



THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

2008 Student Survey

We want to know what YOU think about your school. This survey will give your school important information it can use to improve your education.

This survey is confidential. Your answers will be combined with those of other students at your school. No one at your school will ever see your individual answers. This is not a test and there are no wrong answers. You do not have to answer any question you do not wish to answer, but we hope you will answer as many questions as you can.

Please use the separate answer sheet provided to record your answers. Please do not write in this survey booklet. When you have finished the survey, include only the answer sheet in the envelope provided and seal the envelope. You may remove your name from the envelope by peeling the label with your name off of the front of the envelope. Hand the sealed envelope with your completed answer sheet to your teacher.

To record your answers, fill in your choice on the accompanying answer sheet. Please do not write in this survey booklet.

1. Which grade are you in?

- (6) 6th Grade (7) 7th Grade (8) 8th Grade
 (9) 9th Grade (10) 10th Grade (11) 11th Grade (12) 12th Grade

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

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. I feel welcome in my school.	1	2	3	4
b. Most of the teachers, counselors, school leaders, and other adults I see at school every day know my name or who I am.	1	2	3	4
c. The adults at my school look out for me.	1	2	3	4

3. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about being successful at your school?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. The adults at my school help me understand what I need to do to succeed in school.	1	2	3	4
b. My teachers encourage me to succeed.	1	2	3	4
c. I need to work hard to get good grades at my school.	1	2	3	4
d. Students who get good grades in my school are respected by other students.	1	2	3	4
e. My school helps me to develop challenging academic goals.	1	2	3	4
f. Someone at my school helps me understand what courses I need to be promoted to the next grade or graduate.	1	2	3	4
g. My teachers expect me to continue my education after high school.	1	2	3	4
h. <i>This question is for high school students only. Middle school students should skip this question.</i> My high school provides helpful counseling on how to get a good job after high school <u>or</u> how to get into college.	1	2	3	4

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4. On a scale of 1 to 4, how COMFORTABLE are you talking to teachers and other adults at your school about:	Uncomfortable			Comfortable
	1	2	3	4
a. a problem you are having in a class?	1	2	3	4
b. something that is bothering you?	1	2	3	4

5. On a scale of 1 to 4, how AVAILABLE are teachers and other adults at your school to talk about:	Unavailable			Available
	1	2	3	4
a. a problem you are having in a class?	1	2	3	4
b. something that is bothering you?	1	2	3	4

6. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your teachers?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
a. Teachers in my school treat students with respect.	1	2	3	4	5
b. Most students in my school treat teachers with respect.	1	2	3	4	5
c. Adults in my school treat each other with respect.	1	2	3	4	5
d. My teachers enjoy the subjects they teach.	1	2	3	4	5
e. My teachers inspire me to learn.	1	2	3	4	5
f. My teachers give me extra help when I need it.	1	2	3	4	5
g. My teachers connect what I am learning to life outside of the classroom.	1	2	3	4	5

7. Approximately how often, <u>during this school year</u> , have your teachers asked you to:	Never	1 or 2 Times	3 or 4 Times	5 or More Times
a. Complete an essay or research project using multiple sources of information?	1	2	3	4
b. Complete an essay or project where you had to use evidence to defend your own opinion or ideas?	1	2	3	4

8. In how many of your classes <u>during the past two weeks</u> have you:	None of My Classes	One of My Classes	Some of My Classes	Most of My Classes	All of My Classes
a. worked by yourself (independently) during class?	1	2	3	4	5
b. worked in groups of 2 to 6 students?	1	2	3	4	5
c. had whole-class discussions?	1	2	3	4	5
d. participated in hands-on activities such as science experiments?	1	2	3	4	5

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9. <u>During this school year</u> , have you taken or had a chance to take a class in the following subjects?	I took one or more classes in this subject	I was offered but did not take a class in this subject	I was NOT offered a class in this subject
a. Art	1	2	3
b. Music	1	2	3
c. Dance	1	2	3
d. Theater	1	2	3
e. Foreign Language	1	2	3
f. Computer Skills/Technology	1	2	3
g. Health	1	2	3
h. Physical Education	1	2	3

10. <u>During this school year</u> , which of the following activities did you participate in either <u>before</u> or <u>after</u> school or <u>during free periods</u> ?	I participated in this activity	I did not participate in this activity although it was offered	I was NOT offered this activity
a. Art	1	2	3
b. Music	1	2	3
c. Dance	1	2	3
d. Theater	1	2	3
e. Foreign Language	1	2	3
f. Computer Skills/Technology	1	2	3
g. School Sports Teams or Clubs	1	2	3
h. Tutoring/Enrichment Activities	1	2	3

11. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My school offers a wide enough variety of classes and activities to keep me interested in school.	1	2	3	4

12. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about students in your school?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. Most students in my school help and care about each other.	1	2	3	4
b. Most students in my school just look out for themselves.	1	2	3	4
c. Most students in my school treat each other with respect.	1	2	3	4

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13. How often are the following things true about you or about your school?	Never	Some of the Time	Most of the Time	All of the Time
a. I stay home because I don't feel safe at school.	1	2	3	4
b. Students threaten or bully other students at school.	1	2	3	4
c. Students get into physical fights at my school.	1	2	3	4
d. Adults at my school yell at students.	1	2	3	4
e. There is conflict in my school based on race, culture, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or disabilities.	1	2	3	4
f. Students use alcohol or illegal drugs while at school.	1	2	3	4
g. There is gang activity in my school.	1	2	3	4

14. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your school?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. There is a person or program in my school that helps students resolve conflicts.	1	2	3	4
b. Discipline in my school is fair.	1	2	3	4
c. I am safe in my classes.	1	2	3	4
d. I am safe in the hallways, bathrooms, and locker rooms at my school.	1	2	3	4
e. I am safe on school property outside my school building.	1	2	3	4
f. My school is kept clean.	1	2	3	4
g. Answer this question only if your school has <u>School Safety Agents</u>: The presence and actions of School Safety Agents help to promote a safe and respectful learning environment.	1	2	3	4