



THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

2007 Parent Survey

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%TO THE PARENT OF: CHILD'S NAME%

%ADDRESS%

%ADDRESS%

We want to know what YOU think about your child's school. By filling out this survey, you can give your child's school important information about how it can improve your child's education. The results of your survey, along with the results of all parent, all teacher, and 6-12 grade student surveys, will be reported to your school this summer, and factored into the new school Progress Report in the fall.

This survey is confidential. No one at your child's school will ever see your individual answers. Your answers will be combined with those of other parents at your child's school to provide information and help the school improve its learning environment.

This survey is voluntary. 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!

You can take this survey online. If you decide to do so, go to schools.nyc.gov/surveys and click on Parent Survey. Follow the instructions to log in, using the code that appears just above the barcode at the top of this page.

A postage-paid envelope is enclosed. Please return your completed survey **by May 18, 2007**. Use the postage-paid envelope provided with your survey package or mail to: NYCDOE SURVEYS, P.O. Box 2893, West Caldwell, NJ 07007.

For more information, visit schools.nyc.gov/surveys. To ask questions, or to receive this survey in another language, call 311.

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

Thank you very much for helping to improve your child's school.

1. In which grade is your child at this school?

- If you have children in more than one New York City school ... please fill out **one separate survey for each school**.
- If you have more than one child in the same school ... please fill out just **one survey about your oldest child**.

- Pre-Kindergarten
 Kindergarten
 1st grade
 2nd grade
 3rd grade
 4th grade
 5th grade
 6th grade
 7th grade
 8th grade
 9th grade
 10th grade
 11th grade
 12th grade

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

Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree Does Not Apply

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| a. I feel welcome in my child's school. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. I know how to contact someone at the school when I have questions and concerns. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. My child's school makes it easy for me to attend meetings by holding them when I can come, providing an interpreter, or in other ways. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d. The school keeps me informed about my child's academic progress. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| e. The school contacts me when my child breaks school rules. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| f. The school contacts me to tell me about my child's achievements and successes. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| g. There is an adult at the school whom my child trusts and can go to for help with a school problem. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

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3. How often <u>during this school year</u> have <u>you</u> :	At least once a week	About once a month	Once every few months	Once or twice this school year	Never
a. received information about what your child is studying in school?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. received information on services for your child or for you, such as: tutoring, after-school programs, or classes you can take to help your child learn?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. been invited to visit your child's classroom?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. been invited to a program or event at your child's school or to go on a school trip?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4. How often <u>during this school year</u> have <u>you</u> :	At least once a week	About once a month	Once every few months	Once or twice this school year	Never
a. contacted a teacher or other adult at your child's school to share with them important information about your child's learning?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. talked to a teacher about how to help your child learn something your child is struggling with?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. talked to a teacher about your child's academic progress?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. talked to a teacher about how you can help your child learn better?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Always	Most of the Time	Sometimes	Never	Does not Apply
5. How often do you get a response when you contact your child's school or teacher(s) to offer information or ask questions about your child's learning?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. What are the BEST ways for your child's school or teachers to get information to you about your child's education? <i>(Mark as few or as many as apply.)</i>					
<input type="radio"/> Mail	<input type="radio"/> E-mail	<input type="radio"/> PA or PTA meetings			
<input type="radio"/> Paper sent home with your child	<input type="radio"/> School Website	<input type="radio"/> School bulletin board			
<input type="radio"/> Phone	<input type="radio"/> Parent Coordinator	<input type="radio"/> Community or Citywide Education Councils			
<input type="radio"/> Parent teacher conferences	<input type="radio"/> Other parents	<input type="radio"/> Other organizations in your community			

7. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your child's school or teacher?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
a. The school has high expectations for my child.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. The school clearly communicates its expectations for my child's learning to me and my child.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. My child's teacher(s) give helpful comments on homework, class work, and tests.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. My child is learning what he or she needs to know to succeed in later grades or after graduating from high school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Answer this question only if you are a <u>high school</u> parent: This year, school staff helped my child select courses that he or she needs to graduate and to succeed after graduating.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

8. My child participates in the following courses during <u>the regular school day</u> . <i>(Please mark all that apply.)</i>					
<input type="radio"/> Art	<input type="radio"/> Music	<input type="radio"/> Dance	<input type="radio"/> Theater	<input type="radio"/> Foreign language	
<input type="radio"/> Computer skills/technology	<input type="radio"/> Health	<input type="radio"/> Physical education	<input type="radio"/> None of these courses	<input type="radio"/> Don't know	

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9. My child participates in the following school activities before or after school. (Please mark all that apply.)

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| <input type="radio"/> Art | <input type="radio"/> Music | <input type="radio"/> Dance | <input type="radio"/> Theater | <input type="radio"/> Foreign language |
| <input type="radio"/> Computer skills/technology | <input type="radio"/> Team sports and clubs | <input type="radio"/> Tutoring/enrichment activities | <input type="radio"/> None of these activities | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |

10. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't know

My child's school offers a wide enough variety of courses and activities to keep my child interested in school.

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11. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement about your child's school?

Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't know

- a. My child is safe at school.
- b. My child's school is clean.
- c. Discipline is enforced fairly at my child's school.
- d. I worry about crime and violence at my child's school.
- e. The presence and actions of School Safety Agents help to promote a safe and respectful learning environment.

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12. How often do you think the following problems occur at your child's school?

Never Once in a While Fairly Often Very Often Don't know

- a. Students threaten or bully other students.
- b. School staff are disrespectful to students.
- c. There is racial or cultural bias by school staff.
- d. There is conflict at my child's school based on race, culture, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or disabilities.
- e. Students use alcohol or illegal drugs during school.
- f. There is gang activity at my child's school.

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13. Which of the following improvements would you most like your school to make? (Choose ONE.)

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| <input type="radio"/> More effective school leadership | <input type="radio"/> More hands-on learning | <input type="radio"/> More or better enrichment programs | <input type="radio"/> More or better arts programs | <input type="radio"/> More challenging courses |
| <input type="radio"/> Better communication with parents | <input type="radio"/> More teacher training | <input type="radio"/> Smaller class size | <input type="radio"/> More preparation for state tests | <input type="radio"/> Less preparation for state tests |

14. How satisfied are you with the following things about your child's school?

Very Satisfied Satisfied Unsatisfied Very Unsatisfied

- a. The quality of your child's teacher(s) this year.
- b. How well your child's school communicates with you.
- c. Your opportunities to be involved in your child's education.
- d. The education your child has received this year.

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If you have more comments on the learning environment in your child's school, please email surveys@schools.nyc.gov or write to: Learning Environment Surveys, New York City Department of Education, 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007.