

**NYC School Survey
2012-2013 Report**

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 School Type: High School
 School DBN: 21K540

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. I encourage schools to plan opportunities to discuss these survey results with the school community, and integrate this feedback into preparation for the school's Comprehensive Education Plan and Quality Review.

Dennis M. Walcott
 Chancellor

What do the colors mean?

These colors indicate how the survey satisfaction scores at this school compare to the satisfaction scores of all High Schools this year. Green indicates scores above the average, gray indicates average, and red indicates scores below the average.

This year, constituents generally reported high levels of satisfaction across the City. Therefore, it is possible to have positive survey responses and be below average compared to other schools. Readers should consider the survey responses in this report both on their own and in the context of responses from other schools.



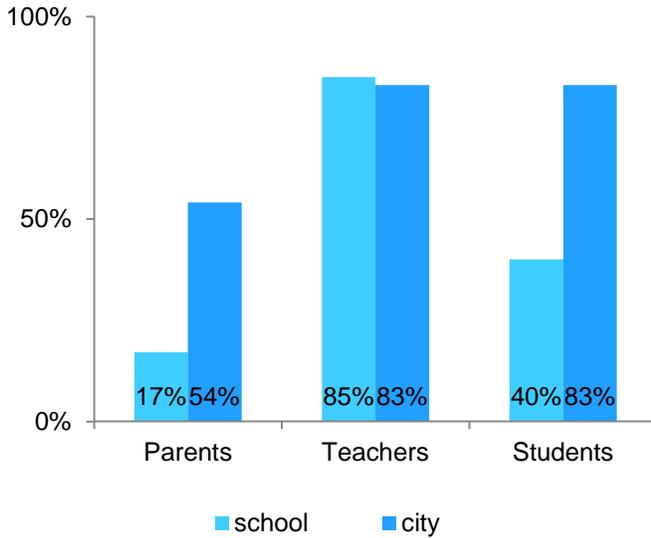
How do your school's scores compare to all High Schools?

	Score out of 10	Change from last year	Citywide Average for all High Schools
Academic Expectations	7.7	↑	8.0
Communication	7.2	↑	7.8
Engagement	7.1	→	7.5
Safety & Respect	7.5	↑	7.7

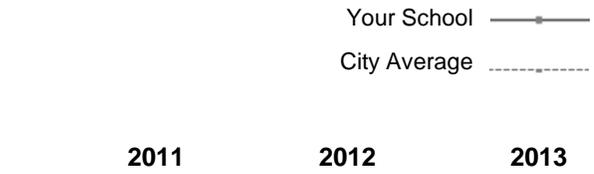
How did participants at your school respond?

	Parents	Teachers	Students
Academic Expectations	7.8	7.6	7.6
Communication	7.8	6.8	7.0
Engagement	7.4	7.3	6.8
Safety & Respect	7.8	7.3	7.3

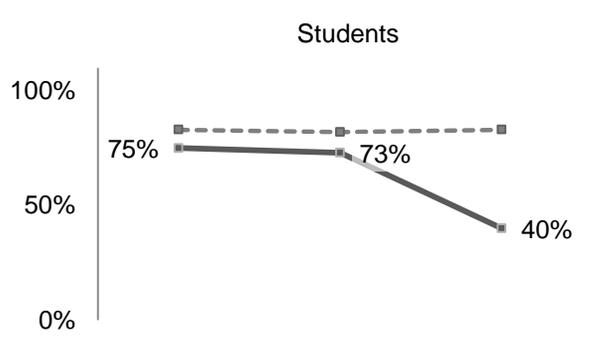
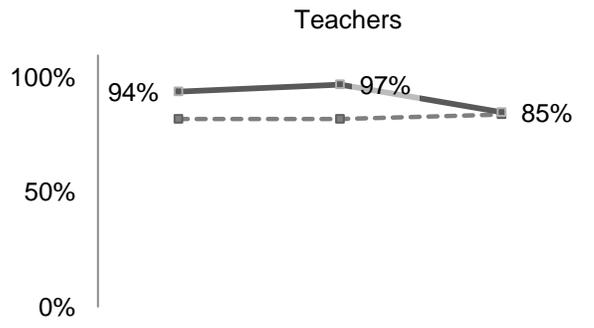
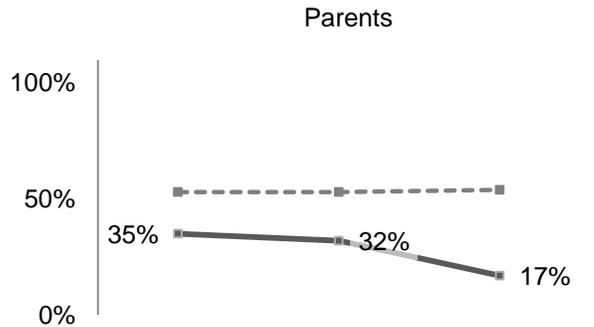
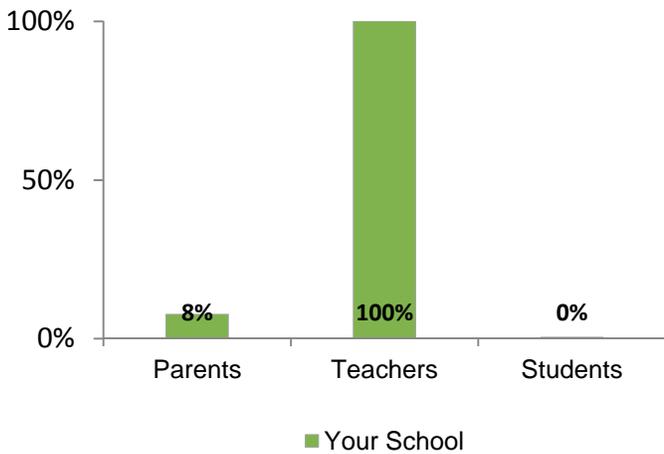
How do survey response rates at your school compare to the City average?



