



DCPS STAKEHOLDER SURVEYS 2011

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Question by Question Results – Thomas' Students

23 students (82% of eligible students) completed the survey at Thomas 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	22%	74%	0%	4%
I am strongly supported within my school	35%	57%	9%	0%
I would recommend my school to other students	26%	61%	9%	4%
This school is a welcoming place for my family	39%	48%	9%	4%

What grade would you give... your school?	A	B	C	D	F
	59%	23%	5%	9%	5%

How much do you agree or disagree that...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
I feel safe at my school	35%	48%	9%	9%	0%
Everyone is expected to follow the school rules	55%	27%	14%	5%	0%
School entrances are always monitored	26%	43%	26%	4%	0%
Hallways, stairwells, bathrooms are empty of students during class periods	35%	22%	26%	9%	9%
School security devices (for example, cameras) work	61%	13%	0%	0%	26%
Security personnel at my school do a good job	39%	48%	4%	0%	9%
My school is orderly and in control	9%	57%	17%	13%	4%
My school is clean and well maintained	22%	43%	22%	9%	4%

How safe do you feel in the following places?	Very safe	Mostly safe	Somewhat safe	Not safe
Outside around the school	26%	39%	30%	4%
In the hallways and bathrooms of this school	39%	26%	30%	4%
In my classes	91%	9%	0%	0%

How often do students in your school...	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Don't know
Get into fights	18%	45%	32%	0%	5%
Have things stolen or damaged by other students	9%	18%	27%	18%	27%
Get made fun of for the way they look or talk	27%	36%	9%	14%	14%
See gang activity in school	5%	23%	18%	45%	9%

The principal at my school...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Makes the school run smoothly	39%	39%	17%	4%
Cares about students	74%	26%	0%	0%
Is available to talk to	26%	61%	13%	0%
Highlights student accomplishments regularly	23%	59%	18%	0%

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	74%	26%	0%	0%
Care about students	74%	26%	0%	0%
Include at least one adult I can talk to if something is wrong	57%	43%	0%	0%
Help maintain discipline in the entire school	26%	52%	22%	0%
Treat me with respect	61%	39%	0%	0%
Give me extra help when I need it	70%	30%	0%	0%
Treat all students fairly	43%	30%	17%	9%
Set high standards for students	43%	48%	9%	0%

My teachers...	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
Inspire me to learn	65%	35%	0%	0%
Often connect what I'm learning to life outside the classroom	57%	35%	9%	0%
Encourage students to share ideas about things we're studying in class	50%	41%	9%	0%
Often require me to explain my answers	61%	35%	4%	0%
Often assign homework that helps me learn	41%	50%	9%	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	26%	39%	26%	9%
In my classes, we often discuss different interpretations of things we read	45%	55%	0%	0%
My classes really make me think	45%	45%	9%	0%
When I am absent, the teacher gives me missed assignments	29%	29%	24%	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	43%	35%	22%	0%
Access to the internet at school	57%	26%	13%	4%
Access to a working printer at school	39%	26%	9%	26%

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	70%	30%	0%	0%
I know what I do well in school and what areas I need to work on	74%	26%	0%	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	57%	43%	0%	0%
I respect the ways in which people are different	55%	41%	5%	0%
I get along well with other students	55%	32%	14%	0%
I am confident I will graduate from high school	82%	18%	0%	0%



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How much do you agree or disagree that...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I like school	55%	36%	9%	0%
I attend all my classes	83%	17%	0%	0%
I think doing well in school is important for my future	82%	18%	0%	0%
I can get help on schoolwork if I need it	65%	35%	0%	0%
My friends think it's important to work hard to get high grades	61%	35%	4%	0%

Gender	Male	Female
	64%	36%

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	0%
Hispanic	0%	Asian/Pacific Islander	0%
White or Caucasian	0%	Other	0%

What languages does your family speak at home?			
English	91%	Chinese	0%
Spanish	9%	Amharic	0%
French	4%	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	%	No	%

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

What are your plans after high school?			
Continue school	0%	Join the military	0%
Get a job	0%	Other plans	0%
Not sure	0%		

Have you taken any preparation courses to help you prepare for taking college entrance tests like the ACT or SAT?	Yes	100%	No	0%

Have you taken any college entrance tests?	SAT	0%	ACT	0%
	Other	4%		



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18 parents (9% of eligible parents) completed the survey at Thomas 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	18%	53%	6%	6%	18%
This school is on the right track for student achievement	28%	61%	6%	6%	0%

