



Learning Environment Survey Report

2007-08

District 75

Manhattan School for Career Development

Principal: Tobias Weissman

School DBN: 75M751

Enrollment: 276

School Type: District 75 Special Education



Do parents feel welcome in this school?

Do teachers feel supported by the principal?

Do students say this school sets high expectations?

This report is a summary of the answers given by your school's parents, teachers, and students to the questions on the District 75 2007-08 Learning Environment Survey.

Who took the survey?

Your School	Citywide
20 Parents (8%)	347,829 (40%)
14 Teachers (36%)	48,002 (61%)
64 Students (24%)	410,708 (78%)

Each question is assigned to one of four categories and each category measures an element of a school's learning environment. **How well does your school do the following?**

Academic Expectations	Communication	Engagement	Safety and Respect
Encourage students to do their best by developing appropriate and meaningful academic goals.	Provide information about the school's educational goals and offer appropriate feedback on each student's learning outcomes.	Engage all parents, teachers, and students in an active and vibrant partnership to promote student learning.	Ensure that all members of the school community feel physically and emotionally secure, allowing everyone to focus on student learning.

Parent, teacher, and student answers on the survey determine the survey category scores from 0 to 10. These scores are used to compare schools on a scale from 0% (the lowest-rated school in the City) to 100% (the highest-rated school in the City). For example, a Progress Report City Horizon Score of 60% of the way from the lowest to highest scoring school in the City for that category. **How does your school compare to other District 75 schools?**

	Survey Score (0 – 10)	Progress Report City Horizon Score (0 – 100%)	Your School's Overall Survey Scores Compared to Other District 75 Schools' Scores
Academic Expectations	7	38.1%	
Communication	6.6	38.3%	
Engagement	6.6	36%	
Safety and Respect	6.3	16.1%	

Also in this Survey Report

- Summary of parent, teacher, and student responses
- All survey questions and responses
- Tips on using survey results to help your school

Go to <http://schools.nyc.gov/Surveys> to learn more

- Access the Survey Web Tool that all parents, teachers, students, and school leaders can use to view survey answers, compare schools, or search for schools based on survey results
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Survey Category	How satisfied are you with the following:	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Unsatisfied	Very Unsatisfied	Score	
Academic Expectations	The education and services your child has received this year.	42%	47%	5%	5%	7.5	
Communication	How well your child's school communicates with you.	42%	47%	5%	5%	7.5	
Engagement	Your opportunities to be involved in your child's education.	42%	53%	0%	5%	7.7	
Survey Category	How much do you agree or disagree:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Score
Safety and Respect	My child is safe at school.	26%	74%	0%	0%	0%	8.2

Parent answers on the survey determine the survey category scores from 0 to 10. These scores are used to compare schools on a scale from 0% (the lowest-rated school in the City) to 100% (the highest-rated school in the City). **How do the answers of parents at your school compare to those of parents at other District 75 schools?**

	Survey Score	Progress Report City Horizon Score	Your School's Parent Scores Compared to Other District 75 Schools' Parent Scores		
			0%	50%	100%
Academic Expectations	7.2	35.7%			
Communication	7.5	50.2%			
Engagement	7.4	59.6%			
Safety and Respect	7.9	33.1%			

How can YOU use parent survey results to help your school?

1. **Review the Parent Report** from your school to see how your answers match up with those of other parents at the school. **Then view the results from the Progress Report and Quality Review** from your school to get a full picture of your school's performance.
2. **Talk with the principal, parent coordinator, your child's teacher, and other parents** about ways to work together to improve your child's school.
3. **Speak with your child** about the results of the survey, especially if your child is in grade 6 or higher and completed a student survey.

How many PARENTS took the survey?

Your School	Citywide
20 (8%)	347,829 (40%)

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What do TEACHERS at your school think?