How have response rates at your school changed over time?



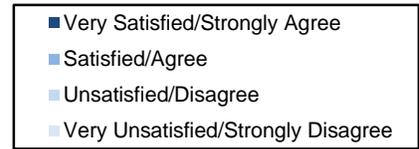
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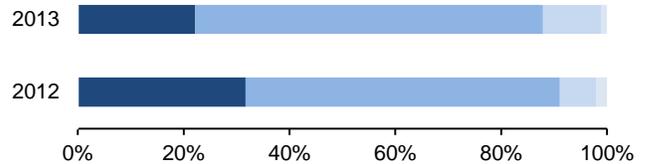
How has your school community answered certain important survey questions over time?

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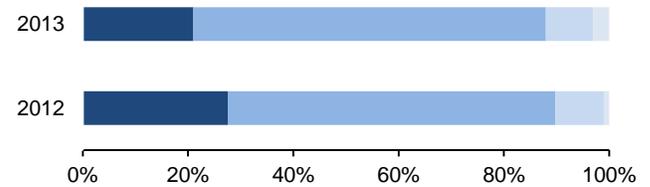
How responses of parents at your school have changed:



How satisfied are you with the education your child has received this year?



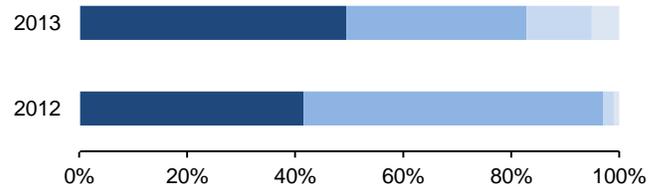
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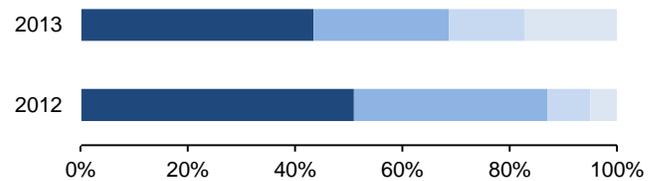
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How responses of teachers at your school have changed:

I am safe at my school.



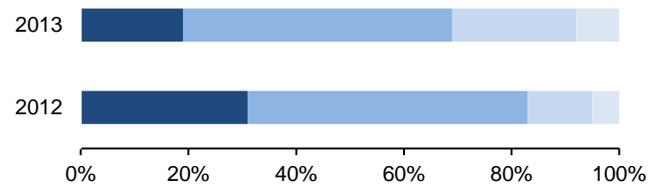
I would recommend my school to parents seeking a place for their child.



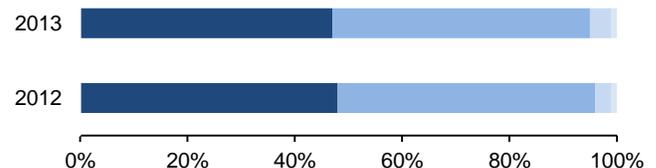
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How responses of students at your school have changed:

My school offers a wide enough variety of programs, classes and activities to keep me interested in school.



I need to work hard to get good grades.



This report summarizes the responses that parents, students, and teachers at your school provided on the 2013 NYC School Survey.

Parent survey responses are listed first followed by student and teacher responses. Questions are sorted into five categories: Academic Expectations, Communication, Engagement, Safety and Respect, and questions that are not scored.¹

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 between 0 and 10 in parentheses next to each corresponding question; 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	17% (291)	54%
S Students	40% (722)	83%
T Teachers	85% (84)	83%

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

P Academic Expectations: *Do parents feel that the school develops rigorous and meaningful academic goals that encourage students to do their best?*

My child's school...	Percent %			
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
has high expectations for my child. (7.9)	32	59	7	1
gives my child meaningful assignments that help him or her learn. (8)	34	60	6	1
encourages my child not to give up on challenging work. (8)	36	57	6	1
provides my child with extra help when he or she needs it. (8)	36	56	7	1
is preparing my child well to be promoted to the next grade level or graduate. (8)	37	56	6	1
helps keep my child on track for college, career and success in life after high school. (7.8)	35	55	9	1

¹ A small number of questions that are scored for Community schools but are not scored for District 75 schools can be found within the scored sections of this report. For more information, please see the 2013 NYC School Survey Scoring Guide at www.nycschoolssurvey.org.

Your School's Question-By-Question Survey Results

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How satisfied are you with the following?	Percent %			
	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
The education my child has received this year. (7.4)	22	65	11	1
The overall quality of my child's teachers this year. (7.7)	26	65	7	1

Answer this question only if your child has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP).	Percent %			
	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
I am satisfied with the educational planning and IEP development process at my child's school. (7.5)	24	65	12	0

Answer these questions only if your child has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). My child's school...	Percent %			
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
works to achieve the goals on my child's IEP. (7.8)	29	65	0	6
offers a wide enough variety of activities and services (including related services and assistive and adaptive technologies where appropriate) to help improve life outcomes for my child. (7.5)	18	76	0	6



Communication: Do 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?

My child's school...	Percent %			
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
keeps me informed about my child's academic progress. (8)	36	57	7	1
keeps me informed about what my child is learning. (7.5)	31	54	13	2
keeps me informed about services for me or my child, such as tutoring, after-school programs, or workshops at school. (7.7)	33	57	8	2
communicates with me in a language that I can understand. (8.1)	36	58	5	1
gives my child regular and helpful feedback on his or her work. (7.9)	32	61	6	1

How satisfied are you with the following?	Percent %			
	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
The response I get when I contact my child's school. (7.4)	21	67	9	3

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P Engagement: *Do parents feel engaged in an active and vibrant partnership to promote student learning?*

My child's school...	Percent %			
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
makes me feel welcome. (8)	35	59	4	2
makes it easy for parents to attend meetings by holding them at different times of day, providing an interpreter, or in other ways. (7.9)	35	57	7	1
is responsive to parent feedback. (7.7)	29	62	7	2
has teachers who are interested and attentive when they discuss my child. (7.8)	33	57	9	1
offers a wide enough variety of courses, extracurricular activities and services to keep my child interested in school. (7.6)	31	57	9	2
communicates to me and my child what we need to do to prepare my child for college, career and success in life after high school. (7.6)	32	55	11	2

At my child's school...	Percent %				
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
students with disabilities are included in all school activities (lunch, class trips, etc.). (8)	22	58	2	1	17

How often during this school year have you:	Percent %			
	5 or More Times	3-4 Times	1-2 Times	Never
been invited to an event at your child's school (workshop, program, performance, etc.)? (4.2)	15	24	35	25

P Safety and Respect: *Do parents feel that the school creates a physically and emotionally secure environment in which everyone can focus on student learning?*

My child's school...	Percent %			
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
is kept clean. (7.5)	27	61	9	3

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At my child's school...	Percent %				
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
my child is safe. (8)	31	57	5	1	6
there is an adult whom my child trusts and can go to for help with a problem. (8)	28	60	5	1	6
teachers and staff treat all students with respect. (7.8)	30	53	8	2	8

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.

How much do you agree with the following statements?	Percent %			
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I would recommend this school to other parents.	18	65	13	3
My child's school is headed in the right direction.	23	67	8	2

At my child's school...	Percent %				
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
teachers and staff treat students unfairly due to racial, cultural, or other biases.	7	21	35	24	14
students get into physical fights.	10	29	29	12	19
there is gang activity.	7	20	29	18	26
students harass or bully other students.	8	23	32	16	21
students harass or bully each other based on differences (such as race, color, ethnicity, national origin, citizenship/immigration status, religion, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, disability or weight).	9	17	33	19	22
students drink alcohol, use illegal drugs, or abuse prescription drugs while at school.	7	17	29	22	25

How often during this school year have you:	Percent %			
	5 or More Times	3-4 Times	1-2 Times	Never
attended a parent-teacher conference?	8	32	49	11
attended a Parent Association/Parent Teacher Association (PA/PTA) meeting?	5	17	32	46
communicated with school staff about your child's academic progress?	13	30	38	19

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

Percent %

11	ARIS Parent Link (arisparentlink.org)	44	E-Mail	44	Mail
44	Paper sent home with my child	18	Parent Association, Parent Teacher Association, or similar meetings	13	School staff
39	Parent teacher conferences and meetings	62	Phone	23	School website
14	Text messages				

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

Percent %

9	More effective school leadership	20	More effective teaching	16	More hands-on learning	8	Stronger enrichment programs	10	Stronger arts programs
8	More rigorous curriculum	4	Better communication with parents	13	Smaller class size	12	More preparation for state tests	1	Less preparation for state tests



Academic Expectations: Do students feel that the school encourages them to do their best by developing rigorous and meaningful academic goals?

Most of the teaching staff at my school...

	Strongly Agree	Percent %		Strongly Disagree
		Agree	Disagree	
expect all students to work hard. (8.2)	41	52	4	2
encourage me to keep trying on challenging work. (7.9)	32	60	7	1
give me extra help when I need it. (7.7)	35	54	9	3
are teaching me the organizational skills and work habits (like note-taking and keeping track of assignments) that I need to succeed in school. (7.7)	33	54	11	2
expect me to continue my education after high school. (8.4)	52	42	4	2

Most adults at my school...

	Strongly Agree	Percent %		Strongly Disagree
		Agree	Disagree	
help keep me on track to be promoted to the next grade and to graduate. (7.6)	30	58	9	3
help keep me on track for college or career. (7.1)	26	55	14	4

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If you are a student in grades 9-12, ANSWER this question. If you are a student in grades 6-8, SKIP this question.

There is an adult who is helping me plan for my next steps after graduation (career planning, college selection and application process, financial aid process, etc.) (6.3)

	Percent %			
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	26	42	22	10

At my school...

I need to work hard to get good grades. (8.4)

	Percent %			
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	47	48	4	1

Most students at my school...

respect students who get good grades. (8.8)

	Percent %			
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	23	56	14	7



Communication: Do students feel that the school provides information about the school's educational goals and offers appropriate feedback on each student's learning outcomes?

Most of the teaching staff at my school...

give me regular and helpful feedback on my work. (7.4)

	Percent %			
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	25	62	11	2

Most adults at my school...

that I see every day know my name or who I am. (6.2)

	Percent %			
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	21	47	25	7

At my school...

there is an adult whom I trust and can go to for help with a problem. (7.2)

	Percent %			
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	35	45	14	6



Engagement: Do students feel engaged in an active and vibrant partnership to promote learning?

Most of the teaching staff at my school...

make me excited about learning. (5.9)

	Percent %			
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	19	45	26	10

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	Strongly Agree	Percent %		Strongly Disagree	
		Agree	Disagree		
Most adults at my school...					
care about me. (6.6)	15	62	18	4	
At my school...					
I feel welcome. (7.1)	25	57	12	6	
At my school...	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
students with disabilities are included in all school activities (lunch, class trips, etc.). (8)	27	42	4	1	27
My school...					
offers a wide enough variety of programs, classes and activities to keep me interested in school. (6.2)	19	50	23	8	

S **Safety and Respect:** *Do students feel that the school creates a physically and emotionally secure environment in which everyone can focus on student learning?*

	Strongly Agree	Percent %		Strongly Disagree	
		Agree	Disagree		
At my school...					
I am safe in my classes. (7.8)	34	58	6	3	
I am safe in the hallways, bathrooms, locker rooms, and cafeteria. (7.3)	27	58	11	4	
I am safe on school property outside the school building. (7.3)	27	59	11	3	
there are clear consequences for breaking the rules. (7.5)	31	56	11	2	
there is a person or program that helps students resolve conflicts. (7.2)	27	54	14	4	
At my school...	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
most adults treat all students with respect. (6.8)	22	45	14	7	12

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	Percent %			
Most students at my school...	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
treat each other with respect. (6.1)	15	53	23	9
treat adults with respect. (6.1)	14	55	23	8

	Percent %			
My school...	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
is kept clean. (6.1)	17	53	20	10

	Percent %			
At my school...	None of the Time	Some of the Time	Most of the Time	All of the Time
students drink alcohol, use illegal drugs, or abuse prescription drugs while at school. (8.1)	52	36	8	4
students get into physical fights. (7.2)	24	61	11	4
students harass or bully other students. (7.6)	39	46	11	5
students harass or bully each other based on differences (such as race, color, ethnicity, national origin, citizenship/immigration status, religion, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, disability or weight). (7.9)	47	40	8	5
there is gang activity. (8.4)	61	29	5	4

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	Percent %			
At my school...	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I keep trying when school work is challenging.	30	60	9	2
I can do well if I put my mind to it.	56	41	2	1
I can become a better student if I work hard.	54	42	3	1

	Percent %			
My school...	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
offers opportunities for me to be physically active before, during and after school.	22	56	16	6

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	Percent %			
During this school year, how often have your teachers asked you to...	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	We don't do this kind of assignment
use computers (laptops, tablets, desktops, etc.) during the school day to complete a task or assignment, such as typing up responses, online research or computer-based exercises?	26	42	20	12

	Percent %					
These questions are about activities that you do during class time. (Please mark all that apply.)						
During this school year...	Art	Dance	Music	Theater	Physical Education	Health Education, including Sex Education
I have taken one or more classes in...	33	9	6	8	71	30
I was offered but did NOT take a class in...	22	30	19	17	7	14
I was NOT offered a class in...	29	42	45	43	5	25

	Percent %					
These questions are about activities that you do outside of class time. (Please mark all that apply.)						
During this school year...	Art	Dance	Music	Theater	School Sports Teams or Clubs	
I participated in the following activities before or after school or during free periods...	18	11	6	4	41	
the following activities were offered before or after school or during free periods but I did NOT participate...	26	29	17	16	32	
the following activities were NOT offered to me before or after school or during free periods ...	30	34	38	35	16	

Academic Expectations: *Do teachers feel that the school develops rigorous and meaningful academic goals that encourage students to do their best?*

	Percent %			
The principal at my school...	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
places the learning needs of children ahead of personal and political interests. (6.4)	38	30	12	20

	Percent %			
School leaders...	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
visit classrooms to observe the quality of teaching at my school. (8.5)	50	46	2	1
place a high priority on the quality of teaching. (7.6)	52	29	8	11

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	Percent %			
My school...	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
sets high standards for student work in their classes. (7.8)	52	33	6	10
helps students reach targets for mastery of important skills and content. (7.5)	49	32	10	10
has clear measures of progress for student achievement throughout the year. (7.6)	53	28	10	10
uses assessments that are relevant to my daily instruction. (7.7)	49	34	7	10
ensures English language learners receive the same curriculum as their non-English language learner peers with appropriate supports (e.g., scaffolds, native language, culturally responsive instruction). (6.6)	41	27	20	12

	Percent %			
In my school...	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
the professional staff believe that all students can learn, including English language learners and students with disabilities. (8.4)	51	43	2	4

	Percent %			
Teachers in my school...	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
work together on teams to improve their instructional practice. (8.6)	55	39	6	0
use multiple forms of student achievement data to improve instructional decisions. (8.5)	58	33	8	0

	Percent %				
How much do you agree with the following statement?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Does Not Apply
I have sufficient materials, equipment, and assistive technology in good condition to teach my class(es). (6.8)	37	29	24	6	4

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Percent %

Only elementary school teachers need to answer these questions. My school does a good job...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
teaching students the <i>social and emotional skills</i> needed in middle school. (N/A)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
teaching students the <i>organizational and study skills</i> needed in middle school. (N/A)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
teaching students the <i>academic skills</i> needed in middle school. (N/A)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
providing information about the middle school application/enrollment process to students. (N/A)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Percent %

Only middle school teachers need to answer these questions. My school does a good job...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
teaching students the <i>social and emotional skills</i> needed in high school. (N/A)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
teaching students the <i>organizational and study skills</i> needed in high school. (N/A)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
teaching students the <i>academic skills</i> needed in high school. (N/A)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
providing information about the high school application/enrollment process to students. (N/A)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Percent %

Only high school teachers need to answer these questions. My school does a good job...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
providing students with the best courses and supports to achieve their postsecondary goals. (7)	43	31	14	11
supporting students who are at risk for dropping out. (7.8)	52	31	10	7
supporting students who aspire to go on to a 2- or 4- year college, career or technical training, or enter the workforce by helping them develop a plan to achieve those goals. (7.7)	51	30	11	7

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T **Communication:** *Do 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?*

	Percent %			
The principal at my school...	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
communicates a clear vision for our school. (7.1)	48	29	6	18
encourages open communication on important school issues. (6)	37	25	16	22
makes clear to the staff his or her expectations for meeting instructional goals. (7.1)	45	33	7	16
is an effective manager who makes the school run smoothly. (6.5)	42	27	13	18

	Percent %			
How much do you agree with the following statement?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I trust the principal at his or her word. (5.9)	36	25	18	21

	Percent %			
School leaders...	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
give me regular and helpful feedback about my teaching. (7.1)	40	37	14	10

	Percent %				
How much do you agree with the following statements?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Does Not Apply
My school communicates effectively with parents regarding students' behavior. (7.2)	44	31	14	10	1
My school communicates effectively with parents about their child's progress. (7.7)	43	41	9	6	1

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	Percent %				
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Does Not Apply
Overall, my professional development experiences this school year have...					
been sustained and coherently focused, rather than short-term and unrelated. (7.6)	46	35	8	8	2
included opportunities to work productively with colleagues in my school. (7.9)	48	35	10	5	2
provided me with content support in my subject area. (6.8)	36	35	16	11	2

	Percent %				
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Does Not Apply
How much do you agree with the following statements?					
This year, I received helpful training on the use of student achievement data to improve teaching and learning. (7.7)	44	35	9	6	6
Teachers and school leaders in my school use information from parents to improve instructional practices and meet student learning needs. (7.1)	36	36	13	9	6
My school encourages parents to participate in their child's education. (8.1)	51	38	4	6	1

	Percent %				
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Does Not Apply
At my school...					
Students with disabilities are included in all school activities (lunch, class trips, etc.). (8)	52	35	7	6	

T **Safety and Respect:** *Do teachers feel that the school creates a physically and emotionally secure environment in which everyone can focus on student learning?*

	Percent %				
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Does Not Apply
How much do you agree with the following statement?					
I feel respected by the principal at my school. (6.1)	38	26	12	24	

	Percent %				
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Does Not Apply
Teachers in my school...					
trust each other. (7.5)	40	42	14	4	

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At my school...	Percent %			
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Order and discipline are maintained. (6.4)	29	40	20	11
I can get the help I need to address student behavior issues. (6.5)	35	34	19	12
I am safe. (7.7)	49	33	12	5
Crime and violence are a problem. (7.4)	6	16	33	45
Students are often harassed or bullied in school. (7)	7	15	47	31
Adults treat students with respect. (8.5)	54	40	4	2
Most students treat adults with respect. (7.5)	36	47	16	1
Most parents treat adults with respect. (8.4)	45	50	5	0
Students' use of alcohol and illegal drugs or abuse of prescription drugs is a problem at my school. (6.5)	11	19	42	28
There are conflicts based on differences (race, color, creed, ethnicity, national origin, citizenship/immigration status, religion, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, disability or weight). (6.8)	10	19	32	40
Gang activity is a problem in school. (6.9)	10	15	40	36
There is a person or a program that helps students resolve conflicts. (8.1)	43	49	5	3

How much do you agree with the following statement?	Percent %			
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My school is kept clean. (8.2)	49	41	8	1

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

School leaders...	Percent %			
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
publicly recognize teachers for their accomplishments.	38	30	16	16
provide teachers with leadership opportunities.	39	34	15	12

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Percent %

Overall, my professional development experiences this school year have....

helped me to meaningfully use technology in the classroom.

Strongly Agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Does Not Apply

33

32

22

10

4

What grades do you primarily teach?

Percent %

0

Elementary (K-5)

0

Middle (6-8)

100

High (9-12)

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

Percent %

51

0-25%

23

26-50%

20

51-75%

5

76-100%

1

Does Not Apply

How long have you been a teacher?

Percent %

6

Less than one year

9

1-3 years

15

4-10 years

21

11-15 years

49

More than 15 years