



# THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## 2007 Student Survey

**%School Name%**

**%BARCODE%**  
**%Student Name%**  
**%Class Code%**

Dear Student:

**We want to know what YOU think about your school.**

This survey will give your school important information it can use to improve your education.

This survey is confidential. Your answers will be combined with those of other students at your school. No one at your school will ever see your individual answers.

This is not a test. There are no wrong answers, and you do not have to answer any question you do not wish to answer. But we hope you will answer as many questions as you can!

Please fill in marks using black ink or pencil, like this: ● Not like this: ✗ ○ ⊙ ⊕

**Thank you very much for helping to improve your school.**

### 1. Which grade are you in?

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade       7<sup>th</sup> Grade       8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 9<sup>th</sup> Grade       10<sup>th</sup> Grade       11<sup>th</sup> Grade       12<sup>th</sup> Grade

### 2. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your school?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. I feel welcome in my school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Most of the adults I see at school every day know my name or who I am.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. The adults at my school look out for me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### 3. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about being successful at your school?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. The adults at my school help me understand what I need to do to succeed in school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. My teachers encourage me to succeed.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. I need to work hard to get good grades at my school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Students who get good grades in my school are respected by other students.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Someone in my school helps me develop challenging goals for learning more in school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Someone at my school helps me understand what courses I need to be promoted to the next grade or graduate.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. My teachers expect me to continue my education after high school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. <b><i>This question is for <u>high school students</u> only. Middle school students should <u>skip</u> this question.</i></b> My high school provides helpful counseling on how to get a good job after high school <u>or</u> how to get into college.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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<b>4. On a scale of 1 to 4, how comfortable are you talking to teachers and other adults at your school about:</b>	<b>Uncomfortable</b>			<b>Comfortable</b>	
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	
a. a problem you are having in a class?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
b. something that is bothering you?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
c. something outside of school that is important to you?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<b>5. On a scale of 1 to 4, how available are teachers and other adults at your school to talk about:</b>	<b>Unavailable</b>			<b>Available</b>	
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	
a. a problem you are having in a class?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
b. something that is bothering you?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
c. something outside of school that is important to you?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<b>6. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your teachers?</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
a. Teachers in my school treat <b>students</b> with respect.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Most students in my school treat <b>teachers</b> with respect.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Adults in my school treat <b>each other</b> with respect.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. My teachers enjoy the subjects they teach.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. My teachers inspire me to learn.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. My teachers give me extra help when I need it.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. My teachers connect what I am learning to life outside of the classroom.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>7. How often, <u>during this school year</u>, have your teachers asked you to:</b>	<b>Never</b>	<b>1 or 2 times</b>	<b>3 or 4 times</b>	<b>5 or more times</b>	
a. Complete an essay or research project using multiple sources of information?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
b. Complete an essay or project where you had to use evidence to defend your own opinion or ideas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<b>8. In how many of your classes <u>during the past two weeks</u> have you:</b>	<b>None of My Classes</b>	<b>One of My Classes</b>	<b>Some of My Classes</b>	<b>Most of My Classes</b>	<b>All of My Classes</b>
a. worked by yourself (independently) during class?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. worked in groups of 2 to 6 students?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. had whole-class discussions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. participated in hands-on activities such as science experiments or building things?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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9. <u>During this school year</u> , have you taken or had a chance to take a class in the following subjects?	I took one or more classes in this subject	I was offered but did not take a class in this subject	I was NOT offered a class in this subject
a. Art	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Music	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Dance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Theater	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Foreign language	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Computer skills/technology	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Physical education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

10. <u>During this school year</u> , which of the following activities did you participate in either <u>before</u> or <u>after</u> school or <u>during free periods</u> ?	I participated in this activity	I did not participate in this activity although it was offered	I was NOT offered this activity
a. Art	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Music	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Dance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Theater	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Foreign language	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Computer skills/technology	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. School sports teams or clubs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Tutoring/enrichment activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My school offers a wide enough variety of classes and activities to keep me interested in school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

12. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about students in your school?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. Most students in my school help and care about each other.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Most students in my school just look out for themselves.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Most students in my school treat each other with respect.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Most students in my school like to put others down.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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13. How often are the following things true about you or about your school?	Never	Some of the Time	Most of the Time	All of the Time
a. I worry about crime and violence in school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. I stay home because I don't feel safe at school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Students threaten or bully other students at school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Students get into physical fights at my school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Adults at my school yell at students.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. There is conflict in my school based on: race, culture, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or disabilities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Students use alcohol or illegal drugs while at school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. There is gang activity at my school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

14. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your school?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. There is a person or program in my school to help students resolve conflicts.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Discipline in my school is fair.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. I am safe in my classes.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. I am safe in the hallways, bathrooms, and locker rooms at my school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. I am safe on school property outside my school building.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. The presence and actions of School Safety Agents help to promote a safe and respectful learning environment.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. My school is kept clean.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Thank you for taking this survey!**

**Please place your completed survey in the envelope and submit it to the teacher.**

If you have more comments on the learning environment in your school, please email [surveys@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:surveys@schools.nyc.gov) or write to:

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