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Category	How much do you agree or disagree:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Does Not Apply	Score
Academic Expectations	This school makes it a priority to help students find the best ways to achieve their learning goals.	50%	21%	29%	0%	NA	7.4
Communication	School leaders let staff know what is expected of them.	43%	36%	21%	0%	NA	7.4
Engagement	School leaders invite teachers to play a meaningful role in setting goals and making important decisions for this school.	36%	57%	0%	7%	0%	7.4
Safety and Respect	I can get the help I need at my school to address student behavior issues.	29%	50%	21%	0%	NA	6.9

Teacher answers on the survey determine the survey category scores from 0 to 10. These scores are used to compare schools on a scale from 0% (the lowest-rated school in the City) to 100% (the highest-rated school in the City). **How do the answers of teachers at your school compare to those of teachers at other District 75 schools?**

	Survey Score (0 – 10)	Progress Report City Horizon Score (0 – 100%)	Your School's Teacher Scores Compared to Other District 75 Schools' Teacher Scores
Academic Expectations	7	59.3%	
Communication	6.5	60.7%	
Engagement	6.1	45.7%	
Safety and Respect	6.1	30.6%	

How can YOU use teacher survey results to help your school?

- 1. Review the Teacher Report** from your school to see how your answers match up with those of other teachers. **Then view the results from the Progress Report and Quality Review** from your school to get a full picture of your school's performance.
- 2. Engage with your students** about the results of the parent, teacher, and student surveys. Do they agree with the results? In what ways do they believe the school could be improved?
- 3. Discuss survey results and areas for improvement** with your colleagues and school leader or principal.

How many TEACHERS took the survey?

Your School	Citywide
14 (36%)	48,002 (61%)

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What do STUDENTS at your school think?

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Category	How much do you agree or disagree:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Score
Academic Expectations	Someone in my school helps me develop appropriate goals for learning.	48%	38%	6%	8%	NA	7.6
Communication	Most of the teachers, paraprofessionals, counselors, therapists, and other staff I see at school every day know my name or who I am.	56%	28%	11%	5%	NA	7.9
Engagement	My teachers make me excited about learning.	38%	31%	14%	13%	5%	6.7
Safety and Respect	I am safe in the hallways, bathrooms, and locker rooms at my school.	34%	31%	10%	26%	NA	5.8

Student answers on the survey determine the survey category scores from 0 to 10. These scores are used to compare schools on a scale from 0% (the lowest-rated school in the City) to 100% (the highest-rated school in the City). **How do the answers of students at your school compare to those of students at other District 75 schools?**

	Survey Score	Progress Report City Horizon Score	Your School's Students Scores Compared to Other District 75 Schools' Student Scores		
	(0 – 10)	(0 – 100%)	0%	50%	100%
Academic Expectations	6.8	25%			
Communication	6.1	32.9%			
Engagement	6.6	33%			
Safety and Respect	5.8	26.6%			

How can YOU use student survey results to help your school?

1. Review the Student Survey Report from your school to see how your answers match up with those of other students.
2. View the results from the Progress Report and Quality Review from your school to get a full picture of your school's performance.
3. Speak with your parents, teachers, and other students about the results of the survey.
4. Work with other students to improve your school's learning environment, and become involved in next year's survey effort!

How many STUDENTS took the survey?

Your School

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PARENT SURVEY

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Academic Expectations

Schools encourage students to do their best by developing rigorous and meaningful academic goals.

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	Score
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The school lets me know about my child's progress through Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings, progress reports and report cards, behavior sheets, phone calls, communication notebooks, or in other ways.

45% 45% 0% 10% 0% **7.5**

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Score
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My child's school has high and appropriate expectations for my child.

22% 67% 0% 11% 0% **7.2**

My child's school works to achieve the goals on my child's IEP.

22% 61% 0% 11% 6% **7.1**

My child is learning what he or she needs to know to succeed in later grades, after graduating from high school, or after age 21.

26% 47% 16% 11% 0% **6.6**

My child's school provides instruction that enables my child to reach his or her potential.

21% 63% 0% 11% 5% **7.1**

The pace of my child's instruction meets my child's needs.

28% 50% 0% 6% 17% **7.4**

My child's school provide appropriate opportunities for inclusion in general education activities, where mandated by my child's IEP.

19% 63% 0% 6% 13% **7.2**

How satisfied are you with the following things about your child's school?	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Unsatisfied	Very Unsatisfied	Score
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The overall quality of your child's teacher(s), paraprofessionals, therapist(s), counselors, and other school staff.

42% 47% 5% 5% **7.5**

The level of assistance your child receives when he or she needs extra help.

37% 47% 11% 5% **7.2**

The educational planning and IEP development process.

42% 42% 5% 11% **7.2**

The education and services your child has received this year.

