



# DCPS STAKEHOLDER SURVEYS 2011

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## Question by Question Results – Amidon-Bowen's Students

46 students (100% of eligible students) completed the survey at Amidon-Bowen Elementary School

How much do you agree or disagree that...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
My school is on the right track for student achievement	15%	67%	13%	4%
I am strongly supported within my school	24%	54%	17%	4%
I would recommend my school to other students	18%	47%	24%	11%
This school is a welcoming place for my family	36%	40%	20%	4%

What grade would you give... your school?	A	B	C	D	F
your school?	35%	52%	4%	4%	4%

How much do you agree or disagree that...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
I feel safe at my school	29%	29%	20%	9%	13%
Everyone is expected to follow the school rules	39%	33%	13%	11%	4%
School entrances are always monitored	23%	44%	21%	5%	7%
Hallways, stairwells, bathrooms are empty of students during class periods	11%	27%	24%	22%	16%
School security devices (for example, cameras) work	39%	43%	4%	4%	9%
Security personnel at my school do a good job	29%	40%	13%	9%	9%
My school is orderly and in control	5%	36%	36%	11%	11%
My school is clean and well maintained	15%	35%	26%	13%	11%

How safe do you feel in the following places?	Very safe	Mostly safe	Somewhat safe	Not safe
Outside around the school	22%	47%	24%	7%
In the hallways and bathrooms of this school	27%	47%	18%	9%
In my classes	60%	24%	13%	2%

How often do students in your school...	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Don't know
Get into fights	42%	42%	16%	0%	0%
Have things stolen or damaged by other students	16%	29%	16%	27%	13%
Get made fun of for the way they look or talk	21%	42%	2%	28%	7%
See gang activity in school	16%	16%	21%	26%	21%

The principal at my school...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Makes the school run smoothly	43%	34%	20%	2%
Cares about students	67%	30%	0%	2%
Is available to talk to	50%	41%	7%	2%
Highlights student accomplishments regularly	48%	38%	10%	5%

Note: Percentages in this report may differ from your school's summary report because "Don't know" responses were excluded from the summary report.



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<b>The adults working at my school...</b>	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
Work hard and try to make the school work well	48%	41%	7%	5%
Care about students	50%	34%	16%	0%
Include at least one adult I can talk to if something is wrong	36%	50%	11%	2%
Help maintain discipline in the entire school	32%	41%	23%	5%
Treat me with respect	55%	36%	7%	2%
Give me extra help when I need it	40%	49%	9%	2%
Treat all students fairly	36%	38%	21%	5%
Set high standards for students	45%	39%	16%	0%

<b>My teachers...</b>	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
Inspire me to learn	61%	34%	5%	0%
Often connect what I'm learning to life outside the classroom	44%	35%	19%	2%
Encourage students to share ideas about things we're studying in class	44%	47%	5%	5%
Often require me to explain my answers	51%	35%	12%	2%
Often assign homework that helps me learn	40%	50%	7%	2%

<b>How much do you agree or disagree that...</b>	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
We have enough teaching materials (like books, photocopies and calculators) for all students	27%	39%	25%	9%
In my classes, we often discuss different interpretations of things we read	47%	40%	9%	5%
My classes really make me think	40%	43%	7%	10%
When I am absent, the teacher gives me missed assignments	28%	35%	35%	2%

<b>How often do you have...</b>	<i>Usually</i>	<i>Sometimes</i>	<i>Rarely</i>	<i>Never</i>
Access to a working computer at school	36%	50%	7%	7%
Access to the internet at school	25%	52%	23%	0%
Access to a working printer at school	9%	14%	19%	58%

<b>How much do you agree or disagree that...</b>	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
I try hard to do well in school	64%	30%	5%	2%
I know what I do well in school and what areas I need to work on	52%	43%	2%	2%
I ask for help from my teachers or others when I need it	41%	52%	2%	5%
I set goals and then work to achieve them	37%	53%	7%	2%
I respect the ways in which people are different	34%	57%	7%	2%
I get along well with other students	30%	48%	18%	5%
I am confident I will graduate from high school	65%	28%	0%	7%



