# Learning Environment Survey Report 2007-08

**M.S. 256 Academic & Athletic Excellence**

Principal: Cheryl Rosen
School DBN: 03M256
Enrollment: 170
School Type: Middle School

## Do parents feel welcome in this school?
## Do teachers feel supported by the principal?
## Do students say this school sets high expectations?

This report is a summary of the answers given by your school's parents, teachers, and students to these and all of the other questions on the 2007-08 Learning Environment Survey.

### Who took the survey?

| | Your School | Citywide |
|---|---|---|
| 44 | Parents (26%) | 347,829 (40%) |
| 14 | Teachers (78%) | 48,002 (61%) |
| 155 | Students (91%) | 410,708 (78%) |

Each question is assigned to one of four categories and each category measures an element of a school's learning environment. **How well does your school do the following?**

| Academic Expectations | Communication | Engagement | Safety and Respect |
|---|---|---|---|
| Encourage students to do their best by developing rigorous and meaningful academic goals. | Provide information about the school's educational goals and offer appropriate feedback on each student's learning outcomes. | Engage all parents, teachers, and students in an active and vibrant partnership to promote student learning. | Ensure that all members of the school community feel physically and emotionally secure, allowing everyone to focus on student learning. |

Parent, teacher, and student answers on the survey determine the survey category scores from 0 to 10. These scores are used to compare schools on a scale from 0% (the lowest-rated school in the City) to 100% (the highest-rated school in the City). For example, a Progress Report City Horizon Score of 60% means your school is 60% of the way from the lowest to highest scoring school in the City for that category. **How does your school compare to other Middle Schools?**

| | Survey Score (0 – 10) | Progress Report City Horizon Score (0 – 100%) | Your School's Overall Survey Scores Compared to Other Middle Schools (0% – 50% – 100%) | Change in Score from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Academic Expectations** | **7.8** | **74.1%** | | **+ 1.1** |
| **Communication** | **6.8** | **66.7%** | | **+ 0.5** |
| **Engagement** | **7.1** | **72.4%** | | **+ 1** |
| **Safety and Respect** | **7.2** | **60.6%** | | **+ 0.8** |

### Also in this Survey Report

- Summary of parent, teacher, and student responses
- All survey questions and responses
- Tips on using survey results to help your school

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- Access the Survey Web Tool that all parents, teachers, students, and school leaders can use to view survey answers, compare schools, or search for schools based on survey results
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## What do PARENTS at your school think?

**Each question is assigned to a category that represents an important part of a strong school learning environment. Below, you can see how parents at your school answered some of the survey questions. See page 1 for a description of each category.**

| Survey Category | How satisfied are you with the following: | Very Satisfied | Satisfied | Unsatisfied | Very Unsatisfied | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Academic Expectations | The education your child has received this year. | 51% | 43% | 5% | 0% | 8.2 |
| Communication | How well your child's school communicated with you. | 61% | 37% | 0% | 3% | 8.5 |
| Engagement | Your opportunities to be involved in your child's education. | 58% | 34% | 5% | 3% | 8.2 |

| Survey Category | How much do you agree or disagree: | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Don't Know | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Safety and Respect | My child is safe at school. | 51% | 38% | 8% | 3% | 0% | 8.2 |

Parent answers on the survey determine the survey category scores from 0 to 10. These scores are used to compare schools on a scale from 0% (the lowest-rated school in the City) to 100% (the highest-rated school in the City). **How do the answers of parents at your school compare to those of parents at other Middle Schools?**

| | Survey Score (0 – 10) | Progress Report City Horizon Score (0 – 100%) | Your School's Parent Scores Compared to Other Middle Schools (0% – 50% – 100%) | Change in Score from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Academic Expectations** | 8.3 | 82.8% | | + 1.8 |
| **Communication** | 8.3 | 96.4% | | + 1.7 |
| **Engagement** | 7.6 | 90% | | + 1.7 |
| **Safety and Respect** | 8.4 | 73.3% | | + 1.3 |

## How can YOU use parent survey results to help your school?

1. **Review the Parent Report** from your school to see how your answers match up with those of other parents at the school. **Then view the results from the Progress Report** and **Quality Review** from your school to get a full picture of your school's performance.
2. **Talk with the principal, parent coordinator, your child's teacher, and other parents** about ways to work together to improve your child's school.
3. **Speak with your child** about the results of the survey, especially if your child is in grade 6 or higher and completed a student survey.

## How many PARENTS took the survey?

| Your School | Citywide |
|---|---|
| **44 (26%)** | **347,829 (40%)** |

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## What do TEACHERS at your school think?

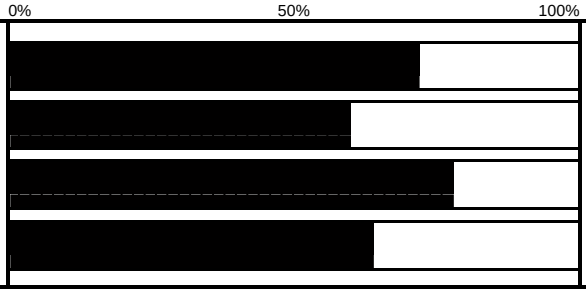
**Each question is assigned to a category that represents an important part of a strong school learning environment. Below, you can see how teachers at your school answered some of the survey questions. See page 1 for a description of each category.**

| Category | How much do you agree or disagree: | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Does Not Apply | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Academic Expectations | This school makes it a priority to help students find the best ways to achieve their learning goals. | 38% | 62% | 0% | 0% | N/A | 7.9 |
| Communication | School leaders let staff know what is expected of them. | 57% | 43% | 0% | 0% | N/A | 8.6 |
| Engagement | School leaders invite teachers to play a meaningful role in setting goals and making important decisions for this school for this school. | 43% | 57% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 8.1 |
| Safety and Respect | Order and discipline are maintained at my school. | 21% | 57% | 21% | 0 % | N/A | 6.7 |

Teacher answers on the survey determine the survey category scores from 0 to 10. These scores are used to compare schools on a scale from 0% (the lowest-rated school in the City) to 100% (the highest-rated school in the City). **How do the answers of teachers at your school compare to those of teachers at other Middle Schools?**

| | Survey Score (0 – 10) | Progress Report City Horizon Score (0 – 100%) | Change in Score from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Academic Expectations** | 8.1 | 72.3% | + 1 |
| **Communication** | 6.6 | 59.6% | + 0.3 |
| **Engagement** | 7.8 | 77.8% | + 1.7 |
| **Safety and Respect** | 7.4 | 64.6% | + 1.4 |

**Your School's Teacher Scores Compared to Other Middle Schools**




## How can YOU use teacher survey results to help your school?

1. **Review the Teacher Report** from your school to see how your answers match up with those of other teachers. **Then view the results from the Progress Report** and **Quality Review** from your school to get a full picture of your school's performance.
2. **Engage with your students** about the results of the parent, teacher and student surveys. Do they agree with the results? In what ways do they believe the school could be improved?
3. **Discuss survey results and areas for improvement** with your colleagues and school leader or principal.

## How many TEACHERS took the survey?

| Your School | Citywide |
|---|---|
| **14 (78%)** | **48,002 (61%)** |

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## What do STUDENTS at your school think?

**Each question is assigned to a category that represents an important part of a strong school learning environment. Below, you can see how students at your school answered some of the survey questions. See page 1 for a description of each category.**

| Category | How much do you agree or disagree: | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Don't Know | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Academic Expectations | My school helps me to develop challenging academic goals. | 23% | 50% | 25% | 3% | N/A | 6.4 |
| Communication | Most of the teachers, counselors, school leaders, and other adults I see at school every day know my name or who I am. | 38% | 38% | 23% | 2% | N/A | 7 |
| Engagement | My teachers inspire me to learn. | 25% | 39% | 16% | 13% | 6% | 6.2 |
| Safety and Respect | I am safe in the hallways, bathrooms, and locker rooms at my school. | 27% | 41% | 23% | 9% | N/A | 6.2 |