42% 47% 5% 5% **7.5**



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Communication

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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	Score
I am satisfied with the response I get when I contact my child's school with questions or concerns.	63%	32%	0%	5%	0%	8.4
My child's school makes it easy for parents to attend meetings by holding them at different times of day or at different locations, providing an interpreter, or in other ways.	40%	45%	10%	0%	5%	7.7

How often <u>during this school year</u> have <u>you</u> received information:	More than once a month	About once a month	Once every few months	Once or twice this school year	Never	Score
about what your child is learning in school?	35%	20%	20%	15%	10%	6.4
about services for your child or for you, such as classes or related services workshops you can take to help your child?	40%	30%	5%	15%	10%	6.9

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Score
My child's school communicates effectively to ensure a smooth transition between school year and summer session.	33%	50%	6%	0%	11%	7.4
Answer this question only if your child's IEP mandates Related Services (physical, speech, occupational, vision, or hearing therapy): If my child's school cannot provide the Related Services mandated on my child's IEP, the school informs me in a timely manner.	31%	63%	6%	0%	0%	7.5

How often <u>during this school year</u> have <u>you</u> :	More than once a month	About once a month	Once every few months	Once or twice this school year	Never	Score
talked with a teacher, paraprofessional, counselor, related services provider or other adult at your child's school to share with them important information about your child?	32%	37%	11%	16%	5%	8.2

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Score
My child's teachers, therapists, and other school staff give helpful feedback on homework, classwork, therapies and assessments.	26%	58%	5%	5%	5%	7.4

How satisfied are you with the following things about your child's school?	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Unsatisfied	Very Unsatisfied	Score
How well your child's school communicates with you.	42%	47%	5%	5%	7.5



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Engagement

Schools engage all parents, teachers, and students in an active and vibrant partnership to promote student learning.

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	Score
I feel welcome in my child's school.	53%	47%	0%	0%	0%	8.4
My child's school provides for my child's dietary and feeding needs.	39%	33%	11%	0%	17%	7.8

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Score
My child's school offers opportunities for parents to speak with school personnel to explore the positive behavior supports and behavior management skills appropriate for each child.	42%	47%	5%	0%	5%	8
My child's school offers opportunities for transition planning and connection to adult services agencies.	32%	42%	5%	0%	21%	6.6
Answer this question only if your child's IEP mandates use of assistive and adaptive technologies or communication devices: My child's school offers parent training on personal use of assistive and adaptive technologies or communication devices.	18%	64%	0%	0%	18%	7.4

How often <u>during this school year</u> have you:	More than once a month	About once a month	Once every few months	Once or twice this school	Never	Score
talked to a teacher, paraprofessional, counselor, related services provider or other adult at your child's school about how to help your child learn?	25%	40%	10%	15%	10%	NS
been invited to a workshop, program, performance, or other event at your child's school?	32%	37%	5%	21%	5%	8.2

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Score
My child's school works with me to help my child transition smoothly to the next level.	24%	65%	0%	12%	0%	7.2

My child participates in the following school activities <u>before or after school</u> . (Please mark all that apply.)										Score 5.3
21%	Art	21%	Music	5%	Dance	0%	Theater	0%	Foreign Language	
11%	Activities of Daily Living	26%	Shop / Industrial Arts	63%	Vocational Training	26%	Work/Study	26%	Health, Physical Education	
26%	Computer Skills / Technology	11%	Inclusion Activities (opportunities for my child to participate in activities with general education students)			11%	None of these activities	21%	Don't Know	



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Engagement (continued)

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Score
My child's school offers a wide enough variety of activities and services (including related services and assistive and adaptive technologies where appropriate) to help improve life outcomes for my child.	32%	58%	0%	5%	5%	7.8
My child's teachers, therapists, counselors, Related Service providers (if applicable) and I work as a team.	29%	53%	6%	12%	0%	7.1

How satisfied are you with the following things about your child's school?	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Unsatisfied	Very Unsatisfied	Score
Your opportunities to be involved in your child's education.	42%	53%	0%	5%	7.7

Safety and Respect

Schools ensure that all members of the school community feel physically and emotionally secure, allowing everyone to focus on student learning.

