PPS Successful Schools Survey: Family Feedback

Helping students do their best in school requires a team effort. Parents, students, and schools all play important roles in this process. To help all of us learn how to make your child's schooling experience as positive and beneficial as possible, please give us your honest, thoughtful responses to the questions below.

Perceptions of Child
In this section, we would like to learn more about your perceptions of your child and your child’s interactions with his/her school.

1. How much of a sense of belonging does your child feel at his/her school?
   - No belonging at all
   - A little bit of belonging
   - Some belonging
   - Quite a bit of belonging
   - Tremendous belonging

2. How well do you feel your child's school is preparing him/her for his/her next academic year?
   - Not well at all
   - Slightly well
   - Somewhat well
   - Quite well
   - Extremely well

3. How well do the activities offered at your child's school match his/her interests?
   - Not well at all
   - Slightly well
   - Somewhat well
   - Quite well
   - Extremely well

4. At your child's school, how well does the overall approach to discipline work for your child?
   - Not well at all
   - Slightly well
   - Somewhat well
   - Quite well
   - Extremely well

5. How comfortable is your child in asking for help from school adults?
   - Not comfortable at all
   - Slightly comfortable
   - Somewhat comfortable
   - Quite comfortable
   - Extremely comfortable

6. Given your child's cultural background, how good a fit is his/her school?
   - Not good at all
   - Slightly good
   - Somewhat good
   - Quite good
   - Extremely good

7. How well do the teaching styles of your child's teachers match your child's learning style?
   - Not well at all
   - Slightly well
   - Somewhat well
   - Quite well
   - Extremely well

School Environment
In this section, we would like to learn more about your perceptions of the overall climate at your child’s school.

8. To what extent do you think that children enjoy going to your child’s school?
   - Do not enjoy at all
   - Enjoy a little bit
   - Enjoy somewhat
   - Enjoy quite a bit
   - Enjoy a tremendous amount

9. How motivating are the classroom lessons at your child’s school?
   - Not at all motivating
   - Slightly motivating
   - Somewhat motivating
   - Quite motivating
   - Extremely motivating

10. How fair or unfair is the school’s system of evaluating children?
    - Very unfair
    - Somewhat unfair
    - Slightly unfair
    - Neither fair nor unfair
    - Slightly fair
    - Somewhat fair
    - Very fair
11. How much does the school value the diversity of children's backgrounds?

- Not at all
- A little bit
- Some
- Quite a bit
- A tremendous amount

12. How well do administrators at your child's school create a school environment that helps children learn?

- Not well at all
- Slightly well
- Somewhat well
- Quite well
- Extremely well

13. Overall, how much respect do you think the children at your child's school have for the staff?

- Almost no respect
- A little bit of respect
- Some respect
- Quite a bit of respect
- A tremendous amount of respect

14. Overall, how much respect do you think the teachers at your child's school have for the children?

- Almost no respect
- A little bit of respect
- Some respect
- Quite a bit of respect
- A tremendous amount of respect

**Engagement Barriers**

How big of a problem are the following issues for becoming involved with your child's current school?

15. Childcare needs?

- Not a problem at all
- Small problem
- Medium problem
- Large problem
- Very large problem

16. Transportation-related challenges?

- Not a problem at all
- Small problem
- Medium problem
- Large problem
- Very large problem

17. Concerns about getting to the school safely?

- Not a problem at all
- Small problem
- Medium problem
- Large problem
- Very large problem

18. How busy your schedule is?

- Not a problem at all
- Small problem
- Medium problem
- Large problem
- Very large problem

19. School staff seem too busy?

- Not a problem at all
- Small problem
- Medium problem
- Large problem
- Very large problem

20. You feel unsure about how to communicate with the school?

- Not a problem at all
- Small problem
- Medium problem
- Large problem
- Very large problem

21. The school provides little information about involvement opportunities?

- Not a problem at all
- Small problem
- Medium problem
- Large problem
- Very large problem

22. The school is not welcoming to parents?

- Not a problem at all
- Small problem
- Medium problem
- Large problem
- Very large problem

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23. The school does not communicate well with people from your culture?

