



DCPS STAKEHOLDER SURVEYS 2011

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Question by Question Results – Garrison's Students

23 students (100% of eligible students) completed the survey at Garrison 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	35%	61%	4%	0%
I am strongly supported within my school	41%	59%	0%	0%
I would recommend my school to other students	30%	48%	17%	4%
This school is a welcoming place for my family	35%	48%	13%	4%

What grade would you give... your school?	A	B	C	D	F
	52%	43%	0%	4%	0%

How much do you agree or disagree that...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
I feel safe at my school	48%	43%	0%	0%	9%
Everyone is expected to follow the school rules	48%	35%	4%	0%	13%
School entrances are always monitored	26%	43%	13%	0%	17%
Hallways, stairwells, bathrooms are empty of students during class periods	26%	35%	17%	4%	17%
School security devices (for example, cameras) work	45%	32%	14%	0%	9%
Security personnel at my school do a good job	52%	39%	0%	0%	9%
My school is orderly and in control	22%	48%	4%	9%	17%
My school is clean and well maintained	43%	39%	4%	4%	9%

How safe do you feel in the following places?	Very safe	Mostly safe	Somewhat safe	Not safe
Outside around the school	39%	39%	17%	4%
In the hallways and bathrooms of this school	48%	39%	9%	4%
In my classes	87%	9%	4%	0%

How often do students in your school...	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Don't know
Get into fights	9%	48%	30%	4%	9%
Have things stolen or damaged by other students	9%	0%	17%	26%	48%
Get made fun of for the way they look or talk	13%	48%	13%	9%	17%
See gang activity in school	0%	4%	17%	52%	26%

The principal at my school...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Makes the school run smoothly	48%	43%	9%	0%
Cares about students	83%	17%	0%	0%
Is available to talk to	43%	57%	0%	0%
Highlights student accomplishments regularly	35%	57%	4%	4%

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	52%	48%	0%	0%
Care about students	61%	39%	0%	0%
Include at least one adult I can talk to if something is wrong	48%	43%	9%	0%
Help maintain discipline in the entire school	35%	57%	4%	4%
Treat me with respect	52%	39%	4%	4%
Give me extra help when I need it	57%	43%	0%	0%
Treat all students fairly	43%	52%	4%	0%
Set high standards for students	52%	48%	0%	0%

My teachers...	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
Inspire me to learn	78%	22%	0%	0%
Often connect what I'm learning to life outside the classroom	22%	74%	4%	0%
Encourage students to share ideas about things we're studying in class	61%	39%	0%	0%
Often require me to explain my answers	50%	50%	0%	0%
Often assign homework that helps me learn	65%	35%	0%	0%

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	39%	52%	9%	0%
In my classes, we often discuss different interpretations of things we read	35%	61%	4%	0%
My classes really make me think	30%	61%	9%	0%
When I am absent, the teacher gives me missed assignments	57%	35%	4%	4%

How often do you have...	<i>Usually</i>	<i>Sometimes</i>	<i>Rarely</i>	<i>Never</i>
Access to a working computer at school	35%	35%	17%	13%
Access to the internet at school	35%	43%	4%	17%
Access to a working printer at school	13%	26%	30%	30%

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	50%	50%	0%	0%
I know what I do well in school and what areas I need to work on	39%	57%	4%	0%
I ask for help from my teachers or others when I need it	43%	52%	4%	0%
I set goals and then work to achieve them	43%	52%	4%	0%
I respect the ways in which people are different	39%	52%	9%	0%
I get along well with other students	30%	65%	4%	0%
I am confident I will graduate from high school	64%	36%	0%	0%



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How much do you agree or disagree that...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I like school	48%	48%	4%	0%
I attend all my classes	52%	43%	4%	0%
I think doing well in school is important for my future	70%	30%	0%	0%
I can get help on schoolwork if I need it	52%	48%	0%	0%
My friends think it's important to work hard to get high grades	39%	61%	0%	0%

Gender	Male	Female
	65%	35%

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	65%	Native American	9%
Hispanic	22%	Asian/Pacific Islander	0%
White or Caucasian	0%	Other	9%

What languages does your family speak at home?			
English	70%	Chinese	0%
Spanish	30%	Amharic	4%
French	0%	Other	4%

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 – Garrison's Parents 25 parents (14% of eligible parents) completed the survey at Garrison 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	20%	56%	20%	0%	4%
This school is on the right track for student achievement	24%	60%	4%	4%	8%

