

COLUMBIA SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEY — FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

Certain characteristics of a school can affect student learning. This survey asks for your views about our school so we can improve and provide the best possible education for your child.

It will take you 5–10 minutes to respond to the 30 statements about the school. The survey uses a 5-point scale, with 1 meaning you “don’t agree at all” with the statement, and 5 meaning you “agree completely.” (Mark the X when you don’t know or the statement does not apply.) Mark one number for each statement.

Please respond honestly to each statement. *All responses will be anonymous and remain confidential.*

Participation is voluntary, and not responding to the survey will not affect your child in any way. If you do not want to take the survey, please check the box below and return the blank survey to the school.

I choose not to respond to this survey:

Please provide some background information about yourself (circle one for each question asked).

- A. Gender: # Male # Female
- B. Your race/ethnicity: #American Indian / Native Amer. #African American / Black
 #Asian / Pacific Islander #Hispanic / Latino
 #White / Caucasian #Multi-racial #Other
- C. Number of children in this school: #0 #1 #2 #3 #4 or more
- D. Number of children under 18 living in your home: #0 #1 #2 #3 #4 #5 or more
- E. Relationship to children in the school: #Parent #Relative #Guardian #Other
- F. Main language spoken at home: #English #Spanish #Cambodian #Chinese #Korean
 #Other:
- G. Frequency of visits to the school: #Never #Rarely #Sometimes #Often #Very Often

Think about the school as you read each statement below. Then circle the number that best describes how much you agree with that statement.

Use the following scale to guide your responses:

- 5 Agree Completely
 4 Agree Mostly
 3 Agree Moderately
 2 Agree Slightly
 1 Don't Agree at All
 X Don't Know/Does Not Apply

	Don't Know/ Does Not Apply	Don't agree at all	Agree slightly	Agree moderately	Agree mostly	Agree completely
1. The school has a clearly defined purpose and mission.	X	1	2	3	4	5
2. I have a clear understanding of what the school is trying to accomplish.	X	1	2	3	4	5
3. I support the goals of the school.	X	1	2	3	4	5
4. The school's primary emphasis is improving student learning.	X	1	2	3	4	5
5. The school communicates its goals effectively to families and the community.	X	1	2	3	4	5
6. All students in the school are expected to meet high standards.	X	1	2	3	4	5
7. My child understands what needs to be learned.	X	1	2	3	4	5
8. School work is meaningful and made relevant.	X	1	2	3	4	5
9. Teachers do whatever it takes to help my child meet high academic standards.	X	1	2	3	4	5
10. Teachers make adjustments to meet individual student's needs.	X	1	2	3	4	5
11. Classes challenge students to think and solve problems.	X	1	2	3	4	5

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12. Students receive detailed information about the quality of the work they do.	X	1	2	3	4	5
13. Teachers give students extra help if it is needed.	X	1	2	3	4	5
14. Grades are given in a fair manner.	X	1	2	3	4	5
15. Students respect those who are different from them.	X	1	2	3	4	5
16. The adults in the school show respect for all students.	X	1	2	3	4	5
17. Discipline problems are handled fairly.	X	1	2	3	4	5
18. School leaders act fairly and with integrity.	X	1	2	3	4	5
19. My child feels safe at school.	X	1	2	3	4	5
20. The school environment helps the learning process.	X	1	2	3	4	5
21. School staff listen carefully when I express my opinions and concerns.	X	1	2	3	4	5
22. Teachers are constantly trying to become better teachers.	X	1	2	3	4	5
23. The teachers and other adults in my school show respect for each other.	X	1	2	3	4	5
24. School leaders show they care about all students.	X	1	2	3	4	5
25. The adults in the school work well together.	X	1	2	3	4	5
26. The school contacts the families of students who are struggling academically.	X	1	2	3	4	5
27. There is frequent, two-way communication between school staff and families.	X	1	2	3	4	5
28. I feel welcome when I visit the school.	X	1	2	3	4	5
29. The school works with many community organizations to support its students.	X	1	2	3	4	5
30. Many parents and adults from the community come and help at the school.	X	1	2	3	4	5

Other Comments: