ██████████</p> <p>2 ★ ██████████</p> <p>1 ★ ██████████</p>

email communications. *Mount Rock Elementary School*

**Need to fix calls vs emails. Inconsistent messages sometimes, like with the water problem at the HS**  
*Big Spring High School*

3.3  (8 )  
Ranked #40 of 81



**To date, I feel that communication has been satisfactory.** *Mount Rock Elementary School*

3.3  (7 )  
Ranked #41 of 81



**I have one teacher this year and one teacher last year that sent weekly emails with that week's learning. I love this! I know exactly what is due and when each week. This is the most useful information I get from the school and I wish more teachers could do this.** *Big Spring Middle School*

3.3  (4 )  
Ranked #42 of 81



**I wish either Aspen or websites were more readily promoted to see what the children are working on and so that I might be able to reenforce** *Mount Rock Elementary School*

3.3  (3 )  
Ranked #43 of 81



**Emails are helpful.** *Big Spring Middle School*

3.3  (2 )  
Ranked #44 of 81



**I'm glad to be informed as much as I am. I want to know what is going on with my child.** *Mount Rock Elementary School*

3.3  (1 )  
Ranked #45 of 81



**Phone calls are good.** *Big Spring High School*

3.2  (7 )  
Ranked #46 of 81



**Love the weekly reports on paper and near-daily checkins with class dojo and seesaw** Makes me feel connected to what my child is learning and initiates conversations with them at home about the school day *Mount Rock Elementary School*

3.2  (6 )  
Ranked #47 of 81



**Communication is pretty good on my child's education. The only thing I would suggest would be to teach the parents how the process of on-line**



**textbook** Knowing where to find your child's homework and how to access what is done, what is being worked on , and what is late is very important in our house. *Big Spring Middle School*

3.2  (5 )  
Ranked #48 of 81



**I think the communication overall is tremendous, both in reasons to celebrate and sad times.** Especially in a rural community like Newville, the school is the central to our daily life *Oak Flat Elementary School*

3.2  (5 )  
Ranked #49 of 81



**works. Such as when a teacher uses a paper assignment vs an online assignment. And how to check to make sure my child is completing all assignments.** Many times our son would say he was current on his assignments only to find out that he was behind and not completing all the assignments correctly *Big Spring Middle School*

3.2  (5 )  
Ranked #50 of 81



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## I would like to see slower classes for learning support

My child has a learning disability.I think this would benefit him in learning if classes were slower *Big Spring High School*

3.2  (4 )  
Ranked #51 of 81



I am very happy with what is available in aspen in terms of grades, homework assignments, etc. This information allows me to stay on top of my child's work and progress and help her to succeed. *Big Spring Middle School*

3.1  (4 )  
Ranked #52 of 81



There is not much sharing from the elementary school as a whole outside of twitter. As a parent I feel disconnected from the school, which is bothersome as it is a huge part of my child's day. *Oak Flat Elementary School*

3.1  (4 )  
Ranked #53 of 81



The lack of homework worries me I have no idea how my child is doing until test "revisions" come home. I have no tools to help with these or to ensure there is understanding after *Mount Rock Elementary School*

3.1  (3 )  
Ranked #54 of 81


































































Using a number of ways to communicate - email, text, Remind app, twitter, etc. Hard for parents not to get a message - info is everywhere. *Big Spring Middle School*

3.1  (3 )  
Ranked #55 of 81





<p><b>Phone calls are good.</b> <i>Big Spring Middle School</i></p>	<p>3.1  (2 )</p> <p>Ranked #56 of 81</p>	<p>5 ★ </p> <p>4 ★ </p> <p>3 ★ </p> <p>2 ★ </p> <p>1 ★ </p>
<p><b>A monthly newsletter spotlighting a specific teacher and upcoming activities. Talk about student achievements? Maybe a "club" for kids to help? Let's us know more about what is going on in the school.</b> <i>Mount Rock Elementary School</i></p>	<p>3.0  (7 )</p> <p>Ranked #57 of 81</p>	<p>5 ★ </p> <p>4 ★ </p> <p>3 ★ </p> <p>2 ★ </p> <p>1 ★ </p>
<p>We have now figured out how to see what he has done and not done but we still have to wait on him to log in to his classroom. Is there a parent <i>Big Spring Middle School</i></p>	<p>3.0  (5 )</p> <p>Ranked #58 of 81</p>	<p>5 ★ </p> <p>4 ★ </p> <p>3 ★ </p> <p>2 ★ </p> <p>1 ★ </p>
<p><b>Global Connect</b> Great tool to share information that needs to be shared quickly and to all families. <i>Mount Rock Elementary School</i></p>	<p>3.0  (4 )</p> <p>Ranked #59 of 81</p>	<p>5 ★ </p> <p>4 ★ </p> <p>3 ★ </p> <p>2 ★ </p> <p>1 ★ </p>
<p><b>There is only a overview of curriculum for parents in kindergarten, not grades 1-5.</b> I would like to know the topics covered with my child each school year, so I can support and connect to their learning at home. <i>Oak Flat Elementary School</i></p>	<p>3.0  (4 )</p> <p>Ranked #60 of 81</p>	<p>5 ★ </p> <p>4 ★ </p> <p>3 ★ </p> <p>2 ★ </p> <p>1 ★ </p>
<p><b>Decent Communication</b> Typically I am notified well concerning school issues through the phone service from Dr. Fry and Ms Ward. I do appreciate an email communication too! <i>Mount Rock Elementary School</i></p>	<p>3.0  (3 )</p> <p>Ranked #61 of 81</p>	<p>5 ★ </p> <p>4 ★ </p> <p>3 ★ </p> <p>2 ★ </p> <p>1 ★ </p>
<p><b>Why isn't there a night like the high school has to show students work?</b> <i>Big Spring Middle School</i></p>	<p>3.0  (3 )</p> <p>Ranked #62 of 81</p>	<p>5 ★ </p> <p>4 ★ </p> <p>3 ★ </p> <p>2 ★ </p> <p>1 ★ </p>
<p><b>Aspen is hard to understand. I wish that I knew was assignment names meant so that I could talk to my child about the work and grades.</b> <i>Big Spring Middle School</i></p>	<p>3.0  (2 )</p> <p>Ranked #63 of 81</p>	<p>5 ★ </p> <p>4 ★ </p> <p>3 ★ </p> <p>2 ★ </p> <p>1 ★ </p>
<p><b>I would say as a community member that the district is doing a good job providing information via the school district website. A well informed community helps by supporting the school district by participating</b></p>	<p>3.0  (2 )</p> <p>Ranked #64 of 81</p>	<p>5 ★ </p> <p>4 ★ </p> <p>3 ★ </p> <p>2 ★ </p> <p>1 ★ </p>