Student answers on the survey determine the survey category scores from 0 to 10. These scores are used to compare schools on a scale from 0 (the lowest-rated school in the City) to 100 (the highest-rated school in the City). **How do the answers of students at your school compare to those of students at other Middle Schools?**

| | Survey Score (0 – 10) | Progress Report City Horizon Score (0 – 100%) | Your School's Student Scores Compared to Other Middle Schools (0% – 50% – 100%) | Change in Score from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Academic Expectations** | 6.9 | 36.8% | | + 0.5 |
| **Communication** | 5.5 | 36.4% | | - 0.4 |
| **Engagement** | 5.9 | 21.7% | | - 0.4 |
| **Safety and Respect** | 5.9 | 43.3% | | - 0.2 |

## How can YOU use student survey results to help your school?

1. **Review the Student Survey Report** from your school to see how your answers match up with those of other students.
2. **View the results from the Progress Report** and **Quality Review** from your school to get a full picture of your school's performance.
3. **Speak with your parents, teachers, and other students** about the results of the survey.
4. **Work with other students** to improve your school's learning environment, and become involved in next year's survey effort!

## How many STUDENTS took the survey?

| Your School | Citywide |
|---|---|
| **155 (91%)** | **410,708 (78%)** |

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PARENT SURVEY

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This table presents the percentage of **PARENTS** in your school who selected each answer. Questions are assigned to and sorted by category. Question scores are between 0 and 10, and the highest possible score is 10. There are four categories: Academic Expectations, Communication, Engagement, and Safety and Respect. NS indicates that the question was not scored. To learn more about survey and scoring methodology, please visit http://schools.nyc.gov/Surveys.

### Academic Expectations

Schools encourage students to do their best by developing rigorous and meaningful academic goals.

| How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your child's school or teacher? | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Don't Know | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| The school has high expectations for my child. | 41% | 56% | 0% | 0% | 3% | 8.5 |
| My child is learning what he or she needs to know to succeed in later grades or after graduating from high school. | 44% | 49% | 3% | 0% | 5% | 8.3 |
| ***Answer this question only if you are a high school parent*:** This year, staff at my child's **high school** helped my child to select courses that he or she needs to graduate and to succeed after graduating. | NS | NS | NS | NS | NS | NS |

| How satisfied are you with the following things about your child's school? | Very Satisfied | Satisfied | Unsatisfied | Very Unsatisfied | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| The quality of your child's teacher(s) this year. | 55% | 42% | 0% | 3% | 8.3 |
| The education your child has received this year. | 51% | 43% | 5% | 0% | 8.2 |
| The level of assistance your child receives when he or she needs extra help with classwork or homework. | 58% | 33% | 6% | 3% | 8.2 |

### Communication

Schools provide information about the school's educational goals and offer appropriate feedback on each student's learning outcomes.

| 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 | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| I am satisfied with the response I get when I contact my child's school with questions or concerns. | 58% | 43% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 8.6 |
| The school keeps me informed about my child's academic progress. | 56% | 41% | 3% | 0% | 0% | 8.5 |
| The school contacts me when my child breaks school rules. | 68% | 29% | 0% | 0% | 3% | 9 |
| The school contacts me to tell me about my child's achievements and successes. | 46% | 49% | 5% | 0% | 0% | 8 |

| How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your child's school or teacher? | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Don't Know | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| The school clearly communicates its expectations for my child's learning to me and my child. | 49% | 49% | 0% | 0% | 3% | 8.6 |
| My child's teacher(s) give helpful comments on homework, class work, and tests. | 48% | 48% | 3% | 0% | 3% | 8.5 |

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**Communication (continued)**

| How often during this school year have you: | More than once a month | About once a month | Once every few months | Once or twice this school year | Never | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| received information about what your child is studying in school? | 46% | 31% | 13% | 8% | 3% | 7.8 |
| 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? | 37% | 41% | 12% | 2% | 7% | 7.4 |

| How satisfied are you with the following things about your child's school? | Very Satisfied | Satisfied | Unsatisfied | Very Unsatisfied | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| How well your child's school communicates with you. | 61% | 37% | 0% | 3% | 8.5 |

**Engagement**
Schools engage all parents, teachers, and students in an active and vibrant partnership to promote student learning.

| 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 | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| I feel welcome in my child's school. | 62% | 35% | 3% | 0% | 0% | 8.6 |
| 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. | 54% | 46% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 8.5 |

| How often during this school year have you: | More than once a month | About once a month | Once every few months | Once or twice this school year | Never | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| been invited to a workshop, program, performance, or other event at your child's school? | 39% | 32% | 8% | 16% | 5% | 8.3 |
| talked with a teacher or other adult at your child's school to share with them important information about your child's learning? | 50% | 20% | 28% | 3% | 0% | NS |

**My child participates in the following courses during the regular school day. *(Please mark all that apply.)*** Score 7.6

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 50% | Art | 27% | Music | 30% | Dance | 14% | Theater | 0% | Foreign language |
| 36% | Computer skills/technology | 18% | Health | 61% | Physical education | 2% | None of these courses | 9% | Don't know |

**My child participates in the following school activities before or after school. *(Please mark all that apply.)*** Score 4.8

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16% | Art | 5% | Music | 14% | Dance | 9% | Theater | 0% | Foreign language |
| 11% | Computer skills/technology | 14% | Team sports and clubs | 25% | Tutoring/ enrichment activities | 14% | None of these activities | 9% | Don't know |

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### Engagement (continued)

| How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Don't Know | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| My child's school offers a wide enough variety of courses and activities to keep my child interested in school. | 31% | 51% | 8% | 5% | 5% | 7.4 |

| How satisfied are you with the following things about your child's school? | Very Satisfied | Satisfied | Unsatisfied | Very Unsatisfied | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Your opportunities to be involved in your child's education. | 58% | 34% | 5% | 3% | 8.2 |

### Safety and Respect

Schools ensure that all members of the school community feel physically and emotionally secure, allowing everyone to focus on student learning.

| 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 | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| There is an adult at the school whom my child trusts and can go to for help with a school problem. | 48% | 38% | 8% | 3% | 5% | 7.9 |

| How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your child's school? | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Don't Know | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| My child is safe at school. | 51% | 38% | 8% | 3% | 0% | 8.2 |
| My child's school is clean. | 58% | 33% | 3% | 0% | 8% | 8.6 |
| Discipline is enforced fairly at my child's school. | 59% | 39% | 0% | 2% | 0% | 8.8 |

| How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement? | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ***Answer this question only if your child's school has School Safety Agents:*** The presence and actions of School Safety Agents help to promote a safe and respectful learning environment. | 40% | 49% | 6% | 6% | 7.4 |

| How often do you think the following problems occur at your child's school? | Never | Once in a While | Fairly Often | Very Often | Don't Know | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Students threaten or bully other students. | 28% | 28% | 28% | 8% | 8% | 6.1 |
| School staff are disrespectful to students. | 65% | 16% | 3% | 8% | 8% | 8.3 |

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### Safety and Respect (continued)

| How often do you think the following problems occur at your child's school? | Never | Once in a While | Fairly Often | Very Often | Don't Know | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| There is racial or cultural bias by school staff. | 64% | 5% | 0% | 3% | 28% | 9.4 |
| There is conflict at my child's school based on race, culture, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or disabilities. | 77% | 0% | 3% | 3% | 18% | 9.5 |
| Students use alcohol or illegal drugs during school. | 64% | 3% | 0% | 3% | 31% | 9.5 |
| There is gang activity **in** my child's school. | 54% | 5% | 0% | 5% | 36% | 8.9 |

### Not Scored

These questions appeared on the survey but answers were not scored and did not affect the survey or progress report scores.

**In which grade is your child at this school?** NS

- 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**.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0% | Pre-Kindergarten | 0% | Kindergarten | 0% | 1st grade | 0% | 2nd grade | 0% | 3rd grade | 0% | 4th grade | 0% | 5th grade |
| 45% | 6th grade | 28% | 7th grade | 28% | 8th grade | 0% | 9th grade | 0% | 10th grade | 0% | 11th grade | 0% | 12th grade |

**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.)*** NS

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 57% | Mail | 34% | E-mail | 25% | PA or PTA meetings, or similar meetings |
| 41% | Paper sent home with your child | 11% | School Website | 11% | School bulletin board |
| 70% | Phone | 18% | Parent Coordinator | 2% | Community or Citywide Education Councils |
| 55% | Parent teacher conferences | 7% | Other parents | 5% | Other organizations in your community |

**Which of the following improvements would you *most* like your school to make? *(Choose ONE.)*** NS

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 18% | More effective school leadership | 0% | More hands-on learning | 35% | More or better enrichment programs | 0% | More or better arts programs | 12% | More challenging courses |
| 0% | Better communication with parents | 0% | More teacher training | 24% | Smaller class size | 12% | More preparation for state tests | 0% | Less preparation for state tests |

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TEACHER SURVEY

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**Academic Expectations**

Schools encourage students to do their best by developing rigorous and meaningful academic goals.

| How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your school? | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| The principal places the learning needs of children ahead of other interests. | 50% | 36% | 14% | 0% | 7.9 |
| Curriculum, instruction, and assessment are aligned within and across the grade levels at this school. | 57% | 29% | 14% | 0% | 8.1 |

| 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 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Score | 9 | 8.5 | NS |
| Art | 86% | 36% | 0% |
| Music | 43% | 57% | 7% |
| Dance | 14% | 86% | 7% |
| Theater | 64% | 50% | 0% |
| Foreign language | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Computer skills/technology | 7% | 14% | 79% |
| Health | 14% | 7% | 71% |
| Physical Education | 93% | 7% | 0% |
| Sports teams or clubs | 21% | 93% | 0% |
| Tutoring/enrichment activities | 86% | 36% | 0% |

| How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| My school has high expectations for all students. | 46% | 46% | 8% | 0% | 7.9 |
| Teachers in this school set high standards for student work in their classes. | 54% | 46% | 0% | 0% | 8.5 |
| My school has clear measures of progress for student achievement throughout the year. | 38% | 54% | 8% | 0% | 7.7 |
| This school makes it a priority to help students develop challenging learning goals. | 15% | 69% | 15% | 0% | 6.7 |

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### Academic Expectations (continued)

| How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| This school makes it a priority to help students find the best ways to achieve their learning goals. | 38% | 62% | 0% | 0% | 7.9 |
| **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. | NS | NS | NS | NS | NS |

| How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Does Not Apply | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| The principal has confidence in the expertise of the teachers. | 43% | 57% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 8.1 |
| School leaders visit classrooms to observe the quality of teaching at this school. | 43% | 57% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 8.1 |
| School leaders place a high priority on the quality of teaching at this school. | 36% | 64% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 7.9 |
| Most teachers in my school work together to improve their instructional practice. | 50% | 36% | 14% | 0% | 0% | 7.9 |
| Teachers in this school use student achievement data to improve instructional decisions. | 36% | 57% | 7% | 0% | 0% | 7.6 |
| I have sufficient materials to teach my class(es), including: books, audio/visual equipment, maps, and/or calculators. | 50% | 36% | 0% | 0% | 14% | 8.6 |
| My instructional materials are in good condition. | 50% | 36% | 0% | 0% | 14% | 8.6 |

### Communication

Schools provide information about the school's educational goals and offer appropriate feedback on each student's learning outcomes.

| How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your school? | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Schools leaders communicate a clear vision for this school. | 43% | 43% | 14% | 0% | 7.6 |
| School leaders let staff know what is expected of them. | 57% | 43% | 0% | 0% | 8.6 |
| School leaders encourage open communication on important school issues. | 50% | 43% | 7% | 0% | 8.1 |
| The principal is an effective manager who makes the school run smoothly. | 31% | 46% | 15% | 8% | 6.7 |
| I trust the principal at his or her word. | 50% | 43% | 7% | 0% | 8.1 |

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School Type: Middle School

**Communication (continued)**

| How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement? | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Does Not Apply | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| School leaders give me regular and helpful feedback about my teaching. | 21% | 50% | 14% | 7% | 7% | 6.4 |

| 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 | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| My school communicates effectively with parents when students misbehave. | 29% | 71% | 0% | 0% | 7.6 |

| How often during this school year have you: | More than once a week | Once a Week | About Once a Month | About 3 or 4 Times each Year | Rarely or Never | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| had a conversation or corresponded with a parent of a student about the student's behavior? | 29% | 43% | 29% | 0% | 0% | NS |

| How often during this school year 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 | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| communicated with **students** about their progress in class? | 50% | 43% | 7% | 0% | 0% | 0% | NS |
| communicated with **parents** about their children's progress in class? | 7% | 7% | 64% | 21% | 0% | 0% | 6.4 |
| sent parents written information on what you are teaching and what students are expected to learn? | 0% | 0% | 7% | 64% | 14% | 14% | 3.1 |
| 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? | 0% | 0% | 29% | 29% | 36% | 7% | 3.1 |

**Engagement**

Schools engage all parents, teachers, and students in an active and vibrant partnership to promote student learning.

| How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement? | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| My school offers a wide enough variety of activities or courses to keep students at my school engaged. | 36% | 57% | 7% | 0% | 7.6 |

| To what extent do you feel supported by: | To a great extent | To some extent | To a small extent | To no extent | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| your principal? | 57% | 36% | 7% | 0% | 8.3 |
| other teachers at your school? | 71% | 29% | 0% | 0% | 9 |

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**Engagement (continued)**

| How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Does Not Apply | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| School leaders invite teachers to play a meaningful role in setting goals and making important decisions for this school. | 43% | 57% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 8.1 |
| School leaders encourage collaboration among teachers. | 71% | 14% | 14% | 0% | 0% | 8.6 |
| This year, I received helpful training on the use of student achievement data to improve teaching and learning. | 21% | 57% | 14% | 0% | 7% | 6.9 |
| The professional development I received this year provided me with content support in my subject area. | 50% | 29% | 14% | 0% | 7% | 7.9 |
| The professional development I received this year provided me with teaching strategies to better meet the needs of my students. | 43% | 36% | 7% | 0% | 14% | 8.1 |

| 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 | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Obtaining information from parents about student learning needs is a priority at my school. | 14% | 57% | 29% | 0% | 6.2 |
| Teachers and administrators in my school use information from parents to improve instructional practices and meet student learning needs. | 21% | 64% | 14% | 0% | 6.9 |

**Safety and Respect**

Schools ensure that all members of the school community feel physically and emotionally secure, allowing everyone to focus on student learning.

| How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Does Not Apply | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Teachers in this school respect teachers who take the lead in school improvement efforts. | 64% | 29% | 7% | 0% | 0% | 8.6 |
| Teachers in this school trust each other. | 64% | 36% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 8.8 |
| Teachers in this school recognize and respect colleagues who are the most effective teachers. | 79% | 21% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 9.3 |

| How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Order and discipline are maintained at my school. | 21% | 57% | 21% | 0% | 6.7 |
| I can get the help I need at my school to address student behavior and discipline problems. | 15% | 62% | 23% | 0% | 6.4 |
| I am safe at my school. | 64% | 36% | 0% | 0% | 8.8 |
| Crime and violence are a problem in my school. | 0% | 7% | 71% | 21% | 7.1 |

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### Safety and Respect (continued)

| How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Students in my school are often threatened or bullied. | 7% | 36% | 50% | 7% | 5.2 |
| Adults at my school are often disrespectful to students. | 0% | 14% | 29% | 57% | 8.1 |
| Most students at my school treat teachers with respect. | 0% | 79% | 14% | 7% | 5.7 |
| Most parents treat teachers at this school with respect. | 0% | 86% | 14% | 0% | 6.2 |
| Students' use of alcohol and illegal drugs in school is a problem at my school. | 0% | 0% | 43% | 57% | 8.6 |
| There are conflicts at my school based: on race, culture, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or disability. | 0% | 50% | 36% | 14% | 5.5 |
| There is a person or a program in my school to help students resolve conflicts. | 50% | 43% | 7% | 0% | 8.1 |
| Gang activity is a problem **in** my school. | 0% | 7% | 57% | 36% | 7.6 |
| My school is kept clean. | 79% | 21% | 0% | 0% | 9.3 |
| **Answer this question only if your school has *School Safety Agents*:** The presence and actions of School Safety Agents help to promote a safe and respectful learning environment. | 8% | 54% | 38% | 0% | 5.6 |

### Not Scored

These questions appeared on the survey but answers were not scored and did not affect the survey or progress report scores.

| How often during this school year have you: | More than once a week | Once a Week | About once a Month | About 3 or 4 Times each Year | Rarely or Never | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 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? | 14% | 14% | 50% | 21% | 0% | NS |

| How long have you been a teacher? | | | | | | | | | NS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7% | Less than one year | 14% | 1-3 years | 64% | 4-10 years | 0% | 11-15 years | 14% | More than 15 years |

| This year, what percentage of your students had at least one parent attend your parent-teacher conferences? | | | | | | | | | NS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7% | 0-25% | 43% | 26-50% | 50% | 51-75% | 0% | 76-100% | 0% | Does Not Apply |