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	Score
If my child has a medical problem, appropriate action is taken.	55%	35%	0%	5%	5%	8.2

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Score
My child is safe at school.	26%	74%	0%	0%	0%	8.2
My child's school is clean.	32%	63%	5%	0%	0%	8
Positive behavior supports are used appropriately at my child's school.	32%	58%	0%	5%	5%	7.8
The presence and actions of School Safety Agents (security officers) help to promote a safe and respectful learning environment.	39%	56%	0%	0%	6%	8.3
School staff treat my child with respect.	28%	67%	0%	6%	0%	7.8
School nurses effectively care for my child's health needs, as required by my child's IEP.	17%	67%	0%	0%	17%	7.5

How often do you think the following occur at your child's school?	Never	Once in a While	Fairly Often	Very Often	Don't Know	Score
Student-to-student incidents occur.	21%	37%	5%	11%	26%	6.4
There is racial or cultural bias by school staff.	56%	17%	17%	0%	11%	8.1
There is conflict at my child's school based on race, culture, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or disability.	56%	22%	17%	0%	6%	8
Students use alcohol or illegal drugs during school.	47%	16%	11%	0%	26%	8.3
There is gang activity in my child's school.	44%	17%	11%	0%	28%	8.2



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Not Scored

These questions appeared on the survey but answers were not scored and did not affect the survey or progress report scores.

What are the best ways for your child's school or teachers to get information to you about your child's education?

Not Scored

(Mark as few or as many as apply.)

80%	Mail	25%	E-mail	55%	IEP Meetings
65%	Paper sent home with your child	10%	School Website	20%	School bulletin board
65%	Phone	0%	Communication Notebook	15%	Citywide Council or Special Education
60%	Parent Teacher Conferences	5%	Other parents	0%	Community organizations
0%	Parent Association, Parent Teacher Association, or similar meetings	30%	School staff (Parent Coordinator, Paraprofessionals, Guidance Counselor)		

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

Not Scored

0%	More effective school leadership	0%	More hands-on learning	20%	More or better enrichment programs	0%	More or better arts programs	0%	More challenging courses
0%	Better communication with parents	0%	More teacher training	40%	Smaller class size	0%	More preparation for state tests	0%	Less preparation for state tests
0%	Improved related services	20%	More or better job training	20%	More parent learning opportunities	0%	More or better programs to manage behavior	0%	More or better reading instruction programs



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TEACHER SURVEY

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Academic Expectations

Schools encourage students to do their best by developing rigorous and meaningful academic goals.

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your school?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Score
Curriculum, instruction, related services, and assessment are aligned at this school.	29%	36%	29%	7%	6.2
The principal places the learning needs of children ahead of other interests.	31%	54%	15%	0%	7.2

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Score
My school has high and appropriate expectations for all students.	38%	31%	31%	0%	6.9
Teachers in this school set high standards for student learning.	36%	57%	7%	0%	7.6
My school has appropriate measures of progress for students throughout the year.	43%	36%	21%	0%	7.4
This school makes it a priority to help students develop appropriate learning goals.	50%	14%	36%	0%	7.1
This school makes it a priority to help students find the best ways to achieve their learning goals.	50%	21%	29%	0%	7.4
For teachers of students age 14 or older (high school students) only: This school makes it a priority to help students select the best courses to achieve their post graduation transition to adult life.	75%	8%	17%	0%	8.6

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Does Not Apply	Score
The principal has confidence in the expertise of the teachers.	38%	31%	31%	0%	0%	6.9
Most teachers in my school work together to improve their instructional practice.	29%	29%	29%	14%	0%	5.7
School leaders place a high priority on the quality of teaching at this school.	36%	43%	14%	7%	0%	6.9
Teachers in this school use student achievement data to improve instructional decisions.	17%	67%	0%	17%	0%	6.1
School leaders give me regular and helpful feedback about my teaching.	43%	36%	14%	7%	0%	7.1
This year, I received helpful training on the use of student achievement data to improve teaching and learning.	21%	36%	21%	7%	14%	6.1
The professional development I received this year provided me with content support in my subject area.	21%	50%	7%	7%	14%	6.7



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Academic Expectations (continued)

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Does Not Apply	Score
The professional development I received this year provided me with teaching strategies to better meet the needs of my students.	21%	43%	7%	7%	21%	6.7
I have sufficient materials to teach my class(es), such as: books, audio/visual equipment, assistive or adaptive devices, maps, calculators and computers.	36%	50%	7%	7%	0%	7.1
My instructional materials are in good condition.	36%	64%	0%	0%	0%	7.9

Communication

Schools provide information about the school's educational goals and offer appropriate feedback on each student's learning outcomes.

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your school?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Score
Schools leaders communicate a clear vision for this school.	43%	43%	14%	0%	7.6
School leaders let staff know what is expected of them.	43%	36%	21%	0%	7.4
School leaders encourage open communication on important school issues.	43%	43%	14%	0%	7.6
The principal is an effective manager who makes the school run smoothly.	29%	29%	43%	0%	6.2

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Does Not Apply	Score
School leaders visit classrooms to observe the quality of teaching at this school.	50%	36%	7%	7%	0%	7.6

Based on your experiences during the current school year, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Score
My school communicates effectively with parents regarding students' misbehavior.	38%	54%	8%	0%	7.7

How often <u>during this school year</u> have you:	More than once a week	Once a Week	About Once a Month	About 3 or 4 Times each Year	Rarely or Never	Score
had a conversation or corresponded with a parent about his or her child's behavior?	14%	29%	14%	29%	14%	NS
attempted to have a conversation with a parent but failed because you were not able to contact the parent or the parent did not respond or attend?	21%	7%	21%	36%	14%	5.5
communicated with students about their progress in class?	71%	21%	0%	7%	0%	NS
communicated with parents about their children's progress?	23%	15%	31%	23%	8%	6.7



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Communication (continued)

How often <u>during this school year</u> have you:	More than once a week	Once a Week	About Once a Month	About 3 or 4 Times each Year	Rarely or Never	Score
sent home information on services to help students or parents such as: after-school programs or workshops adults can attend to help their children in school?	14%	7%	43%	14%	21%	5.5
How often during this school year have you sent parents written information on what you are teaching and what students are expected to learn?						Score 3.6
7%	More than once per week	7%	Once a Week	21%	About Once a Month	
21%	About 3 or 4 Times each year	21%	Rarely or Never	21%	Does Not Apply	

Engagement

Schools engage all parents, teachers, and students in an active and vibrant partnership to promote student learning.

Which of the following courses or activities are available at your school – and when are they available during the day?	Offered as a regular school activity/course	Offered before or after school or during free periods	Not offered at all
Score	10	5	NS
Activities of Daily Living	71%	14%	7%
Art	21%	7%	71%
Computer Skills / Technology	79%	14%	14%
Dance	0%	7%	86%
Foreign language	21%	0%	71%
Health / Physical Education	100%	0%	0%
Inclusion Activities	50%	14%	36%
Music	21%	21%	57%
Shop / Industrial Arts	93%	7%	0%
Theater	14%	29%	57%
Vocational Training	93%	0%	0%
Work / Study	79%	0%	21%

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Score
My school offers a wide enough variety of activities, courses and related services to keep students engaged at my school.	29%	43%	21%	7%	6.4



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To what extent do you feel supported by:	To a great extent	To some extent	To a small extent	To no extent	Score
your principal?	57%	43%	0%	0%	8.6
other teachers and staff at your school?	36%	50%	14%	0%	7.4

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Does Not Apply	Score
School leaders invite teachers to play a meaningful role in setting goals and making important decisions for this school.	36%	57%	0%	7%	0%	7.4
School leaders encourage collaboration among teachers.	38%	38%	15%	8%	0%	6.9

Based on your experiences during the current school year, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Score
Obtaining information from parents about student learning needs is a priority at my school.	21%	29%	50%	0%	5.7
Teachers and administrators in my school use information from parents to inform instructional practices and related services, and to meet student needs.	21%	43%	29%	7%	6

This year, what percentage of your students had at least one parent attend your Parent-Teacher Conferences?						Score 1.4			
57%	0-25%	43%	26-50%	0%	51-75%	0%	76-100%	0%	Does Not Apply

This year, what percentage of your students had at least one parent attend Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meetings?						Score 2.6			
38%	0-25%	54%	26-50%	0%	51-75%	8%	76-100%	0%	Does Not Apply

Safety and Respect

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How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your school?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Score
I trust the principal at his or her word.	38%	46%	15%	0%	7.4

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Does Not Apply	Score
Teachers in this school respect teachers who take the lead in school improvement efforts.	36%	36%	14%	14%	0%	6.4
Teachers in this school trust each other.	14%	57%	14%	14%	0%	5.7
Teachers in this school recognize and respect colleagues who are the most effective teachers.	14%	64%	7%	14%	0%	6