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How much do you agree or disagree that...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I like school	32%	59%	9%	0%
I attend all my classes	51%	42%	7%	0%
I think doing well in school is important for my future	70%	23%	7%	0%
I can get help on schoolwork if I need it	55%	34%	7%	5%
My friends think it's important to work hard to get high grades	55%	32%	9%	5%

Gender	Male	Female
	53%	47%

Grade	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

How would you describe yourself?			
Black/African American	91%	Native American	2%
Hispanic	0%	Asian/Pacific Islander	0%
White or Caucasian	0%	Other	7%

What languages does your family speak at home?			
English	96%	Chinese	0%
Spanish	0%	Amharic	0%
French	0%	Other	2%

The following questions are applicable for students in 9th through 12th grade only.

Are you aware of the high school graduation requirements?	Yes	NA	No	NA

Are you on track towards high school graduation?	Yes	NA	No	NA
	Not Sure	NA		

What are your plans after high school?			
Continue school	NA	Join the military	NA
Get a job	NA	Other plans	NA
Not sure	NA		

Have you taken any preparation courses to help you prepare for taking college entrance tests like the ACT or SAT?	Yes	NA	No	NA

Have you taken any college entrance tests?	SAT	NA	ACT	NA
	Other	NA		



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## Question by Question Results – Amidon-Bowen's Parents 24 parents (11% of eligible parents) completed the survey at Amidon-Bowen Elementary School

How much you agree or disagree that...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
DCPS is on the right track for student achievement	29%	38%	17%	8%	8%
This school is on the right track for student achievement	22%	26%	13%	30%	9%

Overall, what grade would you give...	A	B	C	D	F	Don't know
this school?	26%	9%	17%	22%	26%	0%
DCPS?	30%	22%	30%	0%	9%	9%

Do you plan to keep your child(ren) in DCPS?	Yes	67%	If not, why?	Moving out of DC	4%
	No	8%		Unhappy with school system	13%
	Don't know	25%		Other	4%

Would you recommend that a friend send his or her child to this school?	Yes	46%	No	50%	Don't know	4%
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How satisfied you are with the following at this school:	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know
Quality of instruction	21%	29%	25%	13%	13%
Academic progress of my child(ren)	26%	39%	22%	9%	4%
Physical condition of the classrooms	23%	27%	27%	23%	0%
Safety inside the school	24%	29%	29%	19%	0%
School's office staff	33%	33%	25%	8%	0%
Teachers	55%	30%	10%	5%	0%
School principal	14%	38%	14%	24%	10%
How the school communicates with parents	30%	30%	39%	0%	0%
How DCPS communicates with parents	26%	48%	26%	0%	0%
The level of parental engagement	13%	50%	25%	4%	8%

Which aspect of your child(ren)'s school is most important to you?			
Welcoming environment	0%	Academics/Student learning	73%
School's leadership/principal	9%	Teachers	5%
Safety	14%	Facility/building	0%
Location	0%	Other	0%

Do you know...	Yes	No
DCPS' policies on students' rights and responsibilities?	91%	9%
DCPS' policies on parents' rights and responsibilities?	88%	13%
How to volunteer at your child(ren)'s school?	87%	13%



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<b>How much you agree or disagree that...</b>	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>	<i>Don't know/ Not applicable</i>
This school keeps me regularly informed of my child(ren)'s progress	35%	30%	30%	4%	0%
Teachers contact me with concerns	29%	57%	5%	5%	5%
I receive interpretations/translations when I need them	13%	26%	9%	0%	52%
The school does a good job identifying students who need additional support	25%	25%	13%	17%	21%
There is a good process to get students enrolled in additional services they need	29%	21%	21%	17%	13%
I have all of the information that I need to make the right decisions about my child(ren)'s education at DCPS	32%	41%	9%	18%	0%