Overall, what grade would you give...	A	B	C	D	F	Don't know
this school?	41%	41%	18%	0%	0%	0%
DCPS?	6%	50%	11%	11%	6%	17%

Do you plan to keep your child(ren) in DCPS?	Yes	75%	If not, why?	Moving out of DC	0%
	No	6%		Unhappy with school system	22%
	Don't know	19%		Other	6%

Would you recommend that a friend send his or her child to this school?	Yes	88%	No	0%	Don't know	12%
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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	39%	56%	0%	0%	6%
Academic progress of my child(ren)	61%	39%	0%	0%	0%
Physical condition of the classrooms	50%	39%	6%	0%	6%
Safety inside the school	53%	35%	0%	0%	12%
School's office staff	56%	28%	11%	0%	6%
Teachers	61%	39%	0%	0%	0%
School principal	47%	47%	0%	0%	6%
How the school communicates with parents	29%	53%	12%	0%	6%
How DCPS communicates with parents	28%	50%	0%	22%	0%
The level of parental engagement	17%	50%	22%	6%	6%

Which aspect of your child(ren)'s school is most important to you?			
Welcoming environment	0%	Academics/Student learning	71%
School's leadership/principal	12%	Teachers	0%
Safety	12%	Facility/building	0%
Location	0%	Other	6%

Do you know...	Yes	No
DCPS' policies on students' rights and responsibilities?	76%	24%
DCPS' policies on parents' rights and responsibilities?	67%	33%
How to volunteer at your child(ren)'s school?	72%	28%



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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%	24%	12%	12%	0%
Teachers contact me with concerns	56%	17%	28%	0%	0%
I receive interpretations/translations when I need them	28%	22%	6%	0%	44%
The school does a good job identifying students who need additional support	28%	44%	17%	6%	6%
There is a good process to get students enrolled in additional services they need	38%	25%	19%	0%	19%
I have all of the information that I need to make the right decisions about my child(ren)'s education at DCPS	35%	47%	18%	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	67%	28%	6%	0%	0%
School staff members are helpful in answering my questions	67%	28%	0%	0%	6%
This school applies discipline procedures fairly to all students	28%	44%	6%	6%	17%
This school makes student learning its #1 priority	41%	47%	6%	0%	6%
This school has high expectations for my child(ren)	44%	44%	0%	0%	11%
This school does a good job of understanding and addressing my child(ren)'s individual learning needs	50%	39%	6%	0%	6%

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	0%	38%	0%	0%	63%
Special education	6%	50%	0%	0%	44%
Student intervention	19%	38%	0%	0%	44%
Afterschool program	29%	47%	0%	0%	24%
Summer school	18%	29%	0%	0%	53%
Critical Response Team	6%	35%	0%	0%	59%

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	44%	Getting to know your community resources	11%
Job search strategies	44%	Computer literacy	28%
Parent/child classes (like Mommy and me)	61%	Effective discipline strategies	28%
Finance/dealing with money	11%	Stress management	39%
Understanding child development	44%	Other	6%
Parenting support groups	28%		



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How many of your children attend DCPS schools?	1	44%	2	50%	3	0%
	4	0%	5 or more	6%		

What grades are they in?	Pre-K/K	44%	3	17%	6	0%	9	0%
	1	6%	4	22%	7	6%	10	0%
	2	6%	5	22%	8	6%	11	6%
							12	0%

What is your relationship with these students?	Parent	89%	Grandparent	11%	Other family member	0%
	Guardian	6%	Aunt/Uncle	6%	Other	0%

Are any of your children currently receiving special education services?	Yes	17%	No	83%
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Are any of your children currently receiving English Language Learner (ELL) services?	Yes	0%	No	100%
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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	100%	Native American	0%
	Hispanic or Latin American	0%	Asian/Pacific Islander	0%
	White or Caucasian	0%	Other	0%

What is your gender?	Male	0%	Female	100%
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What ward do you live in?	1	0%	3	0%	5	7%	7	71%
	2	0%	4	7%	6	0%	8	14%

In what ward(s) do your child(ren) go to school?	1	0%	3	0%	5	6%	7	72%
	2	0%	4	0%	6	6%	8	6%

What is the highest level of education you completed?			
Grades 1-8	0%	Some college/technical school	39%
Some high school	0%	College/technical school graduate	6%
High school graduate	50%	Post-graduate education	6%



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Question by Question Results – Thomas' Staff