in the educational process. *District Staff and Community Members*

**You are communicating well by sending info home in student folders.** *Oak Flat Elementary School*

3.0  (2 )  
Ranked #65 of 81



**I feel that the school does an excellent job of communicating with families.** *Newville Elementary School*

3.0  (1 )  
Ranked #66 of 81



**I love the communication that is shared with us! The phone calls from Mrs. Nace have been phenomenal and my family and I appreciate it!!** *Big Spring Middle School*

3.0  (1 )  
Ranked #67 of 81



**You are communicating well by phone calls and emails.** *Oak Flat Elementary School*

3.0  (1 )  
Ranked #68 of 81



**I think the exhibition nights and student led conferences help our kids to display leadership**  
*District Staff and Community Members*

2.9  (2 )  
Ranked #69 of 81



**I would like to come spend more time in the middle school like in elementary.** *Big Spring Middle School*

2.9  (2 )  
Ranked #70 of 81



**You are communicating well by using the Seesaw App.** *Oak Flat Elementary School*

2.8  (1 )  
Ranked #71 of 81



**The access into our student's ASPEN account is difficult to navigate. Frequent password violations lock up the account. Utilizing on line tools to reset the password (self administered) would be useful as the site is only administered when school is in session.** *Big Spring Middle School*

2.7  (2 )  
Ranked #72 of 81



**Do all grades have classs DoJo if not why not make it that way my grandson has it for his class but my grand daughter in 4th grade I haven't seen it**  
*Newville Elementary School*

2.7  (1 )  
Ranked #73 of 81



**I think the only break down of communication happened with the post winter break make-up day. I had to look at the website to figure it out.** There was a robot call the day before, but some may have been taken by surprise. *Oak Flat Elementary School*

2.6  (5 )  
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**The district OFTEN oversteps the usage bounds of the voice mass communication. example Kinder registration. This is beyond annoying and intrusive.** Creates an environment of apathy when so many messages are unnecessary and irrelevant. *Big Spring Middle School*

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Ranked #75 of 81



**I love the Twitter "tweets"** It keeps parents involved in the everyday goings on in the classroom *Oak Flat Elementary School*

2.4  (5 )  
Ranked #76 of 81



**Communication has gotten better but could still use improvement** Timely communication of upcoming events are important to help us plan ahead, so we can participate in our students achievements *Oak Flat Elementary School*

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Ranked #77 of 81



**Current communications streams are adequate. I was upset the 2/1 boys hoop game was not communicated via a robocall. I arrived to an empty parkinglot I drove in the snow with my family to get there and then realized it must have been cancelled.** *Big Spring High School*

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Ranked #78 of 81



**I think "big" things are communicated extremely well. The graffiti found in the bathroom, the kid running into a car, etc.** I appreciate the communication that comes home or the global connect calls that come home about this. I really appreciated the follow up calls! *Newville Elementary School*

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**Social Media is a great tool, we however do not do twitter or facebook on a constant basis. so when buses and things are late, i don't see this** Is there a better tool? perhaps a text messaging system that

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families could sign up for? Band app or Whats app  
maybe? I *Newville Elementary School*

**Specific communication about things going on at my  
kids school could be better. I would appreciate  
knowing when special events are happening in advan**

I like to be involved in my kids school. I work and  
cannot with just a couple days notice be available. I  
think this is a school and classroom issue *Newville  
Elementary School*

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- 5 ★
- 4 ★
- 3 ★
- 2 ★
- 1 ★