



THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

2008 Teacher Survey

What do you think about the learning environment in your school?

By filling out this survey, you can give your school important information about how it can improve your students' education. The results of your survey, along with the results of parent, teacher, and student surveys from your school, will be reported and counted in your school's Progress Report next fall.

This survey is anonymous and voluntary. Your answers will be combined with those of other teachers at your school to provide information and help the school improve its learning environment. No one at your school will ever see your individual answers.

Please consider each survey question in the context of your school. If your school includes Small Learning Communities or Academies, think about your experiences in that community as well as in the school as a whole. Some questions ask about the "principal." If your school does not have a principal, refer to the leader of your school.

You can take this survey online at <http://schools.nyc.gov/surveys>. Click on **Teacher Survey**, and follow the instructions to log in, using the code that appears on your answer sheet as your log-on ID.

If you do not complete the survey online, 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, please return your completed answer sheet by **April 18, 2008** using the enclosed postage-paid envelope, or mail to: NYCDOE SURVEYS, PO Box 64516, St. Paul, MN 55164.

For more information, please visit schools.nyc.gov/surveys or call 311.

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

1. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your school?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. School leaders communicate a clear vision for this school.	1	2	3	4
b. School leaders let staff know what is expected of them.	1	2	3	4
c. School leaders encourage open communication on important school issues.	1	2	3	4
d. Curriculum, instruction, and assessment are aligned within and across the grade levels at this school.	1	2	3	4
e. The principal places the learning needs of children ahead of other interests.	1	2	3	4
f. The principal is an effective manager who makes the school run smoothly.	1	2	3	4
g. I trust the principal at his or her word.	1	2	3	4

2. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. My school has high expectations for all students.	1	2	3	4
b. Teachers in this school set high standards for student work in their classes.	1	2	3	4
c. My school has clear measures of progress for student achievement throughout the year.	1	2	3	4
d. This school makes it a priority to help students develop challenging learning goals.	1	2	3	4
e. This school makes it a priority to help students find the best ways to achieve their learning goals.	1	2	3	4
f. For high school teachers only: This school makes it a priority to help students select the best courses to achieve their college or career goals.	1	2	3	4

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3. Which of the following courses or activities are available to students at your school – and when are they available during the day?	Offered as a regular school activity/course	Offered before or after school or during free periods	Not offered at all
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
i. Sports Teams or Clubs	1	2	3
j. Tutoring/Enrichment Activities	1	2	3

4. 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 activities or courses to keep students at my school engaged.	1	2	3	4

5. To what extent do you feel supported by:	To a great extent	To some extent	To a small extent	To no extent
a. your principal?	1	2	3	4
b. other teachers at your school?	1	2	3	4

6. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Does Not Apply
a. The principal has confidence in the expertise of the teachers.	1	2	3	4	5
b. School leaders invite teachers to play a meaningful role in setting goals and making important decisions for this school.	1	2	3	4	5
c. School leaders encourage collaboration among teachers.	1	2	3	4	5
d. Teachers in this school respect teachers who take the lead in school improvement efforts.	1	2	3	4	5
e. Teachers in this school trust each other.	1	2	3	4	5
f. Teachers in this school recognize and respect colleagues who are the most effective teachers.	1	2	3	4	5
g. School leaders visit classrooms to observe the quality of teaching at this school.	1	2	3	4	5
h. School leaders give me regular and helpful feedback about my teaching.	1	2	3	4	5
i. School leaders place a high priority on the quality of teaching at this school.	1	2	3	4	5
j. Most teachers in my school work together to improve their instructional practice.	1	2	3	4	5
k. Teachers in this school use student achievement data to improve instructional decisions.	1	2	3	4	5

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7. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Does Not Apply
a. This year, I received helpful training on the use of student achievement data to improve teaching and learning.	1	2	3	4	5
b. The professional development I received this year provided me with content support in my subject area.	1	2	3	4	5
c. The professional development I received this year provided me with teaching strategies to better meet the needs of my students.	1	2	3	4	5
d. I have sufficient materials to teach my class(es), including: books, audio/visual equipment, maps, and/or calculators.	1	2	3	4	5
e. My instructional materials are in good condition.	1	2	3	4	5

8. Based on your experiences during the current school year, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. Obtaining information from parents about student learning needs is a priority at my school.	1	2	3	4
b. Teachers and administrators in my school use information from parents to improve instructional practices and meet student learning needs.	1	2	3	4
c. My school communicates effectively with parents when students misbehave.	1	2	3	4

9. This year, what percentage of your students had at least one parent attend your Parent-Teacher Conferences?
(A) 0-25% (B) 26-50% (C) 51-75% (D) 76-100% (E) Does Not Apply

10. How often <u>during this school year</u> have you:	More than once a week	Once a Week	About Once a Month	About 3 or 4 Times each Year	Rarely or Never
a. attempted to have a conversation with a parent but failed because you were not able to contact the parent or the parent did not respond or attend?	1	2	3	4	5
b. had a conversation or corresponded with a parent of a student about the student's behavior?	1	2	3	4	5

11. How often <u>during this school year</u> have you:	More than once a week	Once a Week	About Once a Month	About 3 or 4 Times each Year	Rarely or Never	Does Not Apply
a. communicated with students about their progress in class?	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. communicated with parents about their children's progress in class?	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. sent parents written information on what you are teaching and what students are expected to learn?	1	2	3	4	5	6
d. sent home information on services to help students or parents such as: tutoring, after-school programs, or workshops adults can attend to help their children in school?	1	2	3	4	5	6

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12. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. Order and discipline are maintained at my school.	1	2	3	4
b. I can get the help I need at my school to address student behavior and discipline problems.	1	2	3	4
c. I am safe at my school.	1	2	3	4
d. Crime and violence are a problem in my school.	1	2	3	4
e. Students in my school are often threatened or bullied.	1	2	3	4
f. Adults at my school are often disrespectful to students.	1	2	3	4
g. Most students at my school treat teachers with respect.	1	2	3	4
h. Most parents treat teachers at this school with respect.	1	2	3	4
i. Students' use of alcohol and illegal drugs in school is a problem at my school.	1	2	3	4
j. There are conflicts at my school based on race, culture, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or disability.	1	2	3	4
k. There is a person or a program in my school that helps students resolve conflicts.	1	2	3	4
l. Gang activity is a problem in my school.	1	2	3	4
m. My school is kept clean.	1	2	3	4
n. 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

13. How long have you been a teacher?

- (A) Less than one year (B) 1-3 years (C) 4-10 years (D) 11-15 years (E) More than 15 years