



THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

2008 Special Education District 75 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. There are no wrong answers, and 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, please 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. 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, paraprofessionals, counselors, therapists, and other staff I see at school every day know my name or who I am. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| c. The adults at my school care about me. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

| 2. 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 teachers, paraprofessionals, counselors, and therapists at my school help me understand what I need to do to succeed in school. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| b. My teachers, paraprofessionals, counselors, and therapists help 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 do well in my school are respected by other students. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| e. Someone in my school helps me develop appropriate goals for learning. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| f. Someone at my school helps me understand what I need to do to be promoted to the next grade or graduate. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| g. <i>This question is for high school students only. Middle school students should skip this question:</i> My high school prepares me to get a good job after high school <u>or</u> to get into college. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

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

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| 4. On a scale of 1 to 4, how AVAILABLE are teachers, paraprofessionals, counselors, therapists 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 |
| 5. 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, paraprofessionals, counselors, therapists, and other adults in my school treat students with respect. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| b. Most students in my school respect teachers, paraprofessionals, counselors, therapists, and other adults at my school. | 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 make me excited about learning. | 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 | |
| 6. Approximately how many times <u>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 a project using books, newspapers, technology or other materials? | 1 | | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| b. Defend your own opinion or ideas? | 1 | | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| 7. In how many of your classes <u>during the past two weeks</u> have you: | None of My Classes | One of My Classes | A Few 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, cooking, building, or mechanics? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |

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| 8. <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. Activities of Daily Living | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| b. Art | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| c. Computer Skills / Technology | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| d. Dance | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| e. Foreign language | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| f. Health / Physical Education | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| g. Inclusion Activities | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| h. Music | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| i. Shop / Industrial Arts | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| j. Theater | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| k. Vocational Training | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| l. Work / Study | 1 | 2 | 3 |

| 9. <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. Activities of Daily Living | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| b. Art | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| c. Computer Skills / Technology | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| d. Dance | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| e. Foreign language | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| f. Health / Physical Education | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| g. Inclusion Activities | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| h. Music | 1 | 2 | 3 |
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| 10. 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, programs, and activities to keep me interested in school. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | | | | | |
| 11. 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 respect each other. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | | | | | |
| 12. 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 | | | | | | | |
| 13. 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. The presence and actions of School Safety Agents help to promote a safe and respectful learning environment. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | | | | | |
| 14. How old are you? | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |