



NYC School Survey 2009-2010 Report

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School Number: 18K515

Dear Members of the School Community,

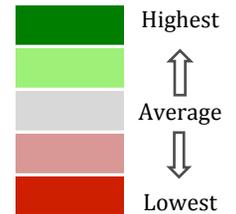
This report tells you what parents, teachers and students said about learning conditions at your school in our annual survey. This information is designed to support a dialogue among all members of the school community on how to make the school a better place for learning.

Taking the time to reflect on how well we serve children is an important step in improving our schools. Special thanks to all parents, teachers, and students who filled out a survey this year, and to those who work year-round to improve student learning.

Joel I. Klein
Chancellor

What do the colors mean?

Green indicates high levels of parent, teacher, or student satisfaction compared to other schools. **Red** indicates low levels of satisfaction. In reviewing your school's results, you might look at how well the school performed in each survey category, how well the school did overall, where it has the greatest strength (**green**), and where it needs the most improvement (**red**).



How did your school perform on the survey compared to all high schools?

	Score out of 10	Your School's Comparison	Change from Last Year
Academic Expectations	7.3		↑
Communication	7.3		↑
Engagement	7.3		↑
Safety & Respect	5.8		↓

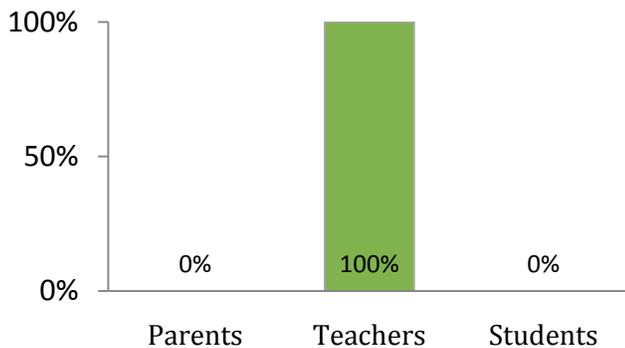
What are your school's strengths and areas for improvement?

	Parents	Teachers	Students
Academic Expectations			
Communication			
Engagement			
Safety & Respect			

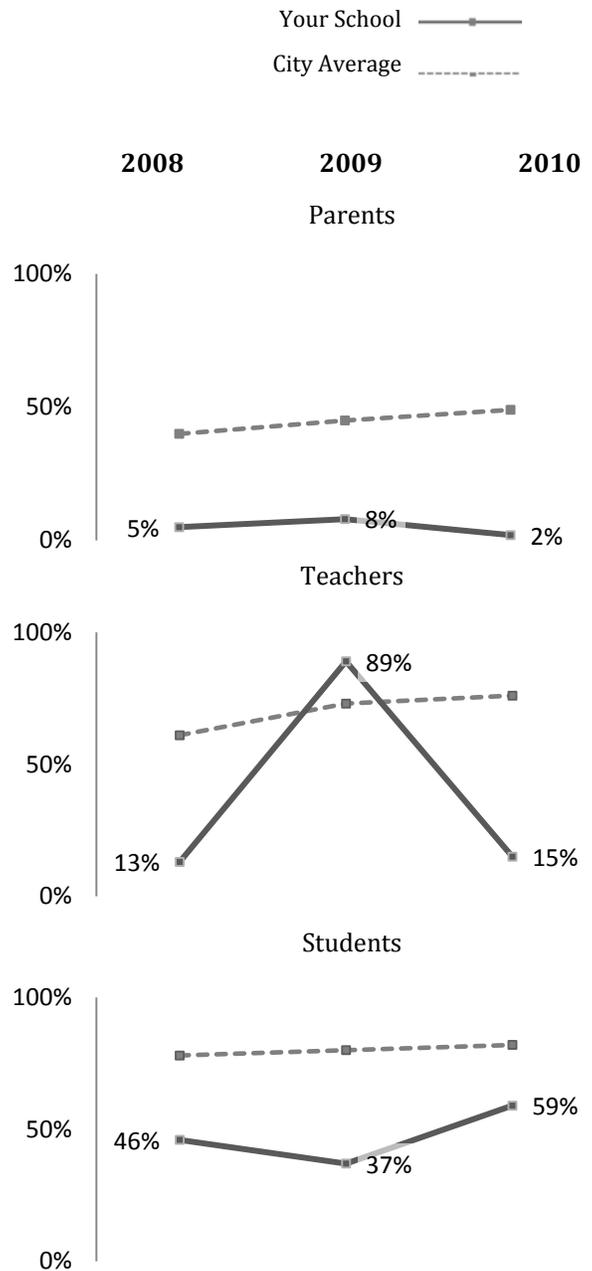
How do survey response rates at your school compare to the City average (2010)?

