



# DCPS STAKEHOLDER SURVEYS 2011

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## Question by Question Results – H.D. Cooke's Students

39 students (100% of eligible students) completed the survey at H.D. Cooke 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	18%	61%	13%	8%
I am strongly supported within my school	27%	57%	16%	0%
I would recommend my school to other students	54%	41%	5%	0%
This school is a welcoming place for my family	42%	29%	21%	8%

What grade would you give... your school?	A	B	C	D	F
	29%	26%	24%	8%	13%

How much do you agree or disagree that...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
I feel safe at my school	21%	34%	21%	8%	16%
Everyone is expected to follow the school rules	36%	28%	22%	6%	8%
School entrances are always monitored	41%	11%	22%	8%	19%
Hallways, stairwells, bathrooms are empty of students during class periods	5%	26%	32%	24%	13%
School security devices (for example, cameras) work	68%	27%	5%	0%	0%
Security personnel at my school do a good job	41%	38%	5%	5%	11%
My school is orderly and in control	6%	25%	39%	19%	11%
My school is clean and well maintained	29%	42%	13%	5%	11%

How safe do you feel in the following places?	Very safe	Mostly safe	Somewhat safe	Not safe
Outside around the school	26%	36%	15%	23%
In the hallways and bathrooms of this school	34%	34%	24%	8%
In my classes	54%	33%	5%	8%

How often do students in your school...	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Don't know
Get into fights	26%	47%	11%	13%	3%
Have things stolen or damaged by other students	23%	28%	21%	21%	8%
Get made fun of for the way they look or talk	42%	36%	8%	8%	6%
See gang activity in school	11%	22%	11%	36%	19%

The principal at my school...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Makes the school run smoothly	15%	38%	23%	23%
Cares about students	21%	41%	26%	13%
Is available to talk to	16%	47%	21%	16%
Highlights student accomplishments regularly	21%	31%	28%	21%

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	54%	41%	0%	5%
Care about students	46%	36%	10%	8%
Include at least one adult I can talk to if something is wrong	51%	33%	8%	8%
Help maintain discipline in the entire school	26%	53%	8%	13%
Treat me with respect	38%	35%	11%	16%
Give me extra help when I need it	37%	39%	13%	11%
Treat all students fairly	21%	37%	24%	18%
Set high standards for students	36%	41%	15%	8%

<b>My teachers...</b>	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
Inspire me to learn	51%	28%	13%	8%
Often connect what I'm learning to life outside the classroom	41%	41%	8%	10%
Encourage students to share ideas about things we're studying in class	46%	41%	8%	5%
Often require me to explain my answers	46%	43%	3%	8%
Often assign homework that helps me learn	44%	33%	13%	10%

<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	28%	33%	26%	13%
In my classes, we often discuss different interpretations of things we read	34%	47%	11%	8%
My classes really make me think	27%	46%	16%	11%
When I am absent, the teacher gives me missed assignments	21%	32%	24%	24%

<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	39%	44%	8%	8%
Access to the internet at school	38%	46%	11%	5%
Access to a working printer at school	8%	13%	10%	69%

<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	59%	38%	0%	3%
I know what I do well in school and what areas I need to work on	49%	33%	15%	3%
I ask for help from my teachers or others when I need it	49%	41%	5%	5%
I set goals and then work to achieve them	42%	34%	16%	8%
I respect the ways in which people are different	38%	43%	11%	8%
I get along well with other students	28%	28%	33%	11%
I am confident I will graduate from high school	67%	22%	6%	6%



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How much do you agree or disagree that...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I like school	14%	33%	33%	19%
I attend all my classes	46%	43%	6%	6%
I think doing well in school is important for my future	79%	18%	0%	3%
I can get help on schoolwork if I need it	61%	29%	5%	5%
My friends think it's important to work hard to get high grades	41%	33%	18%	8%

Gender	Male	Female
	65%	35%

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

How would you describe yourself?			
Black/African American	38%	Native American	3%
Hispanic	51%	Asian/Pacific Islander	3%
White or Caucasian	0%	Other	13%

What languages does your family speak at home?			
English	56%	Chinese	3%
Spanish	41%	Amharic	3%
French	5%	Other	5%

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 – H.D. Cooke's Parents 70 parents (26% of eligible parents) completed the survey at H.D. Cooke 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	26%	60%	3%	2%	9%
This school is on the right track for student achievement	37%	53%	2%	3%	5%

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?	55%	37%	1%	0%	1%	4%
DCPS?	30%	35%	12%	8%	2%	14%

