



2022-23 PPS Successful Schools Survey FAQ

What is the Successful Schools Survey?

The Successful Schools Survey is our annual district-wide school climate and feedback survey. These surveys provide students, families, staff, and leaders an opportunity to provide feedback on their school's climate and their experiences at school.

Who will be surveyed?

This year students, families, and staff will be surveyed. Every student in grades 3 through 12 will be given the opportunity to take the survey. All families in the District will have the opportunity to take the survey regardless of their students' grade level. The survey will be available in English, Spanish, Russian, Somali, Vietnamese, and Chinese. A school leadership survey will also be provided to building leaders.

How is this different from other surveys in PPS?

There are many district wide surveys that serve various purposes. The Successful Schools Survey provides students and families an opportunity to share their feedback about their school environment, learning environment, and their safety while at school. We do not have any other surveys for students that serve this purpose. The questions in the staff and leadership surveys will align to the student and family questions.

What will be covered?

For students, topics that will be covered are: teacher-student relationships, sense of belonging, school safety, school climate, engagement, cultural awareness, and diversity and inclusion. For families the topics included will be: school fit, school climate, barriers to engagement, and school safety. The SEL survey will measure: Grit, growth mindset, self-efficacy, self-management, social awareness and emotional regulation. The staff and school leader surveys will align to topics in the student and family feedback surveys.

How will students, families, and staff take the surveys?

All student surveys will be administered online, anonymous, and not tied to students or teachers.

School-based staff and leaders will receive the survey link via their work email.

Families will take the survey online as well, but paper surveys will be made available when needed.

All surveys will be translated into PPS's five supported languages: Spanish, Russian, Somali, Vietnamese, and Chinese.

What will be required of schools?

School principals will need to identify a survey coordinator that supports administration of the survey at their site. Surveys will be done electronically, so it will require coordination of technology. The survey should take no more than 20 minutes to complete. Principals will be asked to provide time for staff to take the survey during the work day, however the survey can be completed at any time during the survey window.

How will participation be monitored?

The goal for participation is 50% for the family survey and 100% participation for students, staff, and leaders. This will ensure results are representative of our students and families. System Planning & Performance will provide weekly updates on response rates for survey coordinators and school principals.

How will the results be used and shared?

These data are longitudinal and, when paired with professional learning, will help inform PPS planning and continuous improvement. PPS leadership will facilitate professional development opportunities to train staff on how to use the data. The results will be available by Mid-April, which will support school and District level planning for the coming year. Results will be posted via an online dashboard. School principals, staff and school climate teams will be able to use survey results to communicate with families and staff about goals for the coming school year.