	Your School	City Average	% Points Difference
Parents	2%	49%	-47
Teachers	15%	76%	-61
Students	59%	82%	-23

Who took the survey online?



How have response rates at your school changed over time?

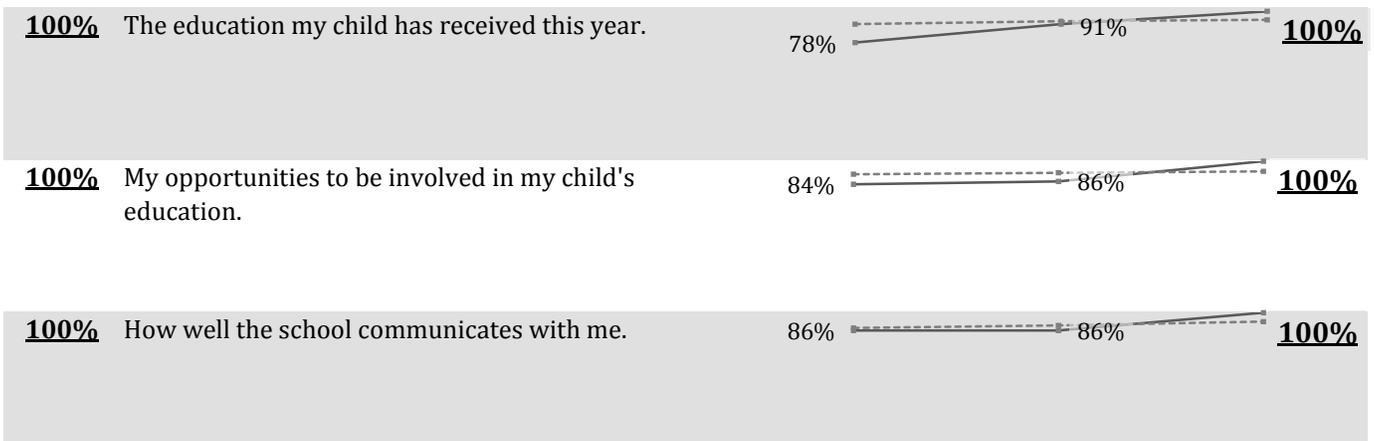


For more information about response rates and other survey results, go to www.nycschoolssurvey.org

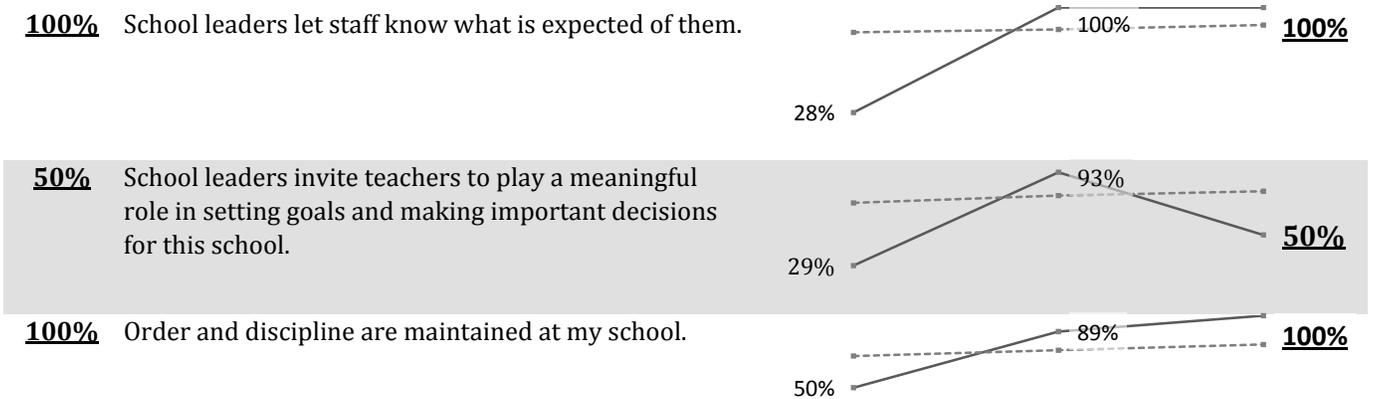
How has your school community answered important survey questions?



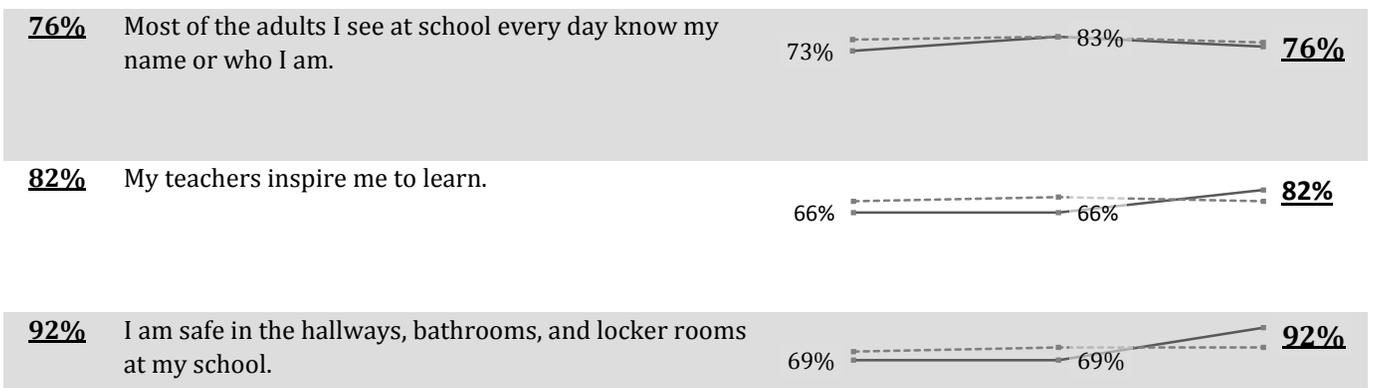
P Percent of parents at your school who were satisfied or very satisfied with:



T Percent of teachers at your school who agreed or strongly agreed that:

