

2018-19 Student Survey Questions

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5Essentials Survey - Student

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 like me	Somewhat like me	Mostly like me	Very much like me
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 safe and comfortable 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 or playground.				
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 semester	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) (Grades 9-12 Only) Explain how writers use tools like symbolism and metaphor to communicate meaning.					

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11) 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
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) (Grades 9-12 Only) Solve a problem with multiple steps that takes more than 20 minutes.					

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
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.					

5Essentials Survey - Student

(Target = English or Math)

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] class:				
	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 things.				

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?				

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

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20)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
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 in class.				

(Grades 9-12)

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 after graduation.				
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 students.				
f) Teachers work hard to make sure that students stay in school.				

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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 in life.				
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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2017-18 Teacher Survey Questions

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5Essentials Survey - Teacher

1) Please indicate the extent to which you disagree or agree with each of the following:*				
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) Teachers talk about instruction in the teachers' lounge, faculty meetings, etc.				
b) Teachers in this school share and discuss student work with other teachers.				
c) Experienced teachers invite new teachers into their rooms to observe, give feedback, etc.				
d) A conscious effort is made by faculty to make new teachers feel welcome here.				

2) How many teachers are assigned a mentor teacher when they first begin working at this school?*				
	None	A few	Most	All

3) This school year, how often have you had conversations with colleagues about the following:*				
	Less than once a month	2 or 3 times per month	1 or 2 times per week	Almost daily
a) What helps students learn the best.				
b) Development of new curriculum.				
c) The goals of this school.				
d) Managing classroom behavior.				

5Essentials Survey - Teacher

4) This school year, how often have you...					
	None	Some	About half	Most	Nearly all
a) Observed another teacher's classroom to offer feedback?					
b) Observed another teacher's classroom to get ideas for your own instruction?					
c) Gone over student assessment data with other teachers to make instructional decisions?					
d) Work with other teachers to develop materials or activities for particular classes?					
e) Worked on instructional strategies with other teachers?					

5) I review assessment data...*					
	Never	A few times a year	Every 6-8 weeks	Every 3-4 weeks	Weekly
a) Independently.					
b) With teachers in my grade level.					
c) With teachers across grades.					
d) With my principal.					

5Essentials Survey - Teacher

6) How many teachers in this school...					
	None	Some	About half	Most	Nearly all
a) Help maintain discipline in the entire school, not just their classroom?					
b) Take responsibility for improving the school?					
c) Feel responsible to help each other do their best?					
d) Feel responsible that all students learn?					
e) Feel responsible for helping students develop self-control?					
f) Feel responsible when students in this school fail?					

7) How many teachers in this school...*					
	None	Some	About half	Most	Nearly all
a) Are really trying to improve their teaching?					
b) Are willing to take risks to make the school better?					
c) Are eager to try new ideas?					

8) Please indicate the extent to which you disagree or agree with each of the following:*				
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) All teachers in this school are encouraged to "stretch" and "grow."				
b) In this school, teachers are continually learning and seeking new ideas.				

5Essentials Survey - Teacher

9) Please mark the extent to which you disagree or agree with each of the following:				
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) I usually look forward to each working day at this school.				
b) I wouldn't want to work in any other school.				
c) I feel loyal to this school.				
d) I would recommend this school to parents seeking a place for their child.				

10) To what extent is each of the following a problem at your school?*				
	Not at all	A little	Some	To a great extent
a) Physical conflicts among students				
b) Robbery or theft				
c) Gang activity				
d) Disorder in classrooms				
e) Disorder in hallways				
f) Student disrespect of teachers				
g) Threats of violence toward teachers				

11) To what extent do you feel respected by your principal?				
	Not at all	A little	Some	To a great extent

5Essentials Survey - Teacher

12) Please mark the extent to which you disagree or agree with each of the following:				
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) The principal has confidence in the expertise of the teachers.				
b) I trust the principal at his or her word.				
c) It's OK in this school to discuss feelings, worries, and frustrations with the principal.				
d) The principal takes a personal interest in the professional development of teachers.				
e) The principal looks out for the personal welfare of the faculty members.				
f) The principal places the needs of children ahead of personal and political interests.				
g) The principal at this school is an effective manager who makes the school run smoothly.				

13) To what extent do you feel respected by other teachers at this school?				
	Not at all	A little	Some	To a great extent

5Essentials Survey - Teacher

14) Please mark the extent to which you disagree or agree with each of the following:				
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) Teachers in this school trust each other.				
b) It's OK in this school to discuss feelings, worries, and frustrations with other teachers.				
c) Teachers respect other teachers who take the lead in school improvement efforts.				
d) Teachers at this school respect those colleagues who are experts at their craft.				

15) How many teachers at this school feel good about parents' support for their work?					
	None	Some	About half	Most	Nearly all

16) For the students you teach this year, how many of their parents/guardians...					
	None	Some	About half	Most	All
a) Support your teaching efforts?					
b) Do their best to help their children learn?					

17) To what extent do you feel respected by the parents of your students?				
	Not at all	A little	Some	To a great extent

5Essentials Survey - Teacher

18) Please indicate the extent to which you disagree or agree with each of the following:				
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) Teachers and parents think of each other as partners in educating children.				
b) Staff at this school work hard to build trusting relationships with parents.				

19) For the students you teach this year, how many of their parents/guardians...					
	None	Some	About half	Most	All
a) Attended parent-teacher conferences when you requested them?					
b) Volunteered time to support the school (e.g., volunteer in classrooms, help with school-wide events, etc.)?					
c) Contacted me about their child's performance?					
d) Respond to my suggestions for helping their child?					

5Essentials Survey - Teacher

20) To what extent does this school...				
	Not at all	A little	Somewhat	A great deal
a) Involve parents/guardians in the development of programs aimed at improving students' academic outcomes?				
b) Involve parents/guardians in commenting on school curricula?				
c) Include parent leaders from all backgrounds in school improvement?				
d) Develop formal networks to link all families with each other (for example: sharing parent/guardian directories, providing a website for parents to connect with one another, etc.)?				
e) Encourage more involved parents/guardians to reach out to less-involved parents/guardians?				

5Essentials Survey - Teacher

21) Please indicate the extent to which you disagree or agree with each of the following: A member of the school leadership team...				
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) Makes clear to the staff the leadership's expectations for meeting instructional goals.				
b) Communicates a clear vision for our school.				
c) Presses teachers to implement what they have learned in professional development.				
d) Knows what's going on in my classroom.				
e) Participates in instructional planning with teams of teachers.				
f) Provides me with useful feedback to improve my teaching.				
g) Has provided me with the support I need to improve my teaching.				

22) How much influence do teachers have over school policy in each of the areas below?				
	No influence	A little influence	Some influence	A great deal of influence
a) Planning how discretionary school funds should be used.				
b) Determining which books and other instructional materials are used in classrooms.				
c) Establishing the curriculum and instructional program.				
d) Determining the content of in-service programs.				
e) Setting standards for student behavior.				

5Essentials Survey - Teacher

23) To what extent do you disagree or agree with the following:				
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) Once we start a new program, we follow up to make sure that it's working.				
b) We have so many different programs in this school that I can't keep track of them all.				
c) Many special programs come and go at this school.				
d) Curriculum, instruction, and learning materials are well coordinated across the different grade levels at this school.				
e) There is consistency in curriculum, instruction, and learning materials among teachers in the same grade level at this school.				

24) Please indicate the extent to which you disagree or agree with each of the following: Overall, my professional development experiences this year have...				
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) Been sustained and coherently focused, rather than short-term and unrelated.				
b) Included enough time to think carefully about, try, and evaluate new ideas.				
c) Been closely connected to my school's improvement plan.				
d) Included opportunities to work productively with colleagues in my school.				
e) Included opportunities to work productively with teachers from other schools.				

5Essentials Survey - Teacher

(Grades 9-12)

25) Please mark the extent to which you disagree or agree with each of the following:				
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) Teachers expect most students in this school to go to college.				
b) Teachers at this school help students plan for college outside of class time.				
c) The curriculum at this school is focused on helping students get ready for college.				
d) Most of the students in this school are planning to go to college.				
e) Teachers in this school feel that it is a part of their job to prepare students to succeed in college.				

(All Teachers; Target= Primary Subject and Specified Period)

26) In discussions that occur in your [TARGET] or [Self-contained] class, how often do the following occur?				
	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Almost always
a) Students build on each other's ideas during discussion.				
b) Students use data and text references to support their ideas.				
c) Students show each other respect.				
d) Students provide constructive feedback to their peers and to me.				
e) Most students participate in the discussion at some point.				

5Essentials Survey - Teacher

27)How many students in your [TARGET] or [Self-contained] class...*					
	None	Some	About half	Most	Nearly all
a) Come to class on time?					
b) Attend class regularly?					
c) Come to class prepared with the appropriate supplies and books?					
d) Regularly pay attention in class?					
e) Actively participate in class activities?					
f) Always turn in their homework?					