<b>Please mark how much you agree or disagree that...</b>	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
I feel welcome at this school	42%	25%	21%	8%	4%
School staff members are helpful in answering my questions	38%	25%	29%	8%	0%
This school applies discipline procedures fairly to all students	26%	22%	13%	30%	9%
This school makes student learning its #1 priority	33%	21%	25%	17%	4%
This school has high expectations for my child(ren)	33%	21%	17%	25%	4%
This school does a good job of understanding and addressing my child(ren)'s individual learning needs	33%	25%	13%	21%	8%

<b>How satisfied are you with your interactions with the following departments/offices this year?</b>	<i>Very satisfied</i>	<i>Satisfied</i>	<i>Dissatisfied</i>	<i>Very dissatisfied</i>	<i>I did not interact with this dept/office</i>
Bilingual education	14%	5%	0%	0%	81%
Special education	23%	9%	0%	9%	59%
Student intervention	23%	5%	0%	5%	68%
Afterschool program	30%	22%	9%	17%	22%
Summer school	10%	10%	0%	0%	81%
Critical Response Team	9%	13%	0%	4%	74%

<b>What types of programs and workshops would you like the schools to provide for you as a parent/guardian?</b>			
Understanding the DC public school system	50%	Getting to know your community resources	54%
Job search strategies	50%	Computer literacy	21%
Parent/child classes (like Mommy and me)	33%	Effective discipline strategies	29%
Finance/dealing with money	13%	Stress management	33%
Understanding child development	50%	Other	8%
Parenting support groups	50%		



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How many of your children attend DCPS schools?	1	23%	2	36%	3	23%
	4	5%	5 or more	14%		

What grades are they in?	Pre-K/K	33%	3	17%	6	17%	9	0%
	1	21%	4	29%	7	13%	10	4%
	2	21%	5	25%	8	0%	11	0%
							12	8%

What is your relationship with these students?	Parent	83%	Grandparent	13%	Other family member	0%
	Guardian	17%	Aunt/Uncle	0%	Other	0%

Are any of your children currently receiving special education services?	Yes	29%	No	71%
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Are any of your children currently receiving English Language Learner (ELL) services?	Yes	9%	No	91%
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In your household, what languages are spoken?	English	96%	French	0%	Amharic	4%
	Spanish	0%	Chinese	0%	Other	4%

How would you describe your background?	Black/African American	88%	Native American	4%
	Hispanic or Latin American	4%	Asian/Pacific Islander	0%
	White or Caucasian	8%	Other	4%

What is your gender?	Male	14%	Female	86%
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What ward do you live in?	1	0%	3	0%	5	0%	7	4%
	2	4%	4	0%	6	78%	8	13%

In what ward(s) do your child(ren) go to school?	1	4%	3	0%	5	0%	7	4%
	2	8%	4	0%	6	83%	8	0%

What is the highest level of education you completed?			
Grades 1-8	0%	Some college/technical school	18%
Some high school	14%	College/technical school graduate	18%
High school graduate	41%	Post-graduate education	9%



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## Question by Question Results – Amidon-Bowen's Staff 20 staff (38% of eligible staff) completed the survey at Amidon-Bowen Elementary School

The following questions appeared on the teacher, administrator and staff surveys. The responses below reflect the combined responses of teachers, administrators and staff at your school.

How much do you agree or disagree that...	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
The school district (DCPS) is on the right track for student achievement	5%	60%	10%	20%	5%
The central office effectively supports my school	0%	55%	15%	25%	5%
My school is on the right track for student achievement	20%	50%	10%	20%	0%
I am strongly supported within my school	30%	50%	5%	15%	0%

<b>If a friend of yours was looking for a school for his/her child, would you recommend your school?</b>	Yes	61%	No	39%
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How much do you agree or disagree that...	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
My school is a good place to work	30%	40%	25%	5%
I have adequate materials/equipment to do my work	15%	60%	20%	5%