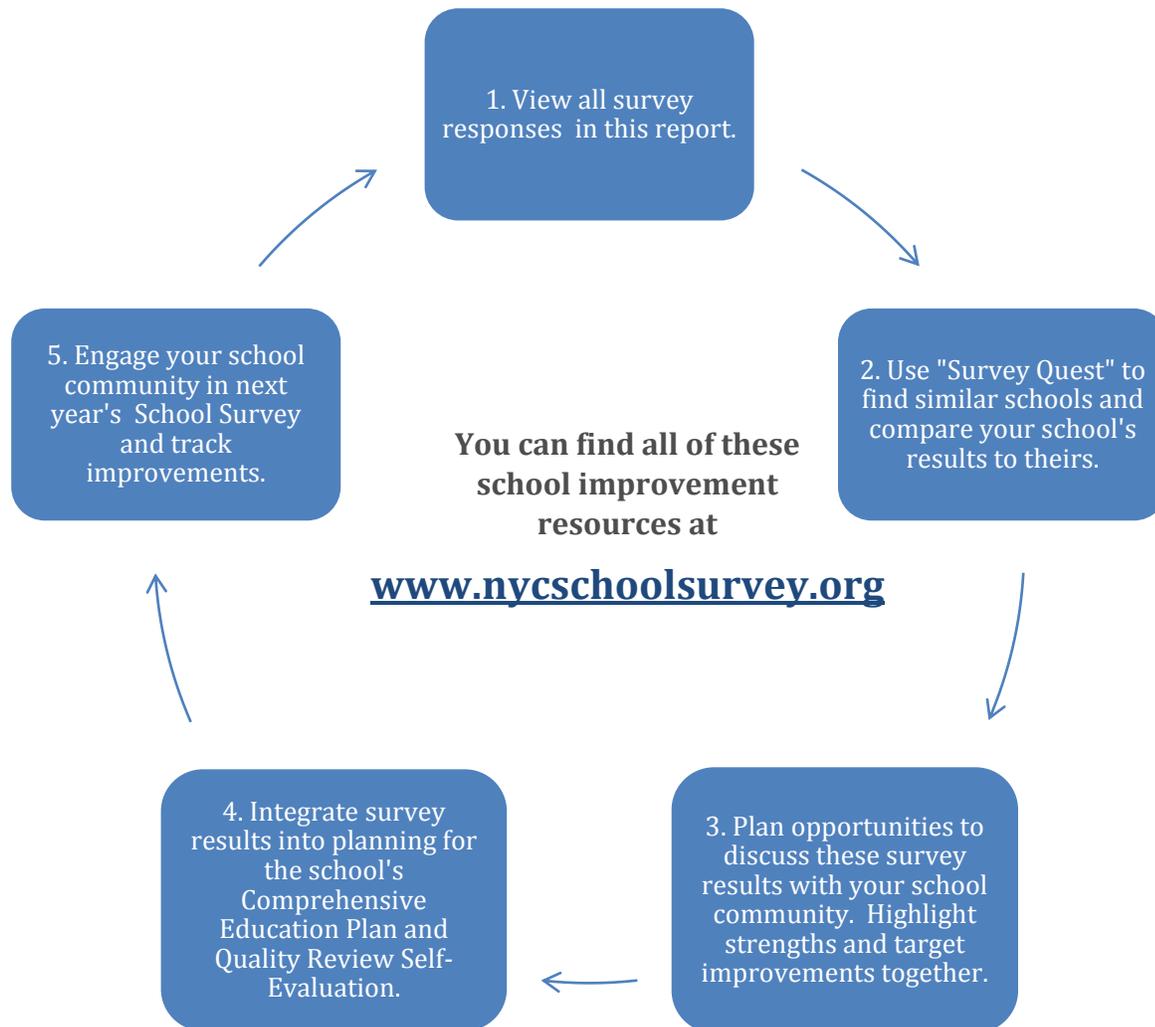


S Percent of students at your school who agreed or strongly agreed that:



How can you use survey results to improve your school?

You and your school community can use resources created by the Department of Education and the steps listed below to apply survey results to improve the school.



1. **Survey Question-By-Question Results** provide details about how parents, teachers, and students at your school answered all of the survey questions, where your school earned the highest marks, and where your school most needs to improve.
2. **Survey Quest** allows you to compare your school to similar schools that may have performed higher on particular survey questions or groups of questions. Your school can reach out to school leaders at high-performing schools to learn what they have done to get strong results.
3. **The Survey Worksheet for School Leaders** helps schools set goals to improve response rates and increase parent, teacher, and student satisfaction. Communicating survey results to the school community, demonstrating changes made as a result of survey feedback, and setting goals with input from parents, teachers, and students is essential to improving learning conditions at schools.
4. The **Comprehensive School Education Plan (CEP)** and **Quality Review** are two opportunities for all members of the community to come together and examine school-wide improvement goals. In these and other planning activities, survey results provide useful information about conditions at schools that support learning and can help identify areas for improvement.

This report provides all survey questions and a summary of the responses that parents, teachers, and students at your school provided on the 2010 NYC School Survey.

Parent survey responses are listed first, followed by student and teacher responses. Questions are sorted by four categories: Academic Expectations, Communication, Engagement, and Safety and Respect.

Responses to each question are reported as percentages. The most common response to each question is displayed in bold print.

Scores for each question are reported as a number in parentheses between 0 and 10; the highest possible score for each question is 10.

Who took the survey at your school?

	<i>Your School</i>	<i>City Average</i>
P Parents	2% (1)	49%
S Students	59% (29)	82%
T Teachers	15% (2)	76%

Please visit www.nycschoolssurvey.org to learn more about the School Survey.

P **Academic Expectations:** *Parents feel that the school encourages 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 Percent %
Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

The school has high expectations for my child. ()

My child is learning what he or she needs to know to succeed in later grades or after graduating from high school. ()

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. ()

How satisfied are you with the following things about your child's school?

Very Satisfied Percent %
Satisfied Unsatisfied Very Unsatisfied

The quality of your child's teacher(s) this year. ()

The education your child has received this year. ()

The level of assistance your child receives when he or she needs extra help with classwork or homework. ()

P **Communication:** *Parents feel that the school provides them with information about the school's educational goals and offers appropriate feedback on each student's learning outcomes.*

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

Strongly Agree Percent %
Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

The school clearly communicates its expectations for my child's learning to me and my child. ()

My child's teacher(s) give helpful comments on class work and tests. ()

Your School's Question-By-Question Survey Results

School DBN:
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How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your child's school?

Strongly Agree

Percent %
Agree Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Does Not Apply

I am satisfied with the response I get when I contact my child's school with questions or concerns. ()

The school keeps me informed about my child's academic progress. ()

The school contacts me when my child breaks school rules. ()

The school contacts me to tell me about my child's achievements and successes. ()

My child's school communicates with me in a language that I can understand. ()

How often during this school year have you:

More than once a month

Percent %
About once a month Once every few months

Once or twice this school year

Never

received information about what your child is studying in school? ()

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? ()

How satisfied are you with the following things about your child's school?

How well your child's school communicates with you. (10)

Very Satisfied

Percent %
Satisfied Unsatisfied

Very Unsatisfied

P Engagement: Parents feel engaged 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

Percent %
Agree Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Does Not Apply

I feel welcome in my child's school. ()

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. ()

Students with disabilities are included in all school activities. ()

How often during this school year have you:

More than once a month

Percent %
About once a month Once every few months

Once or twice this school year

Never

been invited to a workshop, program, performance, or other event at your child's school? ()

talked with a teacher or other adult at your child's school to share with them important information about your child's academic progress? (Not Scored)

My child participates in the following school activities or courses before, during, or after school. (Please mark all that apply.) ()

Percent %

Art

Music

Dance

Theater

Foreign language

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How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

My child's school offers a wide enough variety of courses and activities to keep my child interested in school. ()

Strongly
Agree

Agree

Percent %
DisagreeStrongly
DisagreeDon't
Know

How satisfied are you with the following things about your child's school?

Your opportunities to be involved in your child's education. ()

Very
SatisfiedPercent %
SatisfiedPercent %
UnsatisfiedVery
Unsatisfied

How well your child's school helps you understand what you can do to support your child's learning needs. ()

Safety and Respect: Parents feel that the school creates a physically and emotionally secure environment in which everyone can focus on student learning.

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

There is an adult at the school whom my child trusts and can go to for help with a school problem. ()

Strongly
Agree

Agree

Percent %
DisagreeStrongly
DisagreeDoes Not
Apply

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

My child is safe at school. ()

Strongly
Agree

Agree

Percent %
DisagreeStrongly
DisagreeDon't
Know

My child's school is clean. ()

Discipline is enforced fairly at my child's school. ()

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. ()

How often do you think the following problems occur at your child's school?

Students threaten or bully other students. ()

Never

Once in
AwhilePercent %
Fairly OftenPercent %
Very OftenDon't
Know

School staff are disrespectful to students. ()

There is racial or cultural bias by school staff. ()

Students in my child's school are threatened or harassed by other students based on race, color, creed, ethnicity, national origin, citizenship/immigration status, religion, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation or disability. ()

Students use alcohol or illegal drugs during school. ()

There is gang activity in my child's school. ()

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P **Not Scored:** *These questions appeared on the survey, but answers were not scored and did not affect the School Survey or Progress Report scores.*

In which grade is your child at this school?

Percent %

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

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

Percent %

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

What are the BEST ways for your child's school or teachers to get information to you about your child's education? (Please mark all that apply.)

Percent %

Mail	E-mail	ARIS Parent Link (arisparentlink.org)
Paper sent home with your child	School Website	Parent Association, Parent Teacher Association, or similar meetings
Phone	Parent Coordinator	School bulletin board
Parent Teacher Conferences	Other parents	Community or Citywide Education Councils

Responses are not reported because too few surveys were received

S Academic Expectations: *Students feel that the school encourages them 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	Percent % Agree	Percent % Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The adults at my school help me understand what I need to do to succeed in school. (6.8)	33	48	7	11
My teachers encourage me to succeed. (6.9)	44	30	15	11
I need to work hard to get good grades at my school. (7.5)	56	26	7	11
Students who get good grades in my school are respected by other students. (4.7)	11	41	26	22
My school helps me to develop challenging academic goals. (5.3)	19	35	31	15
Someone at my school helps me understand what courses I need to be promoted to the next grade or graduate. (6.4)	30	48	7	15
My teachers expect me to continue my education after high school. (6.8)	33	44	15	7
These questions are for <u>high school students</u> only. Middle school students should <u>skip</u> these questions.				
My high school provides helpful counseling on how to get a good job after high school <u>or</u> how to get into college. (6.9)	44	33	7	15
Someone at my high school can talk with me about my plans after high school. (6.9)	31	58	0	12

Approximately how often, during this school year, have your teachers asked you to:

	Never	Percent % 1 or 2 Times	Percent % 3 or 4 Times	5 or More Times
Complete an essay or research project using multiple sources of information? (6.3)	21	32	29	18
Complete an essay or project where you had to use evidence to defend your own opinion or ideas? (5.8)	19	46	35	0

S Communication: *Students feel that the school provides information about the school's educational goals and offers appropriate feedback on each student's learning outcomes.*

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement about your school?

	Strongly Agree	Percent % Agree	Percent % Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Most of the teachers, counselors, school leaders, and other adults I see at school every day know my name or who I am. (7.5)	56	20	16	8

On a scale of 1 to 4, how **COMFORTABLE** are you talking to teachers and other adults at your school about:

	Uncomfortable	Percent %	Comfortable
a problem you are having in a class? (6)	21	14	36
something that is bothering you? (6.8)	15	15	50

In how many of your classes during the past two weeks have you:

	None of My Classes	One of My Classes	Percent % Some of My Classes	Percent % Most of My Classes	All of My Classes
worked in groups of 2 to 6 students? (4.7)	31	19	27	19	4

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In how many of your classes during the past two weeks have you:

	Percent %				
	None of My Classes	One of My Classes	Some of My Classes	Most of My Classes	All of My Classes
had whole-class discussions? (5.7)	15	19	48	11	7
participated in hands-on activities such as science experiments? (4.3)	41	11	26	15	7

S Engagement: *Students feel engaged in an active and vibrant partnership to promote learning.*

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

	Strongly Agree	Percent %			Strongly Disagree
		Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
I feel welcome in my school. (6.5)	25	57	7	11	
The adults at my school look out for me. (5.9)	23	38	31	8	
My school offers a wide enough variety of classes and activities to keep me interested in school. (3.9)	4	39	29	29	
Students with disabilities are included in all school activities. (5.8)	27	27	38	8	

On a scale of 1 to 4, how AVAILABLE are teachers and other adults at your school to talk about:

	Unavailable	Percent %			Available
		Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
a problem you are having in a class? (5.9)	15	22	33	30	
something that is bothering you? (6.7)	8	16	44	32	

In how many of your classes during the past two weeks have you:

	None of My Classes	Percent %			
		One of My Classes	Some of My Classes	Most of My Classes	All of My Classes
worked by yourself (independently) during class? (Not Scored)	7	36	25	21	11

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your teachers?

	Strongly Agree	Percent %			Don't Know
		Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
My teachers enjoy the subjects they teach. (7.4)	42	31	12	4	12
My teachers inspire me to learn. (7.1)	26	56	7	7	4
My teachers give me extra help when I need it. (6.6)	35	35	8	15	8
My teachers connect what I am learning to life outside of the classroom. (6.4)	28	40	16	12	4

During this school year, have you taken or had a chance to take a class in the following subjects? (7)

	Percent %		
	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
Art	54	4	42
Music	24	24	52
Dance	19	19	62
Theater	12	12	76

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During this school year, have you taken or had a chance to take a class in the following subjects? (7)

	I took one or more classes in this subject	Percent % I was offered but did not take a class in this subject	I was NOT offered a class in this subject
Foreign Language	48	7	44
Computer skills/Technology	26	15	59
Health	46	27	27
Physical Education	63	15	22

During this school year, which of the following activities did you participate in either before or after school or during free periods? (5.7)

	I participated in this activity	Percent % I did not participate in this activity although it was offered	I was NOT offered this activity
Art	44	11	44
Music	33	15	52
Dance	33	11	56
Theater	20	28	52
Foreign Language	33	22	44
Computer skills/Technology	27	27	46
School Sports Teams or Clubs	44	20	36
Tutoring/Enrichment Activities	31	31	38

S Safety and Respect: *Students feel that their school ensures 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 teachers?

	Strongly Agree	Percent % Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Teachers in my school treat students with respect. (6.4)	22	37	19	4	19
Most students in my school treat teachers with respect. (5.2)	13	38	29	13	8
Adults in my school treat each other with respect. (4.8)	15	30	37	15	4

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about students in your school?

	Strongly Agree	Percent % Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Most students in my school help and care about each other. (5.1)	19	33	30	19
Most students in my school just look out for themselves. (3.5)	30	41	26	4
Most students in my school treat each other with respect. (4.9)	15	31	38	15

How often are the following things true about you or about your school?

	Percent % Never	Some of the Time	Most of the Time	All of the time
I stay home because I don't feel safe at school. (8.1)	67	15	15	4

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How often are the following things true about you or about your school?

	Percent % Never	Some of the Time	Most of the Time	All of the Time
Students threaten or bully other students at school. (6.5)	33	41	15	11
Students get into physical fights at my school. (5.6)	20	40	28	12
Adults at my school yell at students. (5.8)	19	50	15	15
Students in my school are harassed or threatened based on race, color, creed, ethnicity, national origin, citizenship/immigration status, religion, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation or disability. (7.5)	56	24	8	12
Students use alcohol or illegal drugs while at school. (7.2)	48	26	19	7
There is gang activity in my school. (5.7)	26	37	19	19

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

	Strongly Agree	Percent % Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
There is a person or program in my school that helps students resolve conflicts. (7.4)	46	31	23	0
Discipline in my school is fair. (6.3)	15	65	12	8
I am safe in my classes. (6.7)	32	44	16	8
I am safe in the hallways, bathrooms, and locker rooms at my school. (7.4)	29	63	8	0
I am safe on school property outside my school building. (6)	23	46	19	12
My school is kept clean (6.4)	27	46	19	8
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. (6.5)	27	46	23	4

S **Not Scored:** These questions appeared on the survey, but answers were not scored and did not affect the School Survey or Progress Report scores.

Which grade are you in?

								Percent %					
0	6th Grade	0	7th Grade	0	8th Grade	0	9th Grade	3	10th Grade	7	11th Grade	90	12th Grade

T Academic Expectations: *Teachers feel that the school develops rigorous and meaningful academic goals that encourage students to do their best.*

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

Strongly Agree Percent % Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

The principal places the learning needs of children ahead of other interests. ()

Curriculum, instruction, and assessment are aligned within and across the grade levels at this school. ()

My school has high expectations for all students. ()

Teachers in this school set high standards for student work in their classes. ()

My school has clear measures of progress for student achievement throughout the year. ()

This school makes it a priority to help students **develop** challenging learning goals. ()

This school makes it a priority to help students find the best ways to **achieve** their learning goals. ()

The principal has confidence in the expertise of the teachers. ()

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. ()

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 () Percent % Offered before or after school or during free periods () Not offered at all (Not Scored)

Art

Music

Dance

Theater

Foreign Language

Computer skills/Technology

Health

Physical Education

Sports Teams or Clubs

Tutoring/Enrichment Activities

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Strongly Agree Percent % Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree Does Not Apply

I have sufficient materials to teach my class(es), including: books, audio/visual equipment, maps, and/or calculators. ()

My instructional materials are in good condition. ()

Responses are not reported because too few surveys were received

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How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

School leaders visit classrooms to observe the quality of teaching at this school. ()

Strongly Agree

Percent %
Agree Disagree

Strongly Disagree

School leaders place a high priority on the quality of teaching at this school. ()

School leaders celebrate learning successes at this school. ()

Most teachers in my school work together on teams to improve their instructional practice. ()

Teachers in my school use student achievement data to improve instructional decisions. ()

T **Communication:** *Teachers feel that the school provides them with information about the school's educational goals and offers appropriate feedback on each student's learning outcomes.*

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

Schools leaders communicate a clear vision for this school. ()

Strongly Agree

Percent %
Agree Disagree

Strongly Disagree

School leaders let staff know what is expected of them. ()

School leaders encourage open communication on important school issues. ()

The principal is an effective manager who makes the school run smoothly. ()

I trust the principal at his or her word. ()

Based on your experiences during the current school year, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

My school communicates effectively with parents when students misbehave. ()

Strongly Agree

Percent %
Agree Disagree

Strongly Disagree

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

School leaders give me regular and helpful feedback about my teaching. ()

Strongly Agree

Percent %
Agree Disagree

Strongly Disagree

How often during this school year have you:

communicated with **students** about their progress in class? (Not Scored)

More Than
Once a
Week

Once a
Week

Percent %
About Once
a Month

About 3 or 4
Times Each
Year

Rarely or
Never

Does Not
Apply

communicated with **parents** about their children's progress in class? ()

sent parents written information on what you are teaching and what students are expected to learn? ()

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How often during this school year have you:

	Percent %					
	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

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? ()

had a conversation or corresponded with a parent of a student about the student's behavior? (NA)

T Engagement: Teachers feel engaged in an active and vibrant partnership to promote learning.

To what extent do you feel supported by:

	To a great extent	Percent %		To no extent	Does Not Apply
		To some extent	To a small extent		

your principal? ()

assistant principals at your school? ()

other teachers at your school? ()

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Percent %			Strongly Disagree
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	

My school offers a wide enough variety of courses to keep students at my school engaged. ()

Students with disabilities are included in all school activities. ()

School leaders invite teachers to play a meaningful role in setting goals and making important decisions for this school. ()

School leaders encourage collaboration among teachers. ()

Based on your experiences during the current school year, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Percent %			Strongly Disagree
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	

Obtaining information from parents about student learning needs is a priority at my school. ()

Teachers and administrators in my school use information from parents to improve instructional practices and meet student learning needs. ()

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Percent %			Strongly Disagree	Does Not Apply
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree		

This year, I received helpful training on the use of student achievement data to improve teaching and learning. ()

The professional development I received this year provided me with content support in my subject area. ()

The professional development I received this year provided me with teaching strategies to better meet the needs of my students. ()



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 Percent %
Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

Teachers in my school respect teachers who take the lead in school improvement efforts. ()

Teachers in my school trust each other. ()

Teachers in my school recognize and respect colleagues who are the most effective teachers. ()

Order and discipline are maintained at my school. ()

I can get the help I need at my school to address student behavior and discipline problems. ()

I am safe at my school. ()

Crime and violence are a problem in my school. ()

Students in my school are often threatened or bullied. ()

Adults at my school are often disrespectful to students. ()

Most students at my school treat teachers with respect. ()

Most parents treat teachers at this school with respect. ()

Students' use of alcohol and illegal drugs in school is a problem at my school. ()

There are conflicts at my school based on race, color, creed, ethnicity, national origin, citizenship/immigration status, religion, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation or disability. ()

There is a person or a program in my school that helps students resolve conflicts. ()

Gang activity is a problem in my school. ()

My school is kept clean. ()

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. ()



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How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Strongly Agree Percent %
Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

Teachers in my school use formative assessment data to improve instructional decisions (*formative assessments include Periodic Assessments, classroom assessments, interim or benchmark assessments, etc.*)

Teachers in my school select or build assessments aligned to their curriculum.

Responses are not reported because too few surveys were received

Your School's Question-By-Question Survey Results

School DBN:
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How long have you been a teacher?

Percent %

Less than one
year

1-3 years

4-10 years

11-15 years

More than 15
years

This year, what percentage of your students had at least one parent attend your Parent-Teacher Conferences?

Percent %

0-25%

26-50%

51-75%

76-100%

Does Not
Apply

Responses are not reported because
too few surveys were received