22 staff (50% of eligible staff) completed the survey at Thomas 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	9%	77%	9%	0%	5%
The central office effectively supports my school	10%	48%	24%	5%	14%
My school is on the right track for student achievement	19%	71%	5%	5%	0%
I am strongly supported within my school	25%	60%	5%	10%	0%

If a friend of yours was looking for a school for his/her child, would you recommend your school?	Yes	68%	No	32%
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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	48%	52%	0%	0%
I have adequate materials/equipment to do my work	35%	45%	20%	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	81%	19%	0%	0%
Help maintain discipline in the entire school	52%	43%	5%	0%
Take responsibility for improving their school	48%	52%	0%	0%
Pursue opportunities to grow professionally	67%	33%	0%	0%
Work hard to build trusting relationships with parents	59%	41%	0%	0%

How much do you agree or disagree that...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
I feel safe at my school	50%	45%	5%	0%	0%
My school's discipline plan is implemented uniformly	14%	52%	29%	5%	0%
My school is orderly and in control	33%	57%	10%	0%	0%
School entrances are monitored consistently	38%	57%	5%	0%	0%
School security devices are consistently operational	38%	38%	5%	0%	19%
My school has effective discipline procedures in place	19%	48%	19%	14%	0%
Security personnel at my school are effective	33%	67%	0%	0%	0%

How much do you agree or disagree that...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Classrooms in my school are in good physical condition	59%	41%	0%	0%
My school is clean	43%	57%	0%	0%
My school is well maintained	38%	57%	5%	0%



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Question by Question Results – Thomas' 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	10%	48%	24%	0%	19%
Office of Special Education	9%	27%	9%	5%	50%
Office of Bilingual Education	9%	5%	0%	0%	86%
Office of the Chief Academic Officer	15%	15%	10%	5%	55%
Office of Professional Development	10%	48%	19%	5%	19%
Office of Youth Engagement	10%	19%	0%	5%	67%
Office of Family and Public Engagement	14%	27%	0%	5%	55%
Office of Data and Accountability	5%	41%	9%	5%	41%
Office of Human Capital	5%	18%	9%	9%	59%
Office of Human Resources	14%	52%	10%	10%	14%
Technology Support Services	9%	32%	14%	5%	41%
Facilities and Maintenance	5%	62%	5%	0%	29%
Summer School	10%	25%	10%	0%	55%
After-school Program	18%	36%	5%	5%	36%
Career and Technical Education	9%	18%	0%	5%	68%
School Security	10%	76%	5%	0%	10%
Nurses/School Health Services	18%	68%	0%	0%	14%

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?	5%	23%	18%	27%	27%
Including this year, how many years have you been working at DCPS?	0%	18%	9%	14%	59%

Gender	Male	18%	Female	82%
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How would you describe yourself?			
Black/African American	86%	Native American	0%
Hispanic	0%	Asian/Pacific Islander	0%
White or Caucasian	0%	Other	14%



Question by Question Results – Thomas' 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	67%	33%	0%	0%
The administrators at this school respect me	44%	39%	6%	11%

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	55%	25%	10%	10%
Cares about the students	79%	11%	0%	11%
Encourages collaboration among school staff	74%	21%	0%	5%
Provides me feedback regularly	37%	47%	11%	5%
Treats all staff with respect	47	29%	12%	12%
Is a leader I have confidence in	42%	47%	0%	11%

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	82%	12%	6%	0%
The internet	82%	12%	6%	0%
A functional printer	82%	12%	6%	0%
A functional copy machine	56%	44%	0%	0%
A working phone	65%	18%	18%	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>
	12%	53%	35%	0%	0%	0%



Question by Question Results – Thomas' 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%	33%	7%	7%
Supports teachers' instructional needs	20%	67%	7%	7%

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	60%	33%	7%	0%
I have opportunities to learn best practices from other teachers in my school	47%	40%	13%	0%
I have clear measureable goals related to supporting student success	40%	47%	13%	0%
I don't have enough time in class to teacher the standards to mastery	21%	29%	50%	0%
My school effectively identifies the individual learning needs of all students including special education students and English language learners	27%	53%	20%	0%

Select up to three areas in which you would like to have more professional development			
Behavior management/conflict resolution	40%	Differentiating instruction	40%
Motivating students	47%	My content area	20%
Reteaching strategies	33%	Using data to inform instruction	40%
Using technology	47%	Working with children with special needs	33%
Classroom Management	27%	Other	0%