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This table presents the percentage of **STUDENTS** in your school who selected each answer. Questions are assigned to and sorted by category. Question scores are between 0 and 10, and the highest possible score is 10. There are four categories: Academic Expectations, Communication, Engagement, and Safety and Respect. NS indicates that the question was not scored. To learn more about survey and scoring methodology, please visit http://schools.nyc.gov/Surveys.

### Academic Expectations

Schools encourage students to do their best by developing rigorous and meaningful academic goals.

| How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about being successful at your school? | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| The adults at my school help me understand what I need to do to succeed in school. | 31% | 57% | 8% | 3% | 7.2 |
| My teachers encourage me to succeed. | 29% | 53% | 16% | 3% | 6.9 |
| I need to work hard to get good grades at my school. | 65% | 29% | 5% | 1% | 8.6 |
| Students who get good grades in my school are respected by other students. | 5% | 23% | 46% | 25% | 3.6 |
| My school helps me to develop challenging academic goals. | 23% | 50% | 25% | 3% | 6.4 |
| Someone at my school helps me understand what courses I need to be promoted to the next grade or graduate. | 27% | 52% | 16% | 5% | 6.7 |
| My teachers expect me to continue my education after high school. | 49% | 39% | 10% | 1% | 7.9 |
| **This question is for high school students only. Middle school students should skip this question.** My **high school** provides helpful counseling on how to get a good job after high school **or** how to get into college. | NS | NS | NS | NS | NS |

| Approximately how often, during this school year, have your teachers asked you to: | Never | 1 or 2 times | 3 or 4 times | 5 or more times | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Complete an essay or research project using multiple sources of information? | 7% | 30% | 40% | 24% | 7.8 |
| Complete an essay or project where you had to use evidence to defend your own opinion or ideas? | 12% | 34% | 37 % | 17% | 7.1 |

### Communication

Schools provide information about the school's educational goals and offer appropriate feedback on each student's learning outcomes.

| How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your school? | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Most of the teachers, counselors, school leaders, and other adults I see at school every day know my name or who I am. | 38 % | 38% | 23% | 2% | 7 |

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**Communication (continued)**

| On a scale of 1 to 4, how COMFORTABLE are you talking to teachers and other adults at your school about: | Uncomfortable | | | Comfortable | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| a problem you are having in a class? | 24% | 33% | 22% | 20% | 4.6 |
| something that is bothering you? | 34% | 26% | 22% | 18% | 4.1 |

| In how many of your classes during the past two weeks have you: | None of My Classes | One of My Classes | Some of My Classes | Most of My Classes | All of My Classes | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| worked in groups of 2 to 6 students? | 6% | 22% | 47% | 17% | 8% | 6.3 |
| had whole-class discussions? | 15% | 20% | 30% | 13% | 22% | 6.2 |
| participated in hands-on activities such as science experiments? | 10% | 50% | 25% | 10% | 6% | 4.9 |

**Engagement**
Schools engage all parents, teachers, and students in an active and vibrant partnership to promote student learning.

| How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your school? | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| I feel welcome in my school. | 10% | 59% | 24% | 7% | 5.7 |
| The adults at my school look out for me. | 14% | 36% | 37% | 12 | 5.1 |

| On a scale of 1 to 4, how AVAILABLE are teachers and other adults at your school to talk about: | Unavailable | | | Available | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| a problem you are having in a class? | 15% | 30% | 31% | 24% | 5.5 |
| something that is bothering you? | 17% | 35% | 25% | 23% | 5.1 |

| How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your teachers? | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Don't Know | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| My teachers enjoy the subjects they teach. | 31% | 41% | 7% | 2% | 20% | 7.3 |
| My teachers inspire me to learn. | 25% | 39% | 16% | 13% | 6% | 6.2 |
| My teachers give me extra help when I need it. | 34% | 40% | 15% | 8% | 2% | 6.9 |
| My teachers connect what I am learning to life outside of the classroom. | 14% | 29% | 19% | 12% | 26% | 5.3 |

