

School Climate Survey-2025-26 - Middle Schools

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 could possibly improve it. No one will be able to see how you answered. In your answers, please do NOT include your name or any other information that identifies you or anyone else.

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 this 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. If you agree to take part in the survey, please click the 'Next' button below. Thank you very much for your participation.

1. Please select your school.

2. Please tell us what grade you are in.

3. Please tell us your race. You may choose a minimum of one or as many as apply.

- African American
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Hispanic
- Native American/Alaska Native
- White
- Prefer not to answer
- Other

4. Please indicate your gender.

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to answer

The first set of questions asks 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 first 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!

Response options for questions 5 through 14:

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

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

5. Most of my teachers...

- ...notice if I have trouble learning something.
- ...often connect what I am learning to life outside the classroom.
- ...challenge all students to do their personal best.
- ...praise me when I work hard in school.
- ...allow me to revise my work to learn from my mistakes.
- ...assign creative work that allows me to think for myself.
- ...help me get excited about what I am learning in my classes.
- ...give me individual attention when I need it.

6. I have AT LEAST ONE teacher who...

- ...takes the time to listen to what I have to say.
- ...cares about me.
- ...knows me well.
- ...has confidence in me.
- ...is available to me when I need them.
- ...will try to help me when I am feeling sad, angry, or depressed.
- ...I can go to if I feel unsafe.

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

7. I feel like...

...this school is a place where I can learn and do well in my classes.

...what I'm learning in my classes will be important for my future.

...my teachers have helped me improve my study skills.

...I can understand difficult concepts with the help of my teachers.

...my teachers will help me succeed in school.

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

8. I feel like...

...this school is a good match for me.

...I am safe at this school.

...I look forward to going to school most days.

...I am a part of this school.

9. Students at my school...

...care about each other.

...respect each other's differences.

...try to protect each other.

...trust each other.

...cooperate with one another when working on schoolwork together.

...are often friends with students from different races, religions, and cultures.

...are easy to get to know.

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

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

...is easy to approach if I have a problem.

...treats students with respect.

...listens to student ideas.

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

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

...are involved in my school life.

...know what my grades are.

...regularly attend school events, such as sporting events (e.g., football games, soccer games) or student performances (e.g., plays, musical performance).

...talk to my teachers (e.g., in person, over the phone, by email).

The next two questions ask about SCHOOL EVENTS and EXTRA-CURRICULAR TEAMS, CLUBS, or ACTIVITIES that you attend or participate in at school.

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

- I regularly attend school-sponsored events, such as school dances, sporting events, student performances, or other school activities
- 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.

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

13. Students at my school...

...carry guns or knives to school.

...are in gangs.

...threaten to hurt other students.

..steal money, electronics, or other valuable things while at school.

...damage or destroy other students' property.

...damage or destroy school property.

...fight a lot.

...are sometimes physically hurt by their boyfriends or girlfriends at school.

14. I think that...

...students know what to do if there is an emergency, natural disaster (tornado, flood) or a dangerous situation (e.g., violent person on campus) during the school day.

...if students hear about a threat to school or student safety, they would report it to someone in authority.

Reponse Options for questions 15 and 16:

- Almost Everyday
- Once or Twice a Week
- Once or Twice a Month
- Once or Twice this School Year
- Never

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

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

...your race or ethnic background?

..your religion?

...any disability you may have?

...your relationship with your boyfriend or girlfriend while at school?

...how much money your family makes?

...your weight or physical appearance?

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.

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

...made fun of you or insulted you.

...spread rumors about you?

...threatened you with harm?

...pushed, shoved, tripped, or spit on you?

...tried to make you do things you did not want to do?

...excluded you from activities on purpose?

...destroyed your property on purpose?

...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?

...bullied you in any way?

Response Options for questions 17 through 21:

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

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

17. I think that...

...if another student was bullying me, I would report it to a teacher or other adult at the school.

...if I told a teacher, or other adult at this school that I was being bullied, the teacher would do something to help.

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

18. I feel like....

...adults at this school follow the rules and procedures.

...the school rules have been communicated to me clearly

...adults in this school apply the same rules to all students equally.

...the students and teachers here try to decide together what the class rules will be.

...if you get in trouble in this school, you have a chance to tell your side of the story..

...if you break the rules, adults in this school will help you learn from your mistake.

...when a student gets in trouble at this school, an adult explains to them why they are getting punished.

...students at this school get punished equally when they break the same school rule.

19. I feel like...

...the noise level at this school makes it hard for me to learn.

...I get distracted from my work by other students acting out in class.

20. I think that.

...students are proud of how the school looks on the outside.

...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.

...my school provides opportunities for me to express myself.

...the school grounds look like they are well-maintained.

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

21. I think that...

...I will definitely graduate from high school.

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

22. This past school year I would describe my grades as:

- Mostly As
- Mostly Bs
- Mostly Cs
- Mostly Ds
- Mostly Fs

23. 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 below.