- Not a problem at all
- Small problem
- Medium problem
- Large problem
- Very large problem

24. You do not feel a sense of belonging with your child’s school community?

- Not a problem at all
- Small problem
- Medium problem
- Large problem
- Very large problem

25. Negative memories of your own school experience?

- Not a problem at all
- Small problem
- Medium problem
- Large problem
- Very large problem

26. Your child does not want you to contact the school?

- Not a problem at all
- Small problem
- Medium problem
- Large problem
- Very large problem

27. You worry that adults at the school will treat your child differently if you raise a concern?

- Not a problem at all
- Small problem
- Medium problem
- Large problem
- Very large problem

Perceptions of School Safety

Please give us your perceptions related to the safety of your child in different situations.

28. How often do you worry about violence at your child’s school?

- Almost never
- Once in a while
- Sometimes
- Frequently
- Almost always

29. If a student is bullied at your child’s school, how difficult is it for him/her to get help from an adult?

- Not at all difficult
- Slightly difficult
- Somewhat difficult
- Quite difficult
- Extremely difficult

30. How likely is it that someone from your child’s school will bully him/her online?

- Not at all likely
- Slightly likely
- Somewhat likely
- Quite likely
- Extremely likely

31. Overall, how unsafe does your child feel at school?

- Not at all unsafe
- Slightly unsafe
- Somewhat unsafe
- Quite unsafe
- Extremely unsafe

32. To what extent are drugs a problem at your child’s school?

- Not a problem at all
- A little bit of a problem
- A moderate problem
- Quite a problem
- A tremendous problem

Background Questions

Next, we would like some background information about you. Please remember you do not have to answer these questions.

33. What grade is your child in?

- 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
34. Below is a list of terms that people often use to describe their gender. How do you describe your gender?

- [ ] Male
- [ ] Female
- [ ] Transgender
- [ ] Gender fluid / Non-binary
- [ ] Another gender identity not listed: (please specify below)

35. Optional: Specify your gender identity if not listed above.

36. Below is a list of terms that people often use to describe their sexuality or sexual orientation. How do you describe your sexuality or sexual orientation?

- [ ] Gay
- [ ] Lesbian
- [ ] Bisexual / Pansexual
- [ ] Straight / Heterosexual
- [ ] Queer
- [ ] Questioning / not sure
- [ ] Another sexual orientation not listed above: (please specify below)

37. Optional: Specify your sexual orientation if not listed above.

38. Please select the race/ethnicity that you most identify with.

- [ ] African American
- [ ] American Indian / Alaska Native
- [ ] Native / Indigenous to Canada
- [ ] Hispanic / Latino
- [ ] Middle Eastern / North African
- [ ] Pacific Islander
- [ ] White
- [ ] Asian

39. What races/ethnicities do you consider yourself? Please mark all that apply.

- [ ] African American
- [ ] American Indian / Alaska Native
- [ ] Native / Indigenous to Canada
- [ ] Hispanic / Latino
- [ ] Middle Eastern / North African
- [ ] Pacific Islander
- [ ] White
- [ ] Asian

40. Is your child enrolled in an immersion program at this school?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

41. Please tell us about what is working well at your student’s school.

42. Please tell us how your student’s school could be improved.

43. Please select how you learned about this survey (Mark all that apply).

- [ ] Postcard in the mail
- [ ] Email
- [ ] Robocall/autodialer
- [ ] Front desk/secretary
- [ ] Principal/teacher
- [ ] School newsletter
- [ ] Informational flyer
- [ ] PPS Pulse story
- [ ] Facebook
- [ ] Twitter
- [ ] Word of mouth
- [ ] Community event
- [ ] Community-based organization
- [ ] Other