



DCPS STAKEHOLDER SURVEYS 2011

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Question by Question Results – Garfield's Students

34 students (92% of eligible students) completed the survey at Garfield 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	24%	53%	24%	0%
I am strongly supported within my school	21%	58%	12%	9%
I would recommend my school to other students	18%	52%	21%	9%
This school is a welcoming place for my family	31%	22%	19%	28%

What grade would you give... your school?	A	B	C	D	F
	24%	30%	30%	9%	6%

How much do you agree or disagree that...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
I feel safe at my school	24%	41%	21%	12%	3%
Everyone is expected to follow the school rules	26%	35%	24%	12%	3%
School entrances are always monitored	29%	44%	9%	3%	15%
Hallways, stairwells, bathrooms are empty of students during class periods	9%	9%	50%	24%	9%
School security devices (for example, cameras) work	39%	30%	9%	3%	18%
Security personnel at my school do a good job	36%	48%	3%	9%	3%
My school is orderly and in control	6%	22%	38%	22%	13%
My school is clean and well maintained	3%	34%	31%	16%	16%

How safe do you feel in the following places?	Very safe	Mostly safe	Somewhat safe	Not safe
Outside around the school	29%	26%	32%	12%
In the hallways and bathrooms of this school	27%	33%	33%	6%
In my classes	39%	33%	18%	9%

How often do students in your school...	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Don't know
Get into fights	29%	44%	12%	9%	6%
Have things stolen or damaged by other students	18%	42%	21%	15%	3%
Get made fun of for the way they look or talk	32%	29%	15%	18%	6%
See gang activity in school	12%	26%	18%	24%	21%

The principal at my school...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Makes the school run smoothly	9%	36%	36%	18%
Cares about students	21%	33%	27%	18%
Is available to talk to	15%	33%	24%	27%
Highlights student accomplishments regularly	15%	42%	27%	15%

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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The adults working at my school...	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
Work hard and try to make the school work well	47%	44%	6%	3%
Care about students	24%	68%	6%	3%
Include at least one adult I can talk to if something is wrong	50%	32%	12%	6%
Help maintain discipline in the entire school	15%	56%	18%	12%
Treat me with respect	32%	47%	12%	9%
Give me extra help when I need it	27%	52%	12%	9%
Treat all students fairly	21%	41%	21%	18%
Set high standards for students	42%	39%	9%	9%

My teachers...	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
Inspire me to learn	45%	42%	9%	3%
Often connect what I'm learning to life outside the classroom	24%	52%	21%	3%
Encourage students to share ideas about things we're studying in class	34%	47%	13%	6%
Often require me to explain my answers	38%	50%	6%	6%
Often assign homework that helps me learn	39%	45%	9%	6%

How much do you agree or disagree that...	<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	12%	42%	24%	21%
In my classes, we often discuss different interpretations of things we read	35%	39%	19%	6%
My classes really make me think	34%	28%	34%	3%
When I am absent, the teacher gives me missed assignments	25%	44%	13%	19%

How often do you have...	<i>Usually</i>	<i>Sometimes</i>	<i>Rarely</i>	<i>Never</i>
Access to a working computer at school	28%	31%	28%	13%
Access to the internet at school	34%	28%	19%	19%
Access to a working printer at school	19%	25%	16%	41%

How much do you agree or disagree that...	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
I try hard to do well in school	64%	33%	0%	3%
I know what I do well in school and what areas I need to work on	55%	36%	9%	0%
I ask for help from my teachers or others when I need it	48%	48%	0%	3%
I set goals and then work to achieve them	48%	42%	9%	0%
I respect the ways in which people are different	39%	52%	6%	3%
I get along well with other students	30%	39%	21%	9%
I am confident I will graduate from high school	58%	39%	0%	3%



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How much do you agree or disagree that...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I like school	21%	48%	18%	12%
I attend all my classes	44%	50%	6%	0%
I think doing well in school is important for my future	63%	34%	3%	0%
I can get help on schoolwork if I need it	38%	59%	0%	3%
My friends think it's important to work hard to get high grades	38%	38%	16%	9%

Gender	Male	Female
	50%	50%

Grade	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
	97%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

How would you describe yourself?			
Black/African American	91%	Native American	9%
Hispanic	0%	Asian/Pacific Islander	0%
White or Caucasian	0%	Other	3%

What languages does your family speak at home?			
English	97%	Chinese	0%
Spanish	6%	Amharic	0%
French	0%	Other	0%

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 – Garfield's Parents *34 parents (17% of eligible parents) completed the survey at Garfield Elementary School*

How much you agree or disagree that...	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
DCPS is on the right track for student achievement	21%	56%	12%	12%	0%
This school is on the right track for student achievement	35%	41%	9%	12%	3%

Overall, what grade would you give...	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
this school?	33%	15%	24%	6%	9%	12%
DCPS?	12%	18%	50%	6%	12%	3%

Do you plan to keep your child(ren) in DCPS?	Yes	45%	If not, why?	Moving out of DC	0%
	No	24%		Unhappy with school system	9%
	Don't know	30%		Other	21%

