

Survey: High School Student Survey

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Department of Education

This survey will help us to know how you feel about your school. Your responses will help us understand more about what makes school a good place to be, and how changes may be made to improve it. No one will be able to see how you answered. Please be honest in your answers and tell us what you really think. This survey is VOLUNTARY. You do not have to take this survey, although we hope that you will choose to do so. If you choose to voluntarily take this survey, you do not have to answer any question that makes you feel uncomfortable, and you may stop taking the survey at any time.

Thank you for your help. If you have any questions during the survey, please feel free to ask the survey administrator who will explain the purposes of the survey, provide instructions for completing the survey, and be in the room to assist you if needed. Please start with the survey now by clicking on the Continue button below.

Please indicate your grade

- 9th Grade
- 10th Grade
- 11th Grade
- 12th Grade

Please indicate your race (must choose a minimum of one, or as many as apply).

- African American
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Hispanic
- Native American/Alaskan Native
- White

Please indicate your gender.

- Female
- Male

The first set of questions ask about your experiences at school, how you are treated, what you like and what you don't like. There are no right or wrong answers. Give us your impression concerning how much you agree or disagree that these statements describe your school this year. Your opinions are important and will be used to help design programs and services for your school. We need your ideas and experience to do this. Thank you for your help.

Please mark how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with these statements about your TEACHERS at school.

Most of my teachers...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1...notice if I have trouble learning something.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2...often connect what I am learning to life outside the classroom.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3...challenge all students to do their personal best.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4...praise me when I work hard in school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5...allow me to revise my work to learn from my mistakes.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6...assign creative work that allows me to think for myself.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7...help me get excited about what I am learning in my classes.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8...give me individual attend when I need it.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

I have AT LEAST One teacher who...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
9...takes time to listen to what I have to say.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10...cares about me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11...knows me well.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12...has confidence in me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
13...is available to me when I need them.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
14...will try to help me when I am feeling sad, angry or depressed.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
15...I can go to if I feel unsafe.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please mark how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with these statements at your SCHOOL.

I feel like...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
16...this school is a place where I can learn and do well in my classes.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
17...what I'm learning in my classes will be important for my future.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
18...my teachers have helped me improve my study skills.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19...I can understand difficult concepts with the help of my teachers.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

20...my teachers will help me graduate from high school.

Please mark how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with these statements about HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL.

I feel like...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
21...this school is a good match for me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
22...I am safe at this school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
23...I look forward to going to school most days.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
24...I am a part of this school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please mark how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with these statements about STUDENTS at your school.

Students at my school...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
25...care about each other.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
26...respect each other's differences.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
27...try to protect each other.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
28...trust each other.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
29...cooperate with one another when working on schoolwork together.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
30...are often friends with students from different races, religions and cultures.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
31...are easy to get to know.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please mark how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with these statements about the PRINCIPAL or ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL at your school.

At my school, there is a principal or assistant principal who...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
32...is easy to approach if I have a problem.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
33...treats students with respect.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
34...listens to student ideas.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please mark how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with these statements about your PARENT(s) or GUARDIAN(s).

My parent(s) or guardian(s)...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
35...are involved in my school life.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
36...know what my grades are.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

37...regularly attend school events, such as sporting events (e.g. football games, soccer games) or student performances (e.g. plays, musical performances).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
38...talk to my teachers (e.g. in person, over the phone, by email)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

The next two questions ask SCHOOL EVENTS and EXTRA-CURRICULAR TEAMS, CLUBS, or ACTIVITIES that you attend or participate in at school. Please mark how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statements.

Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree Nor Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree

39. I regularly attend school-sponsored events such as school dances, sporting events, student performances, or other school activities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
40. I regularly participate in extra-curricular activities offered through my school, such as, school clubs or organizations, musical groups, sports teams, student government, or any other extra-curricular activities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please mark how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with these statements about STUDENTS at your school.

Students at my school...

Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree Nor Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree

41...carry guns or knives to school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
42...belong to gangs.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
43...threaten to hurt other students.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
44...steal money, electronics, or other valuable things while at school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
45...damage or destroy other student's property.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
46...damage or destroy school property.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
47...fight a lot.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
48...are sometimes physically hurt by their boyfriends or girlfriends while at school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

The next set of questions asks about things that students do at school that make you feel bade or are hurtful to you. Please mark HOW FREQUENTLY these things have happened to you.

During this school year, how often has anyone call you an insulting or bad name at school having to do with...

Almost everyday Once or twice a week Once or twice a month Once or twice this school year Never

49...your race or ethnic background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
50...your religion?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
51...any disability you may have?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

52...your relationships with boyfriends or girlfriends?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
53...how much money your family makes?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
54...your weight of physical appearance?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

We would also like to know about any bullying that happens at your school. Bullying can be defined as unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose. Cyberbullying is bullying that takes place using devices and equipment such as cell phones, computers, and tablets as well as communication tools including social media sites, text messages, chat and websites.

During this school year, how many times has someone from your school...

Almost everyday Once or twice a week Once or twice a month Once or twice this school year Never

55...made fun of you, call you names or insulted you?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
56...spread rumors about you?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
57...threatened you with harm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
58...pushed you, shoved you, tripped you, or spit on you?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
59...tried to make you do things you did not want to do, for example, give them money or other things?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
60...excluded you from activities on purpose?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
61...destroyed your property on purpose?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
62...posted hurtful information about you on the internet, threatened or insulted you online (e.g. using email, instant messaging, text messaging, or online gaming) or purposefully excluded you from an online community?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
63...bullied you in <u>any</u> way?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please mark how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statements.

I think that...

Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree Nor Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree

64...if another student was bullying me, I would report it to a teacher or other adult at this school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
65...if I told a teacher or other adult at this school that I was being bullied, the teacher would do something to help.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Next, please mark how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with these statements about your SCHOOL.

I feel like...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
66...adults at this school follow the rules and procedures.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
67...the school rules have been communicated to me clearly.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
68...adults in this school apply the same rules to all students equally.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
69...the students and teachers here try to decide together what the class rules will be.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
70...if you get in trouble in this school, you have a chance to tell your side of the story.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
71...if you break the rules, adults in this school will help you learn from your mistake.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
72...when a student gets in trouble at school, an adult explains to them why they are getting punished.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
73...students at this school get punished equally when they break the same school rule.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
74...students are proud of how the school looks on the outside.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
75...there is a place on the school campus where students can display trophies and awards, or post projects that they have worked on, such as poster presentations, paintings, or drawings.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
76...my school provides opportunities for me to express myself.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
77...the school grounds look like they are well-maintained.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

I feel like...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
78...the noise level at this school makes it hard for me to learn.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
79...I get distracted from my work by other student's acting out in class.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please mark how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with these statements about YOUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

I think that...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
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Nor Disagree

80...I will definitely graduate from high school.

81...I will continue my education after high school.

This past school year...

Mostly A's

Mostly B's

Mostly C's

Mostly D's

Mostly F's

82...I would describe my grades as:

Please mark ho much you AGREE or DISAGREE with these statements about your SCHOOL.

I think that...

Strongly Agree

Agree

Neither Agree
Nor Disagree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

83...students use/try tobacco products while at school or school sponsored events.

84...students use/try alcohol or drugs while at school or school sponsored events.

85...students buy or sell drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products while at school or school sponsored events.

86...students are sometime distracted in class because they are drunk or high.

87...it is easy for students to use/try alcohol or drugs at school or school sponsored events without getting caught.

88...it makes me uncomfortable when other students bring drugs or alcohol to school or school-sponsored events.

89. Please tell us if there is anything else about your school experience that you would like to share with us. Please enter your response in the space provided.

Thank you for your time and for your help in improving our school!