

Student Survey Questions

Dear Student:

We want to know what you think!

Your school invites you to participate in the 5Essentials Survey. In this survey you will be asked questions about your classes and homework, about interactions with your teachers and classmates, and school safety. **This is NOT a test.** There are NO wrong answers.

Your answers are confidential and will not be shared. Your answers will be combined with those of other students in your school and district to describe what students think, do, and experience.

This survey is voluntary. You do NOT have to answer any question that you do not wish to answer, but we hope you will answer as many questions as you can.

This survey will take you 30 minutes or less to complete.

This is your chance to help improve your school - Don't pass it up!

Thank you for your help.

1) How do you currently attend school?

Right now, I only go to school online (remotely from home)

Right now, I only go to school in-person

Right now, I go to school in-person some days and online some days (hybrid)

2) How safe do you feel...

Not safe

Somewhat safe

Mostly safe

Very safe

- 1 In the hallways of the school?
- 2 In the bathrooms of the school?
- 3 Outside around the school?
- 4 Traveling between home and school?
- 5 In your classes?

3) (Grades 6-12) 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

- 1 Like to put others down.
- 2 Help each other learn.
- 3 Don't get along together very well.
- 4 Treat each other with respect.

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

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly agree

- 1 I always study for tests.
- 2 I set aside time to do my homework and study.
- 3 I try to do well on my schoolwork even when it isn't interesting to me.
- 4 If I need to study, I don't go out with my friends.

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

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly agree

- 1 I feel *safe* with my teachers at this school.
- 2 I feel *comfortable* with my teachers at this school.
- 3 My teachers always keep their promises.
- 4 My teachers will always listen to students' ideas.
- 5 My teachers treat me with respect.

6) (Grades 6-12) How often do your parents or guardians do the following:

Never Some of the time Most of the time All of the time

- 1 Encourage you to work hard at school.
- 2 Support the things you like to do outside of school.
- 3 Listen to you when you need to talk.
- 4 Show they are proud of you.
- 5 Take time to help you make decisions.

7) (Grades 6-12) How much do you disagree or agree with the following statements about the community in which you live?

Strongly disagree Disagree Agree Strongly agree

- 1 Adults in this neighborhood know who the local children are.
- 2 During the day, it is safe for children to play in the local park or playground.
- 3 People in this neighborhood can be trusted.
- 4 There are adults in this neighborhood that children can look up to.
- 5 The equipment and buildings in the neighborhood, park, or playground are well kept.

8) Do you sit in the same classroom with the same teacher for most of the day?

Yes No

9) Do you take any of the following subjects?

English, Reading or Literature Math Science

10) (If in Q8 English, Reading or Literature is selected)

In your ENGLISH/READING/LITERATURE class this year, how often do you do the following:

*Never Once or twice a semester Once or twice a month Once or twice a week
Almost every day*

- 1 Debate the meaning of a reading.
- 2 Discuss connections between a reading and real life people or situations.
- 3 Discuss how culture, time, or place affects an author's writing.
- 4 Improve a piece of writing as a class or with partners.
- 5 Rewrite a paper or essay in response to comments.
- 6 Explain how writers use tools like symbolism and metaphor to communicate meaning. (Grades 9-12)

11) (If in Q8 math is selected)

In your MATH class this year, how often do you do the following:

*Never Once or twice a semester Once or twice a month Once or twice a week
Almost every day*

- 1 Apply math to situations in life outside of school.
- 2 Discuss possible solutions to problems with other students.
- 3 Explain how you solved a problem to the class.
- 4 Write a few sentences to explain how you solved a math problem.
- 5 Write a math problem for other students to solve.
- 6 Solve a problem with multiple steps that takes more than 20 minutes.
(Grades 9-12)

12) (If in Q8 science is selected)

(Grades 6-12) In your SCIENCE class this year, how often do you do the following:

*Never Once or twice a semester Once or twice a month Once or twice a week
Almost every day*

- 1 Use laboratory equipment or specimens.
- 2 Write lab reports.
- 3 Generate your own hypotheses.
- 4 Use evidence/data to support an argument or hypothesis.
- 5 Find information from graphs and tables.

(Target = English/Reading/Literature or Math. If students are self-contained, subject is based on birth month. If not self-contained, is the class they have first)

13) How many students in your [TARGET] class...

None A few About half Most All

- 1 Feel it is important to come to school every day?
- 2 Feel it is important to pay attention in class?
- 3 Think doing homework is important?
- 4 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?

Strongly disagree Disagree Agree Strongly agree

- 1 Often connects what I am learning to life outside of the classroom.
- 2 Encourages students to share their ideas about things we are studying in class.
- 3 Often requires me to explain my answers.
- 4 Encourages us to consider different solutions or points of view.
- 5 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

16) How much do you disagree or agree with the following statements about your [TARGET] class:

Strongly disagree Disagree Agree Strongly agree

- 1 This class really makes me think.
- 2 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

- 1 Expects everyone to work hard.
- 2 Expects me to do my best all the time.
- 3 Wants us to become better thinkers, not just memorize things.

18) In your [TARGET] class, how often...

Never Once in a while Most of the time All the time

- 1 Are you challenged?
- 2 Do you have to work hard to do well?
- 3 Does the teacher ask difficult questions on tests?
- 4 Does the teacher ask difficult questions in class?

19) (Grades 6-12) How much do you disagree or agree with the following statements about your [TARGET] class?

Strongly disagree *Disagree* *Agree* *Strongly agree*

- 1 I learn a lot from feedback on my work.
- 2 It's clear to me what I need to do to get a good grade.
- 3 The work we do in class is good preparation for the test.
- 4 The homework assignments help me to learn the course material.
- 5 I know what my teacher wants me to learn in this class.

20) How much do you disagree or agree with the following statements about your [TARGET] class?

Strongly disagree *Disagree* *Agree* *Strongly agree*

- 1 I usually look forward to this class.
- 2 I work hard to do my best in this class.
- 3 Sometimes I get so interested in my work I don't want to stop.
- 4 The topics we are studying are interesting and challenging.

21) How much do you disagree or agree with the following statements about your [TARGET] class? The teacher for this class...

Strongly disagree *Disagree* *Agree* *Strongly agree*

- 1 Helps me catch up if I am behind.
- 2 Is willing to give extra help on schoolwork if I need it.
- 3 Notices if I have trouble learning something.
- 4 Gives me specific suggestions about how I can improve my work in this class.
- 5 Explains things in a different way if I don't understand something in class.

22) (Grades 9-12) How much do you disagree or agree with the following statements?

Strongly disagree *Disagree* *Agree* *Strongly agree*

At my high school...

- 1 Teachers make sure that all students are planning for life after graduation.
- 2 Teachers work hard to make sure that all students are learning.
- 3 High school is seen as preparation for the future.
- 4 All students are encouraged to go to college.
- 5 Teachers pay attention to all students, not just the top students.
- 6 Teachers work hard to make sure that students stay in school.

23) (Grades 9-12) How much do you disagree or agree with the following statements?

Strongly disagree Disagree Agree Strongly agree

- 1 My classes give me useful preparation for what I plan to do in life.
- 2 High school teaches me valuable skills.
- 3 Working hard in high school matters for success in the workforce.
- 4 What we learn in class is necessary for success in the future.
- 5 I have someone who is helping me with my college and career goals.