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**Engagement (continued)**

| In how many of your classes during the past two weeks have you: | None of My Classes | One of My Classes | Some of My Classes | Most of My Classes | All of My Classes | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| worked by yourself (independently) during class? | 0% | 7% | 38% | 33% | 23% | NS |

| How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement? | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| My school offers a wide enough variety of classes and activities to keep me interested in school. | 13% | 42% | 22% | 24% | 4.8 |

| During this school year, 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 | Score 7.2 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Art | 80% | 13% | 7% | |
| Music | 20% | 20% | 59% | |
| Dance | 32% | 25% | 43% | |
| Theater | 28% | 25% | 48% | |
| Foreign language | 4% | 8% | 89% | |
| Computer skills/technology | 11% | 9% | 80% | |
| Health | 26% | 19% | 55% | |
| Physical education | 84% | 6% | 10% | |

| During this school year, which of the following activities did you participate in either before or after school or during free periods? | I participated in this activity | I did not participate in this activity although it was offered | I was NOT offered this activity | Score 5.5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Art | 44% | 23% | 33% | |
| Music | 14% | 29% | 57% | |
| Dance | 26% | 36% | 38% | |
| Theater | 17% | 31% | 53% | |
| Foreign language | 3% | 10% | 87% | |
| Computer skills/technology | 12% | 19% | 69% | |
| School sports teams or clubs | 38% | 33% | 29% | |
| Tutoring/enrichment activities | 59% | 22% | 19% | |

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**Safety and Respect**

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| How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your teachers? | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Don't Know | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Teachers in my school treat **students** with respect. | 13% | 30% | 25% | 13% | 19% | 5.1 |
| Most students in my school treat **teachers** with respect. | 6% | 14% | 35% | 34% | 11% | 3.1 |
| Adults in my school treat **each other** with respect. | 42% | 29% | 11% | 4% | 15% | 7.3 |

| How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about students in your school? | Strongly Agree | Agree | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Most students in my school help and care about each other. | 1% | 37% | 35% | 27% | 3.7 |
| Most students in my school just look out for themselves. | 28% | 48% | 17% | 6% | 6.6 |
| Most students in my school treat each other with respect. | 3% | 26% | 41% | 29% | 3.4 |

| 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 | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| I stay home because I don't feel safe at school. | 78% | 18% | 2% | 2% | 9.1 |
| Students threaten or bully other students at school. | 15% | 46% | 20% | 19% | 5.3 |
| Students get into physical fights at my school. | 5% | 55% | 23% | 17% | 4.9 |
| Adults at my school yell at students. | 9% | 39% | 26% | 26% | 4.4 |
| There is conflict in my school based on: race, culture, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or disabilities | 42% | 32% | 13% | 13% | 6.8 |
| Students use alcohol or illegal drugs while at school. | 70% | 15% | 9% | 6% | 8.3 |
| There is gang activity **in** my school. | 61% | 21% | 9% | 9% | 7.8 |

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### Safety and Respect (continued)

| How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your school? | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| There is a person or program in my school to help students resolve conflicts. | 39% | 39% | 13% | 8% | 7 |
| Discipline in my school is fair. | 10% | 40% | 28% | 22% | 4.6 |
| I am safe in my classes. | 30% | 45% | 20% | 4% | 6.7 |
| I am safe in the hallways, bathrooms, and locker rooms at my school. | 27% | 41% | 23% | 9% | 6.2 |
| I am safe on school property outside my school building. | 21% | 36% | 29% | 15% | 5.4 |
| My school is kept clean | 24% | 37% | 24% | 15% | 5.7 |
| **Answer this question only if your school has *School Safety Agents:*** The presence and actions of School Safety Agents help to promote a safe and respectful learning environment. | 25% | 38% | 27% | 10% | 6 |

### Not Scored

These questions appeared on the survey but answers were not scored and did not affect the survey or progress report scores.

| Which grade are you in? | | | | | | | | | | | | NS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 39% | 6th Grade | 26% | 7th Grade | 35% | 8th Grade | 0% | 9th Grade | 0% | 10th Grade | 0% | 11th Grade | 0% | 12th Grade |