



FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Strategic Plan Student Survey, Grades 7-12

Dear Student,

Every five to seven years, our school system develops a plan to guide our future- a strategic plan. We need your help! We hope you – our students – will choose to take 10 to 15 minutes to answer the questions in this important survey. Your answers will help us understand how you feel about being in school, as well as improve how we teach and how we support your learning.

Completing the survey is your choice, but we hope you will answer the questions so your voice is heard. The survey is anonymous. Your answers will be private and only reported together with answers from many other students. They will not be shared with your teachers, parents, or anyone else at your school, unless you share your responses yourself.

This is your chance to have your voice heard as a leader in our schools!

Do you agree to take this survey?

- Yes
- No

Please select your Region:

- School Names pre-populated based on Region Selection

(Rating scale for questions: Strongly Agree, Agree, Somewhat Agree, Somewhat Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree)

Student Engagement

Please respond to the following statements

1. I can learn almost anything if I try hard enough.
2. I like going to school.
3. Most of the other kids in my classes try their best.

Safe and Supportive School Climate (1)

4. I feel like I belong at this school.
5. I feel EMOTIONALLY safe at my school.
6. I feel PHYSICALLY safe at my school.
7. I feel a high-level of stress regarding school.

Safe and Supportive School Climate (2)

Adults in this school are supportive of

8. Students from different racial/ethnic groups.
9. Students from countries other than the United States.
10. Students with mental or physical disabilities.
11. Teachers in this school tell students how important it is to treat ALL students with respect, regardless of differences.

Safe and Supportive School Climate (3)

The following are major problems at my school:

12. Bullying, teasing, and/or picking on students repeatedly.
13. Racial/ethnic discrimination or harassment.
14. Discrimination and/or harassment against people because of their mental and/or physical disability.

Supportive and Trusting Relationships (1)

15. My teachers care about me.
16. My teachers really listen to me when I talk to them.
17. My teachers ask me about how to make the school better.
18. Students are treated fairly by the adults in this school.
19. Most students in my school treat **each other** with respect.
20. Students in this school treat **teachers** with respect.
21. Most students in my school care about each other.
22. When something is really bothering me, there is at least one adult that I can go to and talk about the problem.
23. Most students in my school help each other when asked.

Quality Teaching & Learning (1)

- 24. My teachers want us to become better thinkers, not just memorize things.
- 25. My teachers expect me to always do my best.
- 26. Classes require you to work hard to get good grades.
- 27. My teachers make sure students are involved in learning.
- 28. Teachers ask you to explain how you solved a problem or support your thinking.

Quality Teaching & Learning (2)

My teachers . . .

- 29. help me catch up if I am behind.
- 30. give me individual attention when I need it.
- 31. notice if I have trouble learning something.
- 32. demonstrate that mistakes are a part of learning.
- 33. provide useful feedback on my assignments so that I can learn from my mistakes.
- 34. check to make sure I understand what he or she is teaching in class.

Quality Teaching & Learning (3)

- 35. This school provides instructional materials (e.g., textbooks, handouts) that reflect my cultural background, ethnicity, and identity.
- 36. My teachers connect what we are learning to things that are interesting to me.

Quality Teaching & Learning (4)

My teachers have students. . .

- 37. Discuss how culture, time, or place affects something we learned in class.
- 38. Discuss connections between what we are learning and real-life people or situations.

(Demographics on next page >>)

DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS (MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL)

What grade are you in?

- 7th Grade
- 8th Grade
- 9th Grade
- 10th Grade
- 11th Grade
- 12th Grade

I have been a student in Fairfax County Public Schools for . . .

- 0-1 year
- 2 to 3 years
- 4 or more years

I identify my race/ethnicity as:

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Multi-racial, Two or more Races
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- White
- Other
- Prefer not to answer

****END SURVEY****