Would you recommend that a friend send his or her child to this school?	Yes	52%	No	23%	Don't know	26%
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How satisfied you are with the following at this school:	<i>Very satisfied</i>	<i>Satisfied</i>	<i>Dissatisfied</i>	<i>Very dissatisfied</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Quality of instruction	21%	56%	24%	0%	0%
Academic progress of my child(ren)	32%	44%	15%	6%	3%
Physical condition of the classrooms	26%	56%	9%	9%	0%
Safety inside the school	21%	65%	9%	3%	3%
School's office staff	53%	41%	3%	3%	0%
Teachers	56%	31%	6%	3%	3%
School principal	44%	26%	12%	12%	6%
How the school communicates with parents	47%	38%	12%	3%	0%
How DCPS communicates with parents	21%	65%	9%	3%	3%
The level of parental engagement	29%	48%	13%	6%	3%

Which aspect of your child(ren)'s school is most important to you?			
Welcoming environment	3%	Academics/Student learning	77%
School's leadership/principal	3%	Teachers	6%
Safety	6%	Facility/building	0%
Location	3%	Other	0%

Do you know...	Yes	No
DCPS' policies on students' rights and responsibilities?	88%	12%
DCPS' policies on parents' rights and responsibilities?	88%	12%
How to volunteer at your child(ren)'s school?	94%	6%



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How much you agree or disagree that...	<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	53%	38%	9%	0%	0%
Teachers contact me with concerns	56%	38%	6%	0%	0%
I receive interpretations/translations when I need them	26%	21%	12%	0%	41%
The school does a good job identifying students who need additional support	41%	29%	12%	9%	9%
There is a good process to get students enrolled in additional services they need	38%	41%	12%	3%	6%
I have all of the information that I need to make the right decisions about my child(ren)'s education at DCPS	38%	38%	25%	0%	0%

Please mark how much 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 welcome at this school	53%	41%	3%	3%	0%
School staff members are helpful in answering my questions	53%	41%	3%	3%	0%
This school applies discipline procedures fairly to all students	32%	35%	18%	9%	6%
This school makes student learning its #1 priority	41%	41%	6%	6%	6%
This school has high expectations for my child(ren)	53%	29%	9%	3%	6%
This school does a good job of understanding and addressing my child(ren)'s individual learning needs	47%	31%	16%	6%	0%

How satisfied are you with your interactions with the following departments/offices this year?	<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	10%	23%	10%	0%	58%
Special education	38%	28%	9%	6%	19%
Student intervention	33%	27%	10%	3%	27%
Afterschool program	55%	30%	6%	0%	9%
Summer school	25%	16%	9%	0%	50%
Critical Response Team	28%	16%	6%	0%	50%

What types of programs and workshops would you like the schools to provide for you as a parent/guardian?			
Understanding the DC public school system	29%	Getting to know your community resources	29%
Job search strategies	29%	Computer literacy	9%
Parent/child classes (like Mommy and me)	38%	Effective discipline strategies	29%
Finance/dealing with money	12%	Stress management	35%
Understanding child development	32%	Other	6%
Parenting support groups	32%		



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How many of your children attend DCPS schools?	1	38%	2	26%	3	26%
	4	6%	5 or more	3%		

What grades are they in?	Pre-K/K	53%	3	12%	6	6%	9	0%
	1	12%	4	15%	7	21%	10	3%
	2	15%	5	44%	8	9%	11	0%
							12	0%

What is your relationship with these students?	Parent	91%	Grandparent	9%	Other family member	0%
	Guardian	6%	Aunt/Uncle	3%	Other	3%

Are any of your children currently receiving special education services?	Yes	45%	No	55%
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Are any of your children currently receiving English Language Learner (ELL) services?	Yes	6%	No	94%
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In your household, what languages are spoken?	English	100%	French	0%	Amharic	0%
	Spanish	0%	Chinese	0%	Other	0%

How would you describe your background?	Black/African American	97%	Native American	0%
	Hispanic or Latin American	0%	Asian/Pacific Islander	0%
	White or Caucasian	3%	Other	0%

What is your gender?	Male	6%	Female	94%
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What ward do you live in?	1	0%	3	0%	5	0%	7	6%
	2	0%	4	0%	6	0%	8	94%

In what ward(s) do your child(ren) go to school?	1	0%	3	0%	5	0%	7	12%
	2	3%	4	0%	6	6%	8	85%

What is the highest level of education you completed?			
Grades 1-8	0%	Some college/technical school	22%
Some high school	4%	College/technical school graduate	22%
High school graduate	52%	Post-graduate education	0%



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Question by Question Results – Garfield's Staff

38 staff (100% of eligible staff) completed the survey at Garfield 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...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
The school district (DCPS) is on the right track for student achievement	5%	68%	16%	5%	5%
The central office effectively supports my school	3%	46%	19%	3%	30%
My school is on the right track for student achievement	5%	74%	11%	5%	5%
I am strongly supported within my school	31%	56%	14%	0%	0%

If a friend of yours was looking for a school for his/her child, would you recommend your school?	Yes	44%	No	56%
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How much do you agree or disagree that...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
My school is a good place to work	34%	50%	16%	0%
I have adequate materials/equipment to do my work	29%	39%	32%	0%

How much do you agree or disagree that the adults working at your school...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Care about the students	68%	29%	3%	0%
Help maintain discipline in the entire school	18%	61%	18%	3%
Take responsibility for improving their school	34%	61%	5%	0%
Pursue opportunities to grow professionally	34%	61%	5%	0%
Work hard to build trusting relationships with parents	47%	47%	5%	0%

How much do you agree or disagree that...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
I feel safe at my school	46%	46%	8%	0%	0%
My school's discipline plan is implemented uniformly	11%	46%	32%	8%	3%
My school is orderly and in control	6%	28%	53%	14%	0%
School entrances are monitored consistently	32%	57%	8%	0%	3%
School security devices are consistently operational	30%	57%	8%	0%	5%
My school has effective discipline procedures in place	11%	35%	41%	11%	3%
Security personnel at my school are effective	22%	56%	17%	3%	3%

How much do you agree or disagree that...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Classrooms in my school are in good physical condition	18%	68%	13%	0%
My school is clean	29%	66%	5%	0%
My school is well maintained	32%	57%	11%	0%



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Question by Question Results – Garfield's Staff

How satisfied are you with the following DCPS departments and support services...	<i>Very satisfied</i>	<i>Satisfied</i>	<i>Dissatisfied</i>	<i>Very dissatisfied</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
School district services overall	11%	50%	22%	0%	17%
Office of Special Education	11%	47%	6%	0%	36%
Office of Bilingual Education	3%	14%	3%	0%	80%
Office of the Chief Academic Officer	6%	33%	6%	0%	56%
Office of Professional Development	8%	47%	3%	0%	42%
Office of Youth Engagement	8%	33%	0%	0%	58%
Office of Family and Public Engagement	6%	36%	3%	0%	56%
Office of Data and Accountability	3%	47%	6%	0%	44%
Office of Human Capital	3%	19%	6%	3%	69%
Office of Human Resources	8%	53%	14%	6%	19%
Technology Support Services	25%	53%	3%	0%	19%
Facilities and Maintenance	17%	57%	11%	0%	14%
Summer School	8%	33%	3%	3%	53%
Afterschool Program	11%	54%	17%	0%	17%
Career and Technical Education	6%	22%	0%	0%	72%
School Security	11%	61%	14%	3%	11%
Nurses/School Health Services	17%	72%	3%	0%	8%

Indicate your years of experience.	<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?	36%	28%	8%	3%	25%
Including this year, how many years have you been working at DCPS?	28%	3%	8%	19%	42%

Gender	Male	20%	Female	80%

How would you describe yourself?			
Black/African American	76%	Native American	0%
Hispanic	0%	Asian/Pacific Islander	3%
White or Caucasian	8%	Other	3%



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Question by Question Results – Garfield'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.

How much do you agree or disagree that...	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
My coworkers respect me	53%	42%	6%	0%
The administrators at this school respect me	42%	50%	8%	0%

How much do you agree or disagree that the principal at your school...	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
Is an effective manager who makes the school run smoothly	42%	36%	19%	3%
Cares about the students	47%	42%	11%	0%
Encourages collaboration among school staff	61%	33%	6%	0%
Provides me feedback regularly	40%	37%	23%	0%
Treats all staff with respect	33%	44%	19%	3%
Is a leader I have confidence in	44%	31%	25%	0%

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

Indicate how frequently you have access to the following technologies in school	<i>Always</i>	<i>Sometimes</i>	<i>Rarely</i>	<i>Never</i>
A working computer	84%	11%	5%	0%
The internet	89%	11%	0%	0%
A functional printer	37%	26%	26%	11%
A functional copy machine	84%	16%	0%	0%
A working phone	84%	11%	5%	0%

Overall, what grade would you give your school	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
	11%	47%	37%	5%	0%	0%



Question by Question Results – Garfield's Staff

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

How much do you agree or disagree that the principal at your school...	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
Actively monitors the quality of teaching	53%	35%	12%	0%
Supports teachers' instructional needs	47%	41%	12%	0%

How much do you agree or disagree that...	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
There is a pervasive culture of continuous professional development focused on teaching and learning at my school	53%	47%	0%	0%
I have opportunities to learn best practices from other teachers in my school	29%	59%	12%	0%
I have clear measureable goals related to supporting student success	29%	65%	6%	0%
I don't have enough time in class to teacher the standards to mastery	41%	29%	29%	0%
My school effectively identifies the individual learning needs of all students including special education students and English language learners	18%	82%	0%	0%

Select up to three areas in which you would like to have more professional development			
Behavior management/conflict resolution	47%	Differentiating instruction	24%
Motivating students	47%	My content area	6%
Reteaching strategies	18%	Using data to inform instruction	29%
Using technology	24%	Working with children with special needs	53%
Classroom Management	24%	Other	0%