Do you plan to keep your child(ren) in DCPS?	Yes	91%	If not, why?	Moving out of DC	3%
	No	5%		Unhappy with school system	3%
	Don't know	5%		Other	4%

Would you recommend that a friend send his or her child to this school?	Yes	92%	No	3%	Don't know	5%
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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	51%	46%	1%	1%	0%
Academic progress of my child(ren)	49%	49%	1%	1%	0%
Physical condition of the classrooms	57%	40%	0%	1%	1%
Safety inside the school	42%	45%	6%	6%	1%
School's office staff	50%	35%	7%	3%	4%
Teachers	65%	30%	2%	3%	0%
School principal	52%	32%	6%	6%	3%
How the school communicates with parents	52%	36%	4%	7%	0%
How DCPS communicates with parents	34%	46%	6%	3%	11%
The level of parental engagement	26%	45%	20%	2%	8%

Which aspect of your child(ren)'s school is most important to you?			
Welcoming environment	0%	Academics/Student learning	51%
School's leadership/principal	7%	Teachers	12%
Safety	19%	Facility/building	2%
Location	5%	Other	4%

Do you know...	Yes	No
DCPS' policies on students' rights and responsibilities?	65%	35%
DCPS' policies on parents' rights and responsibilities?	69%	31%
How to volunteer at your child(ren)'s school?	78%	22%



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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	58%	36%	3%	3%	0%
Teachers contact me with concerns	51%	40%	2%	6%	2%
I receive interpretations/translations when I need them	55%	24%	0%	3%	18%
The school does a good job identifying students who need additional support	43%	33%	3%	4%	16%
There is a good process to get students enrolled in additional services they need	43%	34%	1%	1%	19%
I have all of the information that I need to make the right decisions about my child(ren)'s education at DCPS	43%	44%	4%	3%	6%

<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	56%	37%	3%	4%	0%
School staff members are helpful in answering my questions	58%	38%	3%	1%	0%
This school applies discipline procedures fairly to all students	43%	30%	3%	6%	18%
This school makes student learning its #1 priority	53%	35%	3%	1%	7%
This school has high expectations for my child(ren)	49%	37%	3%	3%	7%
This school does a good job of understanding and addressing my child(ren)'s individual learning needs	44%	44%	6%	1%	4%

<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	37%	38%	2%	2%	22%
Special education	27%	30%	2%	3%	38%
Student intervention	24%	33%	0%	3%	40%
Afterschool program	45%	25%	3%	0%	28%
Summer school	30%	27%	1%	3%	39%
Critical Response Team	27%	33%	3%	2%	35%

<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	51%	Getting to know your community resources	33%
Job search strategies	37%	Computer literacy	29%
Parent/child classes (like Mommy and me)	49%	Effective discipline strategies	53%
Finance/dealing with money	17%	Stress management	34%
Understanding child development	61%	Other	7%
Parenting support groups	37%		



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How many of your children attend DCPS schools?	1	62%	2	28%	3	6%
	4	1%	5 or more	3%		

What grades are they in?	Pre-K/K	50%	3	11%	6	1%	9	1%
	1	27%	4	16%	7	3%	10	0%
	2	11%	5	0%	8	1%	11	3%
							12	6%

What is your relationship with these students?	Parent	94%	Grandparent	3%	Other family member	0%
	Guardian	10%	Aunt/Uncle	4%	Other	0%

Are any of your children currently receiving special education services?	Yes	14%	No	86%
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Are any of your children currently receiving English Language Learner (ELL) services?	Yes	15%	No	85%
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In your household, what languages are spoken?	English	66%	French	3%	Amharic	1%
	Spanish	66%	Chinese	1%	Other	1%

How would you describe your background?	Black/African American	21%	Native American	1%
	Hispanic or Latin American	63%	Asian/Pacific Islander	3%
	White or Caucasian	11%	Other	1%

What is your gender?	Male	16%	Female	84%
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What ward do you live in?	1	68%	3	12%	5	4%	7	2%
	2	10%	4	4%	6	0%	8	0%

In what ward(s) do your child(ren) go to school?	1	47%	3	6%	5	0%	7	0%
	2	9%	4	0%	6	1%	8	0%

What is the highest level of education you completed?			
Grades 1-8	30%	Some college/technical school	11%
Some high school	10%	College/technical school graduate	11%
High school graduate	24%	Post-graduate education	14%



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## Question by Question Results – H.D. Cooke's Staff

*38 staff (55% of eligible staff) completed the survey at H.D. Cooke 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%	59%	22%	11%	3%
The central office effectively supports my school	8%	38%	19%	8%	27%
My school is on the right track for student achievement	27%	59%	8%	3%	3%
I am strongly supported within my school	28%	50%	19%	3%	0%