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?	24%	44%	28%	0%	4%	0%
DCPS?	21%	25%	33%	21%	0%	0%

Do you plan to keep your child(ren) in DCPS?	Yes	75%	If not, why?	Moving out of DC	4%
	No	4%		Unhappy with school system	12%
	Don't know	21%		Other	4%

Would you recommend that a friend send his or her child to this school?	Yes	78%	No	13%	Don't know	9%
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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	38%	58%	0%	4%	0%
Academic progress of my child(ren)	52%	28%	12%	4%	4%
Physical condition of the classrooms	24%	56%	16%	4%	0%
Safety inside the school	44%	36%	8%	4%	8%
School's office staff	48%	40%	4%	0%	8%
Teachers	56%	36%	4%	4%	0%
School principal	48%	32%	8%	8%	4%
How the school communicates with parents	42%	42%	8%	8%	0%
How DCPS communicates with parents	32%	45%	14%	0%	9%
The level of parental engagement	25%	38%	8%	17%	13%

Which aspect of your child(ren)'s school is most important to you?			
Welcoming environment	12%	Academics/Student learning	53%
School's leadership/principal	0%	Teachers	12%
Safety	24%	Facility/building	0%
Location	0%	Other	0%

Do you know...	Yes	No
DCPS' policies on students' rights and responsibilities?	68%	32%
DCPS' policies on parents' rights and responsibilities?	64%	36%
How to volunteer at your child(ren)'s school?	71%	29%



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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	46%	38%	17%	0%	0%
Teachers contact me with concerns	44%	40%	16%	0%	0%
I receive interpretations/translations when I need them	13%	29%	4%	0%	54%
The school does a good job identifying students who need additional support	40%	32%	12%	4%	12%
There is a good process to get students enrolled in additional services they need	24%	36%	8%	0%	32%
I have all of the information that I need to make the right decisions about my child(ren)'s education at DCPS	40%	48%	12%	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	68%	28%	4%	0%	0%
School staff members are helpful in answering my questions	60%	36%	4%	0%	0%
This school applies discipline procedures fairly to all students	32%	20%	20%	0%	28%
This school makes student learning its #1 priority	60%	32%	4%	4%	0%
This school has high expectations for my child(ren)	60%	20%	12%	4%	4%
This school does a good job of understanding and addressing my child(ren)'s individual learning needs	44%	32%	8%	8%	8%

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	16%	12%	0%	0%	72%
Special education	20%	12%	0%	4%	64%
Student intervention	24%	16%	0%	4%	56%
Afterschool program	38%	17%	8%	4%	33%
Summer school	20%	8%	4%	4%	64%
Critical Response Team	20%	20%	4%	0%	56%

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	36%	Getting to know your community resources	28%
Job search strategies	32%	Computer literacy	20%
Parent/child classes (like Mommy and me)	64%	Effective discipline strategies	28%
Finance/dealing with money	16%	Stress management	28%
Understanding child development	52%	Other	4%
Parenting support groups	64%		



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How many of your children attend DCPS schools?	1	56%	2	28%	3	4%
	4	12%	5 or more	0%		

What grades are they in?	Pre-K/K	52%	3	12%	6	8%	9	4%
	1	12%	4	20%	7	12%	10	8%
	2	8%	5	12%	8	8%	11	4%
							12	4%

What is your relationship with these students?	Parent	96%	Grandparent	8%	Other family member	0%
	Guardian	4%	Aunt/Uncle	4%	Other	0%

Are any of your children currently receiving special education services?	Yes	24%	No	76%
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Are any of your children currently receiving English Language Learner (ELL) services?	Yes	20%	No	80%
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In your household, what languages are spoken?	English	76%	French	0%	Amharic	0%
	Spanish	36%	Chinese	0%	Other	8%

How would you describe your background?	Black/African American	48%	Native American	0%
	Hispanic or Latin American	36%	Asian/Pacific Islander	0%
	White or Caucasian	12%	Other	0%

What is your gender?	Male	16%	Female	84%
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What ward do you live in?	1	32%	3	14%	5	5%	7	9%
	2	27%	4	9%	6	0%	8	5%

In what ward(s) do your child(ren) go to school?	1	24%	3	12%	5	0%	7	0%
	2	40%	4	4%	6	0%	8	0%

What is the highest level of education you completed?			
Grades 1-8	17%	Some college/technical school	22%
Some high school	17%	College/technical school graduate	22%
High school graduate	13%	Post-graduate education	9%



Question by Question Results – Garrison's Staff

24 staff (56% of eligible staff) completed the survey at Garrison 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	13%	48%	35%	0%	4%
The central office effectively supports my school	10%	38%	19%	5%	29%
My school is on the right track for student achievement	8%	46%	33%	4%	8%
I am strongly supported within my school	13%	57%	26%	4%	0%

If a friend of yours was looking for a school for his/her child, would you recommend your school?	Yes	52%	No	48%
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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	17%	54%	25%	4%
I have adequate materials/equipment to do my work	21%	67%	8%	4%

How much do you agree or disagree that the adults working at your school...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Care about the students	29%	67%	4%	0%
Help maintain discipline in the entire school	17%	54%	25%	4%
Take responsibility for improving their school	17%	71%	13%	0%
Pursue opportunities to grow professionally	21%	54%	25%	0%
Work hard to build trusting relationships with parents	13%	67%	13%	8%

How much do you agree or disagree that...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
I feel safe at my school	26%	74%	0%	0%	0%
My school's discipline plan is implemented uniformly	9%	30%	17%	35%	9%
My school is orderly and in control	17%	35%	22%	26%	0%
School entrances are monitored consistently	17%	57%	13%	4%	9%
School security devices are consistently operational	22%	57%	4%	0%	17%
My school has effective discipline procedures in place	17%	22%	30%	26%	4%
Security personnel at my school are effective	17%	70%	9%	0%	4%

How much do you agree or disagree that...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Classrooms in my school are in good physical condition	13%	48%	39%	0%
My school is clean	43%	48%	9%	0%
My school is well maintained	39%	52%	9%	0%



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Question by Question Results – Garrison'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	8%	58%	17%	0%	17%
Office of Special Education	8%	38%	8%	13%	33%
Office of Bilingual Education	33%	42%	0%	0%	25%
Office of the Chief Academic Officer	4%	21%	13%	0%	63%
Office of Professional Development	8%	29%	17%	4%	42%
Office of Youth Engagement	8%	25%	4%	0%	63%
Office of Family and Public Engagement	8%	17%	8%	0%	67%
Office of Data and Accountability	4%	17%	17%	0%	63%
Office of Human Capital	9%	13%	4%	4%	70%
Office of Human Resources	13%	48%	9%	0%	30%
Technology Support Services	21%	46%	8%	0%	25%
Facilities and Maintenance	9%	26%	9%	0%	57%
Summer School	17%	17%	8%	4%	54%
Afterschool Program	17%	38%	13%	8%	25%
Career and Technical Education	8%	13%	0%	4%	75%
School Security	21%	67%	0%	0%	13%
Nurses/School Health Services	29%	58%	4%	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?	4%	30%	4%	9%	52%
Including this year, how many years have you been working at DCPS?	5%	9%	5%	9%	73%

Gender	Male	18%	Female	82%
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How would you describe yourself?			
Black/African American	46%	Native American	0%
Hispanic	17%	Asian/Pacific Islander	4%
White or Caucasian	8%	Other	8%



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Question by Question Results – Garrison'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	35%	57%	9%	0%
The administrators at this school respect me	26%	35%	30%	9%

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	14%	33%	24%	29%
Cares about the students	18%	68%	14%	0%
Encourages collaboration among school staff	18%	45%	27%	9%
Provides me feedback regularly	14%	36%	27%	23%
Treats all staff with respect	14%	41%	9%	36%
Is a leader I have confidence in	14%	38%	14%	33%

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	93%	0%	0%	7%
The internet	79%	21%	0%	0%
A functional printer	86%	7%	0%	7%
A functional copy machine	79%	21%	0%	0%
A working phone	86%	7%	0%	7%

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>
	0%	29%	43%	7%	7%	14%



Question by Question Results – Garrison'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	15%	54%	23%	8%
Supports teachers' instructional needs	0%	67%	17%	17%

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	8%	38%	54%	0%
I have opportunities to learn best practices from other teachers in my school	8%	54%	38%	0%
I have clear measureable goals related to supporting student success	15%	69%	15%	0%
I don't have enough time in class to teacher the standards to mastery	15%	31%	38%	15%
My school effectively identifies the individual learning needs of all students including special education students and English language learners	15%	54%	8%	23%

Select up to three areas in which you would like to have more professional development			
Behavior management/conflict resolution	38%	Differentiating instruction	46%
Motivating students	23%	My content area	31%
Reteaching strategies	15%	Using data to inform instruction	54%
Using technology	62%	Working with children with special needs	38%
Classroom Management	15%	Other	0%