

A School Climate Survey for Parents and Guardians
2011–12

This survey is an opportunity for you to help this school by sharing your opinions about it. Your opinions are important, and the school is interested in hearing them.

We are particularly interested in your thoughts on this school's efforts to promote academic success and well-being for every student, regardless of their race, ethnicity, disability, or other characteristics.

If you have more than one child at this school, please complete one survey for each child.

Answer all the questions based on your experiences at this school only. Remember, we appreciate your honest opinions.

Do not write your name on this survey. No one can tell who filled out this survey. Your answers will be completely private and unknown to others.

Please begin by writing the name of the school your child attends on the line below:

School Name

Begin by answering the following questions about yourself and your child.

1. **I am a ...**
 - A) Parent of at least one child at this school
 - B) Grandparent, other relative, and/or legal guardian of a child at this school
 - C) Not applicable, not sure, or decline to answer

2. **Is your child in any of these programs? (Mark all that apply.)**
 - A) Migrant Education program
 - B) Special Education program or has had an IEP (Individual Education Plan)
 - C) English language Development (for children learning English)
 - D) Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) or takes Honors/AP classes
 - E) Not applicable, not sure, or decline to answer

3. **How many years has your child been at this school?**
 - A) Less than one year
 - B) 1 to 2 years
 - C) 3 to 5 years
 - D) 6 to 10 years
 - E) Over 10 years
 - F) Not applicable, not sure, or decline to answer

4. **What is your race or ethnicity?**
 - A) African American (Not Hispanic)
 - B) American Indian or Alaska Native
 - C) Asian or Asian American
 - D) Hispanic or Latino/a
 - E) Pacific Islander
 - F) White or Caucasian (Not Hispanic)
 - G) Other or Multi-ethnic
 - H) Not applicable, not sure, or decline to answer

5. **Does one or more of your children receive a free or reduced-price breakfast or lunch at this school?**
 - A) Yes
 - B) No
 - C) Not applicable, not sure, or decline to answer

6. **In what grade is your child?**

A) Kindergarten	F) 5 th grade	K) 10 th grade
B) 1 st grade	G) 6 th grade	L) 11 th grade
C) 2 nd grade	H) 7 th grade	M) 12 th grade
D) 3 rd grade	I) 8 th grade	N) Other
E) 4 th grade	J) 9 th grade	O) Ungraded

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about this school.

This school...

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know/ NA
7.	promotes academic success for <u>all</u> students.	A	B	C	D	E
8.	treats all students with respect.	A	B	C	D	E
9.	clearly tells students in advance what will happen if they break school rules.	A	B	C	D	E
10.	encourages all students to enroll in challenging courses regardless of their race, ethnicity, or nationality.	A	B	C	D	E
11.	gives all students opportunity to “make a difference” by helping other people, the school, or the community.	A	B	C	D	E
12.	keeps me well–informed about school activities.	A	B	C	D	E
13.	provides quality counseling or other ways to help students with social or emotional needs.	A	B	C	D	E
14.	is an inviting place for students to learn.	A	B	C	D	E
15.	allows input and welcomes parents’ contributions.	A	B	C	D	E
16.	provides students with healthy food choices.	A	B	C	D	E
17.	communicates the importance of respecting all cultural beliefs and practices.	A	B	C	D	E
18.	gives my child opportunities to participate in classroom activities.	A	B	C	D	E
19.	provides instructional materials that reflect my child’s culture, ethnicity, and identity.	A	B	C	D	E
20.	enforces school rules equally for my child and all students.	A	B	C	D	E
21.	provides quality activities that met my child’s interests and talents, such as sports, clubs, and music.	A	B	C	D	E
22.	has quality programs for my child’s talents, gifts, or special needs.	A	B	C	D	E
23.	is a safe place for my child.	A	B	C	D	E
24.	keeps me well–informed about my child’s progress in school.	A	B	C	D	E
25.	promptly responds to my phone calls, messages, or emails.	A	B	C	D	E
26.	encourages me to be an active partner with the school in educating my child.	A	B	C	D	E

Based on your experience, how much of a problem at this school is ...

	<u>Not a Problem</u>	<u>Small Problem</u>	<u>Somewhat a Problem</u>	<u>Large Problem</u>	<u>Don't Know/NA</u>
27. student alcohol and drug use?	A	B	C	D	E
28. harassment or bullying of students?	A	B	C	D	E
29. physical fighting between students?	A	B	C	D	E
30. racial/ethnic conflict among students?	A	B	C	D	E
31. students not respecting staff?	A	B	C	D	E
32. gang-related activity?	A	B	C	D	E
33. weapons possession?	A	B	C	D	E
34. vandalism (including graffiti)?	A	B	C	D	E

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This school ...

	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Don't Know/NA</u>
35. actively seeks the input of parents before making important decisions.	A	B	C	D	E
36. has clean and well-maintained facilities and properties.	A	B	C	D	E
37. motivates students to learn.	A	B	C	D	E
38. has a supportive learning environment for my child.	A	B	C	D	E
39. has adults that really care about students.	A	B	C	D	E

Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions!