

2020-21 Student Survey Questions

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1) How much do you disagree or agree with the following statements about your school? *				
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) I worry about crime and violence in this school. **				
b) Students at this school are often teased or picked on.				
c) Students at this school are often threatened or bullied.				

2) How safe do you feel...				
	Not safe	Somewhat safe	Mostly safe	Very safe
a) In the hallways of the school? **				
b) In the bathrooms of the school? **				
c) Outside around the school? **				
d) Traveling between home and school? **				
e) In your classes?				

3) How much do you disagree or agree with the following statements about students in your school? Most students in my school...*				
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) Like to put others down.				
b) Help each other learn.				
c) Don't get along together very well.				
d) Treat each other with respect.				

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4) How much do you disagree or agree with the following statements about your school? *				
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) I feel like a real part of my school.				
b) People here notice when I'm good at something.				
c) Other students in my school take my opinions seriously.				
d) People at this school are friendly to me.				
e) I'm included in lots of activities at school.				

5) How much do you disagree or agree with the following statements? *				
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) I can always find a way to help people end arguments.				
b) I listen carefully to what other people say to me.				
c) I'm good at working with other students.				
d) I'm good at helping other people.				

6) How much do you disagree or agree with the following statements? *				
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) I always study for tests.				
b) I set aside time to do my homework and study.				
c) I try to do well on my schoolwork even when it isn't interesting to me.				
d) If I need to study, I don't go out with my friends.				

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7) To what extent do the following describe you? *					
	Not at all like me	Not much	Somewhat like me	Mostly like me	Very much like
a) I finish whatever I begin.					
b) I am a hard worker.					
c) I continue steadily toward my goals.					
d) I don't give up easily.					

8) How much do you agree with the following statements?				
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) When my teachers tell me not to do something, I know they have a good reason.				
b) I feel <i>safe</i> with my teachers at this school.				
c) I feel <i>comfortable</i> with my teachers at this school.				
c) My teachers always keep their promises.				
d) My teachers will always listen to students' ideas.				
e) My teachers treat me with respect.				

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9) How much do you disagree or agree with the following statements about the community in which you live? *				
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) Adults in this neighborhood know who the local children are.				
b) During the day, it is safe for children to play in the local park				
c) People in this neighborhood can be trusted.				
d) There are adults in this neighborhood that children can look up to.				
e) The equipment and buildings in the neighborhood, park, or playground are well kept.				

10) In your ENGLISH/READING/LITERATURE class this year, how often do you do the following:					
	Never	Once or twice a semeste	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Almost every day
a) Debate the meaning of a reading.					
b) Discuss connections between a reading and real-life people or situations.					
c) Discuss how culture, time, or place affects an author's writing.					
d) Improve a piece of writing as a class or with partners.					
e) Rewrite a paper or essay in response to comments.					
f) <i>(Grades 9-12 Only)</i> Explain how writers use tools like symbolism and metaphor to					

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11) In your MATH class this year, how often do you do the following:					
	Never	Once or twice a semeste	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Almost every day
a) Apply math to situations in life outside of school.					
b) Discuss possible solutions to problems with other students.					
c) Explain how you solved a problem to the class.					
d) Write a few sentences to explain how you solved a math problem.					
e) Write a math problem for other students to solve.					
f) <i>(Grades 9-12 Only)</i> Solve a problem with multiple steps that takes more than 20 minutes.					

(Grades 6-12 Only)

12) In your SCIENCE class this year, how often do you do the following: *					
	Never	Once or twice a semeste	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Almost every day
a) Use laboratory equipment or specimens.					
b) Write lab reports.					
c) Generate your own hypotheses.					
d) Use evidence/data to support an argument or hypothesis.					
e) Find information from graphs and tables.					

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(Target = English/Math/Science/Social Science/Business/Art/Music/Foreign Language)

13)How many students in your [TARGET] class...				
	None	A few	About half	Most
a) Feel it is important to come to school every day?				
b) Feel it is important to pay attention in class?				
c) Think doing homework is important?				
d) Try hard to get good grades?				

14)How much do you disagree or agree with the following statements about your teacher in your [TARGET] class? My teacher...*				
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) Often connects what I am learning to life outside of the classroom.				
b) Encourages students to share their ideas about things we are studying in class.				
c) Often requires me to explain my answers.				
d) Encourages us to consider different solutions or points of view.				
e) Doesn't let students give up when the work gets hard.				

15)How often does the following occur? In my [TARGET] class, we talk about different solutions or points of view. *				
	Very little	Some	Quite a bit	A great deal

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16) How much do you disagree or agree with the following statements about your [TARGET]				
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) This class really makes me think.				
b) I'm really learning a lot in this class.				

17) To what extent do you disagree or agree with the following statements: In my [TARGET] class, my teacher...				
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) Expects everyone to work hard.				
b) Expects me to do my best all the time.				
c) Wants us to become better thinkers, not just memorize				

18) In your [TARGET] class, how often...				
	Never	Once in a while	Most of the time	All of the time
a) Are you challenged?				
b) Do you have to work hard to do well?				
c) Does the teacher ask difficult questions on tests?				
d) Does the teacher ask difficult questions in class?				

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19)How much do you disagree or agree with the following statements about your [TARGET]				
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) I usually look forward to this class.				
b) I work hard to do my best in this class.				
c) Sometimes I get so interested in my work I don't want to stop.				
d) The topics we are studying are interesting and challenging.				

20)How much do you disagree or agree with the following statements about your [TARGET] class?				
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) Helps me catch up if I am behind.				
b) Is willing to give extra help on schoolwork if I need it.				
c) Notices if I have trouble learning something.				
d) Gives me specific suggestions about how I can improve my work in this class.				
e) Explains things in a different way if I don't understand something				

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(Grades 9-12 Only)

21)How much do you disagree or agree with the following statements? At my high school...				
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) Teachers make sure that all students are planning for life				
b) Teachers work hard to make sure that all students are learning.				
c) High school is seen as preparation for the future.				
d) All students are encouraged to go to college.				
e) Teachers pay attention to all students, not just the top				
f) Teachers work hard to make sure that students stay in school.				

22)How much do you disagree or agree with the following statements? *				
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) My classes give me useful preparation for what I plan to do				
b) High school teaches me valuable skills.				
c) Working hard in high school matters for success in the workforce.				
d) What we learn in class is necessary for success in the future.				

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