



# THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## 2008 Parent Survey

**We want to know what YOU think about your child's school.** By filling out this survey, you can give your child's school important information about how it can improve your child's education. The results of your survey, along with those of other parents, teachers, and 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade students from your school will be reported and counted in your school's Progress Report next fall.

This survey is confidential. No one at your child's school will ever see your individual answers. Your answers will be combined with those of other parents at your child's school to provide information and help the school improve its learning environment. This survey is voluntary, but we hope you will answer as many questions as you can.

Please consider each survey question in context of your child's school. If your child's school includes Small Learning Communities or Academies, think about your experiences in that community as well as in the school as a whole.

You can take this survey online at [schools.nyc.gov/surveys](http://schools.nyc.gov/surveys). Click on Parent Survey and follow the instructions to log in, using the code that appears just above the barcode at the top of this page. If you prefer to use this survey form, please return your completed survey by April 18, 2008. Use the pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope provided with your survey package or mail to: NYCDOE SURVEYS, PO Box 207915 San Antonio, TX 78220.

For more information, visit [schools.nyc.gov/surveys](http://schools.nyc.gov/surveys). To ask questions, or to request this survey in another language, call 311.

Please fill in marks using black ink or pencil like this: ● Not like this: ✗ ○ ⊙ ⊕

### 1. In which grade is your child at this school?

- If you have children in two or more New York City schools ... please fill out **one separate survey for each school**.
- If you have more than one child in the same school ... please fill out just **one survey about your oldest child**.

- Pre-Kindergarten   
  Kindergarten   
  1<sup>st</sup> grade   
  2<sup>nd</sup> grade   
  3<sup>rd</sup> grade   
  4<sup>th</sup> grade   
  5<sup>th</sup> grade  
 6<sup>th</sup> grade   
  7<sup>th</sup> grade   
  8<sup>th</sup> grade   
  9<sup>th</sup> grade   
  10<sup>th</sup> grade   
  11<sup>th</sup> grade   
  12<sup>th</sup> grade

### 2. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your child's school?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Does Not Apply
a. I feel welcome in my child's school.	<input type="radio"/>				
b. I am satisfied with the response I get when I contact my child's school with questions or concerns.	<input type="radio"/>				
c. My child's school makes it easy for parents to attend meetings by holding them at different times of day, providing an interpreter, or in other ways.	<input type="radio"/>				
d. The school keeps me informed about my child's academic progress.	<input type="radio"/>				
e. The school contacts me when my child breaks school rules.	<input type="radio"/>				
f. The school contacts me to tell me about my child's achievements and successes.	<input type="radio"/>				
g. There is an adult at the school whom my child trusts and can go to for help with a school problem.	<input type="radio"/>				

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	More than once a month	About once a month	Once every few months	Once or twice this school year	Never
<b>3. How often <u>during this school year</u> have you:</b>					
a. received information about what your child is studying in school?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. received information on services for your child or for you, such as: tutoring, after school programs, or workshops you can attend to help your child?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. been invited to a workshop, program, performance, or other event at your child's school?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. talked with a teacher or other adult at your child's school to share with them important information about your child's learning?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**4. What are the BEST ways for your child's school or teachers to get information to you about your child's education? (Mark as few or as many as apply.)**

<input type="radio"/> Mail	<input type="radio"/> E-mail	<input type="radio"/> Parent Association, Parent Teacher Association, or similar meetings
<input type="radio"/> Paper sent home with your child	<input type="radio"/> School Website	<input type="radio"/> School bulletin board
<input type="radio"/> Phone	<input type="radio"/> Parent Coordinator	<input type="radio"/> Community or Citywide Education Councils
<input type="radio"/> Parent Teacher Conferences	<input type="radio"/> Other parents	<input type="radio"/> Other organizations in your community

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
<b>5. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your child's school or teacher?</b>					
a. The school has high expectations for my child.	<input type="radio"/>				
b. The school clearly communicates its expectations for my child's learning to me and my child.	<input type="radio"/>				
c. My child's teacher(s) give helpful comments on homework, class work, and tests.	<input type="radio"/>				
d. My child is learning what he or she needs to know to succeed in later grades or after graduating from high school.	<input type="radio"/>				
e. <b>Answer this question only if you are a <u>high school</u> parent.</b> This year, staff at my child's <b>high school</b> helped my child to select courses that he or she needs to graduate and to succeed after graduating.	<input type="radio"/>				

**6. My child participates in the following courses during the regular school day. (Please mark all that apply.)**

<input type="radio"/> Art	<input type="radio"/> Music	<input type="radio"/> Dance	<input type="radio"/> Theater	<input type="radio"/> Foreign language
<input type="radio"/> Computer skills/technology	<input type="radio"/> Health	<input type="radio"/> Physical education	<input type="radio"/> None of these courses	<input type="radio"/> Don't know

**7. My child participates in the following school activities before or after school. (Please mark all that apply.)**

<input type="radio"/> Art	<input type="radio"/> Music	<input type="radio"/> Dance	<input type="radio"/> Theater	<input type="radio"/> Foreign language
<input type="radio"/> Computer skills/technology	<input type="radio"/> Team sports and clubs	<input type="radio"/> Tutoring/enrichment activities	<input type="radio"/> None of these activities	<input type="radio"/> Don't know

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<b>8. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
My child's school offers a wide enough variety of courses and activities to keep my child interested in school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>9. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your child's school?</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
a. My child is safe at school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. My child's school is clean.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Discipline is enforced fairly at my child's school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>10. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	
<b><u>Answer this question only if your child's school has School Safety Agents:</u></b> The presence and actions of School Safety Agents help to promote a safe and respectful learning environment.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>11. How often do you think the following problems occur at your child's school?</b>	<b>Never</b>	<b>Once in a While</b>	<b>Fairly Often</b>	<b>Very Often</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
a. Students threaten or bully other students.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. School staff are disrespectful to students.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. There is racial or cultural bias by school staff.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. There is conflict at my child's school based on race, culture, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or disabilities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Students use alcohol or illegal drugs during school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. There is gang activity in my child's school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>12. Which of the following improvements would you <u>most</u> like your school to make? (Choose ONE.)</b>					
<input type="radio"/> More effective school leadership	<input type="radio"/> More hands-on learning	<input type="radio"/> More or better enrichment programs	<input type="radio"/> More or better arts programs	<input type="radio"/> More challenging courses	
<input type="radio"/> Better communication with parents	<input type="radio"/> More teacher training	<input type="radio"/> Smaller class size	<input type="radio"/> More preparation for state tests	<input type="radio"/> Less preparation for state tests	
<b>13. How satisfied are you with the following things about your child's school?</b>	<b>Very Satisfied</b>	<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Unsatisfied</b>	<b>Very Unsatisfied</b>	
a. The quality of your child's teacher(s) this year.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
b. The level of assistance your child receives when he or she needs extra help with classwork or homework.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
c. How well your child's school communicates with you.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
d. Your opportunities to be involved in your child's education.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
e. The education your child has received this year.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	