28)How many students in your [TARGET] or [Self-contained] class regularly...*				
	None	A few	A lot	Almost all
a) Refuse to respond when addressed?				
b) Use inappropriate language during class?				
c) Threaten you verbally?				
d) Do off-task things (e.g., play games, text, talk on cell phone) during instructional time?				
e) Create serious behavior problems in your class?				

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Parent Survey

Parent Questions*

**Questions from the parent survey do not affect a school's performance on the 5Essentials*

5Essentials Survey - Parent

1. How many children do you have attending this school?				
1	2	3	4	5 or more

For the following question, please select your child's grade level. If you have more than one child attending this school, please select the grade level of your youngest child. If you have already completed this survey for your youngest child at this school, please select the grade of your next oldest child. Reminder: You may take this survey for each of your children attending this school.

2. Please select the grade level of your child.				
PK	K	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	

3. What is your race/ethnicity?				
White	Black/African American	Hispanic/Latino	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Asian
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	Multiracial	I prefer not to reply.		

4. What is your level of education?					
Some high school	High school Graduate or GED	Some College	Two-year degree	Four-year degree	Graduate (Master's or Doctoral)

5. Do you have access to a computer that connects to the internet at home?	
Yes	No

6. How many days in the past week have you accessed the internet using the following devices:					
	None	1 day	A few days	Almost every day	Every day
Desktop or laptop computer.					
Handheld device (including smartphones).					
Gaming device (Wii/Playstation/Xbox).					
Tablet computer (iPad/Android).					

5Essentials Survey - Parent

7. How do you prefer to receive information about the school/school events?		
	Yes	No
Via email.		
Via text message.		
Via telephone.		
Via mail .		

8. How often does the staff at your child's school do the following:				
	Never	Rarely	Often	Every time there is an event
Invite you to school events.				
Make you aware of the important information and news about the school.				
Offer opportunities to participate in making decisions that affect the school community.				

9. How often do teachers at this school do the following:				
	Never	Once or twice a semester	2-3 times a month	Once a week or more
Let me know what my child is working on in class.				
Contact me personally to discuss my child's academic achievement.				
Provide suggestions for how to support my child on school.				
Listen to my suggestions about how to best support my child.				

5Essentials Survey - Parent

10. How much do you agree with the following statements about this school:				
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
The teachers respect me.				
The teachers do their best to help my child learn.				
The teachers have my child's best interest in mind.				
I am comfortable sharing my concerns with teachers at the school.				

11. To what extent do you feel...				
	Not at all	A little	Some	To a great extent
Like a partner with the teachers at the school in your child's education?				
It is easy to contact your student's teachers when you need to?				

12. To what extent do you feel...				
	Not at all	A little	Some	To a great extent
Your voice is valued at the school?				
Comfortable sharing your concerns with the school leadership?				
Welcomed when you enter the school?				
That you are an important part of improving the school?				

13. How true are the following statements:				
	Not at all	A little	Some	To a great extent
My child feels safe at this school.				
My child is affected by bullying at this school.				
This school addresses bullying.				
The teachers and the principal could do more to make the school a safe place.				
A teacher or other staff member lets me know if there is a problem with my child's behavior.				

5Essentials Survey - Parent

14. To what extent do you feel that this school is preparing your child for college?				
Not at all	A little	Some	To a great extent	Not applicable

15. How often does the following keep you from being involved with this school?						
	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Usually	Always	Not applicable
Access to child care.						
Transportation.						
Work obligations.						
Program and event relevance.						
Events are scheduled when I cannot attend.						
Attitudes of other parents.						
School administration.						

16. How often do you do the following?						
	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Usually	Always	Not applicable
Attend scheduled PTA (parent, teacher and staff) meetings.						
Volunteer at the school.						
Attend scheduled Parent-Teacher conferences.						
Attend scheduled school events/ performances.						
Raise funds for the school.						
Chaperone field trips.						
Participate in parent safety/patrol.						

5Essentials Survey - Parent

17. How would you rate the quality of the following facilities at this school:					
	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Does not apply
Your child's classrooms.					
Computer lab(s).					
Library.					
Gym.					
Food Services.					
Overall cleanliness of the school.					

18. How often do you do the following with your child at home:						
	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Usually	Always	Not applicable
Read.						
Supervise homework.						
Talk about their day.						
Practice math problems.						

19. How likely are you to recommend this school to a parent looking for a school for their child?			
Not at all likely	Somewhat likely	Extremely likely	Not applicable

20. Overall, how satisfied are you with the education your child is receiving at this school?			
Very dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Very satisfied