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How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Score
Positive behavior supports are used effectively at my school.	29%	50%	21%	0%	6.9
I can get the help I need at my school to address student behavior issues.	29%	50%	21%	0%	6.9
I am safe at my school.	21%	79%	0%	0%	7.4
Crime and violence are a problem in my school.	7%	64%	14%	14%	4.5
Students in my school are often threatened or bullied.	21%	50%	21%	7%	3.8
Adults at my school are often disrespectful to students.	7%	7%	57%	29%	6.9
Most students treat teachers, counselors, paraprofessionals, therapists, and other adults with respect.	14%	36%	50%	0%	5.5
Most parents treat teachers, counselors, paraprofessionals, therapists, and other adults with respect.	14%	57%	29%	0%	6.2
Students' use of alcohol and illegal drugs in school is a problem at my school.	14%	50%	21%	14%	4.5
There are conflicts at my school based on race, culture, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or disability.	0%	21%	50%	29%	6.9
There is a person or a program in my school to help students resolve conflicts.	21%	29%	29%	21%	5
Gang activity is a problem in my school.	0%	21%	43%	36%	7.1
My school is kept clean.	71%	21%	7%	0%	8.8
The presence and actions of School Safety Agents help to promote a safe and respectful learning environment.	0%	38%	46%	15%	4.1

Not Scored

These questions appeared on the survey but answers were not scored and did not affect the survey or progress report scores.

How long have you been a teacher?

NS

0%	Less than one year	0%	1-3 years	8%	4-10 years	31%	11-15 years	54%	More than 15 years	8%	Does Not Apply
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This table presents the percentage of **STUDENTS** in your school who selected each answer. Questions are assigned to and sorted by category. Question scores are between 0 and 10, and the highest possible score is 10. There are four categories: Academic Expectations, Communication, Engagement, and Safety and Respect. NS indicates that the question was not scored. To learn more about survey and scoring methodology, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/Surveys>.

Academic Expectations

Schools encourage students to do their best by developing rigorous and meaningful academic goals.

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about being successful at your school?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Score	
The teachers, paraprofessionals, counselors, and therapists at my school help me understand what I need to do to succeed in school.	44%	38%	11%	7%	7.3	
My teachers, paraprofessionals, counselors, and therapists help me to succeed.	41%	43%	10%	6%	7.3	
I need to work hard to get good grades at my school.	54%	33%	5%	8%	7.8	
Students who do well in my school are respected by other students.	22%	30%	29%	19%	5.2	
Someone in my school helps me develop appropriate goals for learning.	48%	38%	6%	8%	7.6	
Someone at my school helps me understand what I need to do to be promoted to the next grade or graduate.	55%	25%	11%	9%	7.5	
This question is for <u>high school students</u> only. Middle school students should <u>skip</u> this question: My high school prepares me to get a good job after high school <u>or</u> to get into college.	46%	38%	8%	8%	7.4	
How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your teachers?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Score
My teachers give me extra help when I need it.	48%	32%	5%	11%	5%	7.5
Approximately how many times <u>this school year</u> , have your teachers asked you to:	Never	1 or 2 times	3 or 4 times	5 or more times	Score	
Complete a project using books, newspapers, technology or other materials?	30%	27%	22%	21%	5.6	
Defend your own opinion or ideas?	32%	32%	19%	16%	5.2	
In how many of your classes <u>during the past two weeks</u> have you:	None of My Classes	One of My Classes	A Few of My Classes	Most of My Classes	All of My Classes	Score
worked by yourself (independently) during class?	16%	33%	25%	9%	17%	NS



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Communication

Schools provide information about the school's educational goals and offer appropriate feedback on each student's learning outcomes.

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your school?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Score
Most of the teachers, paraprofessionals, counselors, therapists, and other staff I see at school every day know my name or who I am.	56%	28%	11%	5%	7.9

On a scale of 1 to 4, how AVAILABLE are teachers, paraprofessionals, counselors, therapists and other adults at your school to talk about:	Unavailable	Available	Score
a problem you are having in a class?	15%	48%	6.7
something that is bothering you?	15%	44%	6.7

In how many of your classes <u>during the past two weeks</u> have you:	None of My Classes	One of My Classes	A Few of My Classes	Most of My Classes	All of My Classes	Score
worked in groups of 2 to 6 students?	30%	28%	25%	9%	8%	4.3
had whole-class discussions?	14%	27%	23%	17%	19%	6
participated in hands-on activities, such as science experiments, cooking, building, or mechanics?	23%	31%	13%	9%	23%	5.2

Engagement

Schools engage all parents, teachers, and students in an active and vibrant partnership to promote student learning.

