

Safe Schools/Healthy Students National Evaluation School Climate Survey—Parent Version

INSTRUCTIONS

The Safe Schools/Healthy Students (SS/HS) School Climate Surveys are part of the National Evaluation of the SS/HS Initiative jointly supported by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration/Center for Mental Health Services (SAMHSA/CMHS) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Department of Education, and the U.S. Department of Justice. The information gathered through this survey will enable Federal agencies, local education authorities, and schools to succeed in making our nation's schools safer and our children healthier. MANILA Consulting Group, Inc., Battelle Centers for Public Health Research and Evaluation, and RMC Research Corporation are under contract with SAMHSA to carry out this important evaluation.

As a parent who has or has had children attending this school, you are being asked to complete this survey on various aspects of school climate. This survey solicits your opinions on this school's efforts to maintain a strong, safe, and supportive learning environment; the availability of health and counseling services; your perceptions of student risk and problem behaviors such as alcohol and drug use and violence; and the quality of staff/student relationships. Please be assured your responses will be kept strictly confidential and will be used only in aggregate form for analytic and reporting purposes.

This survey will take approximately 7 minutes to complete. Please submit your completed survey to [INSERT NAME OF LOCAL EVALUATOR]. Your time and assistance are greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or need clarification about this survey, please contact [INSERT NAME OF LOCAL EVALUATOR] by phone at _____ or by e-mail at _____.

Thank you again for your cooperation.

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This survey asks your opinions about this school only, not about the district overall. Circle the alphabetical letter that corresponds to your response to each question.

First, we would like to ask you a few questions about your child or children that attend(s) this school.

1. How many children do you have that currently attend this school?
 - A) None of my children currently attend this school
 - B) 1
 - C) 2
 - D) 3
 - E) 4
 - F) 5
 - G) More than 5

2. In all, how many years has (have) your child(ren) attended this school?
 - A) 1 year
 - B) 2 years
 - C) 3 years
 - D) 4 years
 - E) 5 or more years

3. How old are they? (Mark all that apply.)
 - A) 10 years old or younger
 - B) 11 years old
 - C) 12 years old
 - D) 13 years old
 - E) 14 years old
 - F) 15 years old
 - G) 16 years old
 - H) 17 years old
 - I) 18 years old or older

4. What is their sex? (Mark all that apply.)
 - A) Male
 - B) Female

5. In what grade(s) are they? (*Mark all that apply.*)
- A) Grade 5 or lower
 - B) Grade 6
 - C) Grade 7
 - D) Grade 8
 - E) Grade 9
 - F) Grade 10
 - G) Grade 11
 - H) Grade 12
 - I) Other grade
 - J) Ungraded
6. What is their ethnicity? (*Mark all that apply.*)
- A) Hispanic or Latino (*Go on to Question 7*)
 - B) Not Hispanic or Latino (*Skip to Question 8*)
7. If any of them are Hispanic or Latino, which groups best describe them? (*Mark all that apply.*)
- If **none** of them are Hispanic or Latino/Latina, mark "A) Does not apply."
- A) Does not apply. None are Hispanic or Latino
 - B) Central American
 - C) South American
 - D) Cuban
 - E) Mexican
 - F) Puerto Rican
 - G) Other Hispanic
8. What is their race? (*Mark all that apply*)
- A) African American (Not Hispanic)
 - B) American Indian/Alaska Native
 - C) Asian or Pacific Islander
 - D) White (Not Hispanic)
 - E) Hispanic or Latino/a
 - F) Other or Multi-ethnic

Please answer the following two questions about your background and involvement with this school.

9. During the past 12 months, how many times have you moved (changed where you live)?
- A) 0 times
 - B) 1 time
 - C) 2 or more times

10. Which of the following describes your involvement or familiarity with the school in the past two years? (*Mark all that apply.*)
- A) I have participated in one or more committees in the school.
 - B) I have been an active member of the school PTA.
 - C) I have participated in specific programs for youth and families offered by the school.
 - D) I have attended parent/teacher conferences annually.
 - E) I have attended specific school events such as school plays, concerts, or athletic events.
 - F) I have visited the school less than once a year.
 - G) I have never been inside the school building.

Please indicate how much you agree with the following statements about this school.

This school . . .	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
11. is a supportive and inviting place for students to learn.	A	B	C	D	E
12. sets high standards for academic performance for all students.	A	B	C	D	E
13. promotes academic success for all students.	A	B	C	D	E
14. is welcoming to and facilitates parent involvement.	A	B	C	D	E
15. clearly communicates to students the consequences of breaking school rules.	A	B	C	D	E
16. effectively handles student discipline and behavioral problems.	A	B	C	D	E
17. is a supportive and inviting place for staff to work.	A	B	C	D	E
18. provides adequate counseling and support services for students.	A	B	C	D	E
19. provides adequate health services for students.	A	B	C	D	E
20. provides students with healthy food choices.	A	B	C	D	E
21. encourages opportunities for students to decide things like class activities or rules.	A	B	C	D	E
22. fosters an appreciation of student diversity and respect for each other.	A	B	C	D	E
23. is a safe place for students.	A	B	C	D	E
24. is a safe place for staff.	A	B	C	D	E

The next questions ask your opinions about the staff at this school.

How many adults at this school . . .	Nearly All Staff	Most Staff	Some Staff	Few Staff	Almost None
25. really care about every student?	A	B	C	D	E
26. acknowledge and pay attention to students?	A	B	C	D	E
27. want every student to do their best?	A	B	C	D	E
28. listen to what students have to say?	A	B	C	D	E
29. believe that every student can be a success?	A	B	C	D	E
30. treat all students fairly?	A	B	C	D	E
31. support and treat each other with respect?	A	B	C	D	E
32. feel a responsibility to improve this school?	A	B	C	D	E

The next questions ask your opinions about students at this school.

Based on your experience, how many students at this school . . .	Nearly All Students	Most Students	Some Students	Few Students	Almost None
33. are healthy and physically fit?	A	B	C	D	E
34. arrive at school alert and rested?	A	B	C	D	E
35. are motivated to learn?	A	B	C	D	E
36. are well-behaved?	A	B	C	D	E

The next questions ask for your opinions about behaviors or problems of students at this school.

How much of a problem AT THIS SCHOOL is . . .	Insignificant Problem	Mild Problem	Moderate Problem	Severe Problem
37. student alcohol and drug use?	A	B	C	D
38. student tobacco use?	A	B	C	D
39. harassment or bullying among students?	A	B	C	D
40. physical fighting between students?	A	B	C	D
41. disruptive student behavior?	A	B	C	D
42. racial/ethnic conflict among students?	A	B	C	D
43. student depression or other mental health problems?	A	B	C	D
44. lack of respect of school staff by students?	A	B	C	D
45. cutting classes or being truant?	A	B	C	D
46. gang-related activity?	A	B	C	D
47. weapons possession?	A	B	C	D
48. vandalism (including graffiti)?	A	B	C	D
49. theft?	A	B	C	D