How much do you agree or disagree that the adults working at your school...	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
Care about the students	20%	70%	10%	0%
Help maintain discipline in the entire school	10%	65%	15%	10%
Take responsibility for improving their school	15%	65%	10%	10%
Pursue opportunities to grow professionally	25%	60%	15%	0%
Work hard to build trusting relationships with parents	30%	60%	5%	5%

How much do you agree or disagree that...	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
I feel safe at my school	15%	65%	20%	0%	0%
My school's discipline plan is implemented uniformly	15%	50%	20%	15%	0%
My school is orderly and in control	5%	40%	30%	25%	0%
School entrances are monitored consistently	10%	70%	10%	10%	0%
School security devices are consistently operational	20%	60%	5%	5%	10%
My school has effective discipline procedures in place	10%	60%	20%	10%	0%
Security personnel at my school are effective	30%	65%	5%	0%	0%

How much do you agree or disagree that...	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
Classrooms in my school are in good physical condition	10%	65%	20%	5%
My school is clean	10%	60%	20%	10%
My school is well maintained	10%	55%	30%	5%



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## Question by Question Results – Amidon-Bowen's Staff

<b>How satisfied are you with the following DCPS departments and support services...</b>	<i>Very satisfied</i>	<i>Satisfied</i>	<i>Dissatisfied</i>	<i>Very dissatisfied</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
School district services overall	0%	58%	26%	5%	11%
Office of Special Education	5%	63%	5%	11%	16%
Office of Bilingual Education	0%	63%	0%	5%	32%
Office of the Chief Academic Officer	0%	63%	5%	5%	26%
Office of Professional Development	0%	58%	5%	11%	26%
Office of Youth Engagement	5%	58%	5%	16%	16%
Office of Family and Public Engagement	0%	63%	5%	11%	21%
Office of Data and Accountability	0%	63%	5%	5%	26%
Office of Human Capital	0%	53%	11%	5%	32%
Office of Human Resources	0%	68%	5%	11%	16%
Technology Support Services	11%	79%	0%	11%	0%
Facilities and Maintenance	11%	68%	0%	5%	16%
Summer School	5%	58%	11%	5%	21%
Afterschool Program	16%	63%	5%	11%	5%
Career and Technical Education	0%	58%	11%	11%	21%
School Security	21%	68%	0%	5%	5%
Nurses/School Health Services	5%	68%	16%	5%	5%

<b>Indicate your years of experience.</b>	<i>This is my first year</i>	<i>2-3 years</i>	<i>4-5 years</i>	<i>6-10 years</i>	<i>More than 10 years</i>
Including this year, how many years have you been working at this school?	5%	37%	21%	11%	26%
Including this year, how many years have you been working at DCPS?	0%	5%	5%	16%	74%

<b>Gender</b>	Male	20%	Female	80%
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<b>How would you describe yourself?</b>			
Black/African American	90%	Native American	5%
Hispanic	0%	Asian/Pacific Islander	0%
White or Caucasian	10%	Other	0%



## Question by Question Results – Amidon-Bowen's Staff

The following questions appeared on the teacher and staff surveys. The responses below reflect the combined responses of teachers and staff at your school.

<b>How much do you agree or disagree that...</b>	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
My coworkers respect me	42%	47%	11%	0%
The administrators at this school respect me	42%	32%	16%	11%

<b>How much do you agree or disagree that the principal at your school...</b>	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
Is an effective manager who makes the school run smoothly	32%	42%	11%	16%
Cares about the students	47%	47%	0%	5%
Encourages collaboration among school staff	37%	42%	5%	16%
Provides me feedback regularly	37%	37%	21%	5%
Treats all staff with respect	37%	32%	11%	21%
Is a leader I have confidence in	42%	37%	0%	21%

The following questions appeared on the teacher and administrator survey. The responses below reflect the responses of teachers and administrators at your school.

**There were too few Teacher and Administrator responses to report.**

The following questions appeared on the teacher survey only. The responses below reflect the responses of teachers at your school.

**There were too few Teacher responses to report.**