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your school?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Score
I feel welcome in my school.	38%	38%	13%	13%	6.7
The adults at my school care about me.	39%	41%	5%	16%	6.8

On a scale of 1 to 4, how COMFORTABLE are you talking to teachers, paraprofessionals, counselors, therapists, and other adults at your school about:	Uncomfortable	Comfortable	Score
a problem you are having in a class?	25%	41%	5.8
something that is bothering you?	20%	32%	5.5

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your teachers?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Score
My teachers enjoy the subjects they teach.	47%	27%	10%	5%	11%	7.5
My teachers make me excited about learning.	38%	31%	14%	13%	5%	6.7
My teachers connect what I am learning to life outside of the classroom.	38%	39%	9%	11%	3%	7.1



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<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	Score 8.2
Activities of Daily Living	45%	19%	35%	
Art	22%	6%	71%	
Computer Skills / Technology	27%	6%	66%	
Dance	11%	8%	80%	
Foreign Language	8%	6%	86%	
Health / Physical Education	53%	11%	35%	
Inclusion Activities	19%	10%	71%	
Music	24%	10%	67%	
Shop / Industrial Arts	26%	11%	63%	
Theater	13%	8%	78%	
Vocational Training	72%	3%	25%	
Work / Study	59%	5%	36%	

<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	Score 6.6
Activities of Daily Living	33%	5%	62%	
Art	12%	14%	75%	
Computer Skills / Technology	20%	11%	69%	
Dance	13%	10%	77%	
Foreign Language	8%	13%	79%	
Health / Physical Education	34%	11%	54%	
Inclusion Activities	14%	10%	76%	
Music	15%	11%	74%	
Shop / Industrial Arts	17%	12%	71%	
Theater	11%	13%	76%	
Vocational Training	51%	13%	36%	
Work / Study	50%	15%	35%	



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How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Score
My school offers a wide enough variety of classes, programs, and activities to keep me interested in school.	31%	25%	16%	28%	5.3

Safety and Respect

Schools ensure that all members of the school community feel physically and emotionally secure, allowing everyone to focus on student learning.

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your teachers?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Score
Teachers, paraprofessionals, counselors, therapists, and other adults in my school treat students with respect.	45%	25%	9%	9%	11%	7.2
Most students in my school respect teachers, paraprofessionals, counselors, therapists, and other adults at my school.	19%	17%	24%	29%	11%	4.4
Adults in my school treat each other with respect.	38%	35%	14%	8%	5%	7

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about students in your school?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Score
Most students in my school help and care about each other.	10%	31%	26%	33%	3.9
Most students in my school just look out for themselves.	39%	33%	20%	8%	6.8
Most students in my school respect each other.	13%	26%	23%	38%	3.8

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	Score
I stay home because I don't feel safe at school.	65%	15%	5%	15%	7.7
Students threaten or bully other students at school.	36%	19%	17%	29%	5.4
Students get into physical fights at my school.	34%	15%	16%	34%	5
Adults at my school yell at students.	46%	20%	11%	23%	6.3
There is conflict in my school based on: race, culture, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or disabilities	57%	15%	5%	23%	6.8
Students use alcohol or illegal drugs while at school.	44%	7%	15%	34%	5.4
There is gang activity in my school.	42%	8%	7%	43%	4.9



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How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your school?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Score
There is a person or program in my school to help students resolve conflicts.	38%	33%	18%	11%	6.6
Discipline in my school is fair.	28%	32%	13%	27%	5.4
I am safe in my classes.	40%	30%	15%	15%	6.5
I am safe in the hallways, bathrooms, and locker rooms at my school.	34%	31%	10%	26%	5.8
I am safe on school property outside my school building.	36%	24%	17%	24%	5.7
My school is kept clean.	30%	20%	27%	23%	5.2
The presence and actions of School Safety Agents help to promote a safe and respectful learning environment.	34%	34%	16%	15%	6.3

Not Scored

These questions appeared on the survey but answers were not scored and did not affect the survey or progress report scores.

How old are you?	Not Scored										
0%	11	0%	12	0%	13	2%	14	10%	15	17%	16
14%	17	10%	18	21%	19	21%	20	5%	21		