<b>If a friend of yours was looking for a school for his/her child, would you recommend your school?</b>	Yes	75%	No	25%
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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	22%	73%	5%	0%
I have adequate materials/equipment to do my work	17%	63%	17%	3%

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	43%	57%	0%	0%
Help maintain discipline in the entire school	19%	49%	30%	3%
Take responsibility for improving their school	22%	62%	16%	0%
Pursue opportunities to grow professionally	22%	70%	8%	0%
Work hard to build trusting relationships with parents	17%	72%	11%	0%

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	38%	57%	5%	0%	0%
My school's discipline plan is implemented uniformly	8%	30%	43%	14%	5%
My school is orderly and in control	16%	57%	24%	3%	0%
School entrances are monitored consistently	22%	59%	11%	3%	5%
School security devices are consistently operational	22%	51%	8%	5%	14%
My school has effective discipline procedures in place	11%	30%	35%	16%	8%
Security personnel at my school are effective	16%	49%	19%	8%	8%

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	76%	24%	0%	0%
My school is clean	76%	24%	0%	0%
My school is well maintained	78%	22%	0%	0%



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## Question by Question Results – H.D. Cooke'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	5%	55%	16%	5%	18%
Office of Special Education	8%	29%	16%	3%	45%
Office of Bilingual Education	11%	37%	3%	0%	50%
Office of the Chief Academic Officer	8%	30%	14%	0%	49%
Office of Professional Development	6%	22%	25%	8%	39%
Office of Youth Engagement	5%	21%	5%	0%	68%
Office of Family and Public Engagement	3%	19%	11%	3%	65%
Office of Data and Accountability	5%	22%	5%	3%	65%
Office of Human Capital	5%	24%	13%	5%	53%
Office of Human Resources	11%	42%	24%	0%	24%
Technology Support Services	19%	36%	8%	0%	36%
Facilities and Maintenance	16%	27%	3%	0%	54%
Summer School	3%	26%	11%	0%	61%
Afterschool Program	11%	31%	22%	14%	22%
Career and Technical Education	3%	18%	0%	0%	79%
School Security	21%	37%	5%	8%	29%
Nurses/School Health Services	34%	34%	3%	0%	29%

<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?	37%	34%	8%	8%	13%
Including this year, how many years have you been working at DCPS?	21%	29%	11%	18%	21%

<b>Gender</b>	Male	16%	Female	84%
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<b>How would you describe yourself?</b>			
Black/African American	39%	Native American	0%
Hispanic	24%	Asian/Pacific Islander	3%
White or Caucasian	32%	Other	3%



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## Question by Question Results – H.D. Cooke'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	31%	69%	0%	0%
The administrators at this school respect me	34%	51%	11%	3%

<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	11%	66%	20%	3%
Cares about the students	46%	51%	3%	0%
Encourages collaboration among school staff	35%	56%	9%	0%
Provides me feedback regularly	17%	46%	26%	11%
Treats all staff with respect	17%	54%	17%	11%
Is a leader I have confidence in	29%	53%	6%	12%

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

<b>Indicate how frequently you have access to the following technologies in school</b>	<i>Always</i>	<i>Sometimes</i>	<i>Rarely</i>	<i>Never</i>
A working computer	95%	5%	0%	0%
The internet	86%	14%	0%	0%
A functional printer	64%	23%	5%	9%
A functional copy machine	86%	14%	0%	0%
A working phone	77%	18%	5%	0%

<b>Overall, what grade would you give your school</b>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
	18%	41%	32%	9%	0%	0%



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

<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>
Actively monitors the quality of teaching	15%	60%	20%	5%
Supports teachers' instructional needs	11%	58%	21%	11%

<b>How much do you agree or disagree that...</b>	<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	16%	63%	21%	0%
I have opportunities to learn best practices from other teachers in my school	5%	45%	45%	5%
I have clear measureable goals related to supporting student success	20%	60%	15%	5%
I don't have enough time in class to teacher the standards to mastery	15%	50%	35%	0%
My school effectively identifies the individual learning needs of all students including special education students and English language learners	10%	40%	40%	10%

<b>Select up to three areas in which you would like to have more professional development</b>			
Behavior management/conflict resolution	25%	Differentiating instruction	40%
Motivating students	30%	My content area	30%
Reteaching strategies	35%	Using data to inform instruction	25%
Using technology	40%	Working with children with special needs	50%
Classroom Management	15%	Other	5%