



## 2. Student Survey Spring 2026

DCPS wants to hear from you! This survey will help us understand what you think about your school and how to improve it. We will ask for your honest feelings and opinions about your experiences at your school this year. You can skip any questions you do not want to answer, but we hope you will answer as many questions as you can. This survey is not a test and your grades will not be affected by your responses. This survey is confidential and your privacy will be protected to the extent allowed by law.

### Your School

In this section, we would like to understand your feelings about your school.

1. How well do people at your school understand the kind of person you are?

- Do not understand at all       Understand a little       Understand somewhat       Understand mostly       Completely understand

2. How much support do the adults at your school give you?

- No support at all       A little bit of support       Some support       A lot of support       A huge amount of support

3. How much respect do students in your school show you?

- No respect at all       A little bit of respect       Some respect       A lot of respect       A huge amount of respect

4. When you are at school, how much do you feel like you belong?

- Do not belong at all       Belong a little bit       Belong somewhat       Mostly belong       Completely belong

5. How fairly do students at your school treat people from different races, ethnicities, or cultures?

- Not at all fairly       Slightly fairly       Somewhat fairly       Quite fairly       Extremely fairly

6. How fairly do adults at your school treat people from different races, ethnicities, or cultures?

- Not at all fairly       Slightly fairly       Somewhat fairly       Quite fairly       Extremely fairly

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements.

7. I would recommend my school to other students.

- Strongly disagree       Disagree       Agree       Strongly agree

8. My family is welcome at my school.

- Strongly disagree       Disagree       Agree       Strongly agree

9. We have enough teaching materials (like books, photocopies, and calculators) for all.

- Strongly disagree       Disagree       Agree       Strongly agree



10. My school is clean and well maintained.

Strongly disagree       Disagree       Agree       Strongly agree

11. My school offers good after-school options.

Strongly disagree       Disagree       Agree       Strongly agree

12. I like my school.

Strongly disagree       Disagree       Agree       Strongly agree

13. I feel safe at my school.

Strongly disagree       Disagree       Agree       Strongly agree

14. Adults maintain control at my school.

Strongly disagree       Disagree       Agree       Strongly agree

### Your Teachers

In this section, we would like to hear about your experience with your teachers.

15. How much do your teachers encourage you to do your best?

Do not encourage me at all       Encourage me a little       Encourage me some       Encourage me a lot       Encourage me a huge amount

16. When you feel like giving up, how likely is it that your teachers will ask you to keep trying?

Not at all likely       A little likely       Somewhat likely       Very likely       Extremely likely

17. How often do your teachers take time to make sure you understand your schoolwork?

Almost never       Once in a while       Sometimes       A lot of the time       Almost always

18. How high are your teachers' expectations of you?

Not high at all       A little high       Somewhat high       Very high       Extremely high

19. How often do your teachers ask you to explain your answers?

Almost never       Once in a while       Sometimes       A lot of the time       Almost always

20. How respectful are your teachers towards you?

Not at all respectful       A little respectful       Somewhat respectful       Very respectful       Extremely respectful



21. If you were upset when you came into class, how concerned would your teachers be?

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- Not at all concerned      A little concerned      Somewhat concerned      Very concerned      Extremely concerned

22. When your teachers ask, "How are you?", how often do you feel they really want to know your answer?

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- Almost never              Once in a while              Sometimes              A lot of the time              Almost always

23. How excited would you be if you could have your same teachers in the next grade too?

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- Not at all excited              A little excited              Somewhat excited              Very excited              Extremely excited

### Your Schoolwork

In this section, please tell us how you feel about your classes.

24. How sure are you that you can complete all the schoolwork that is given to you?

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- Not at all sure              A little sure              Somewhat sure              Very sure              Extremely sure

25. When complicated ideas are discussed in class, how sure are you that you can understand them?

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- Not at all sure              A little sure              Somewhat sure              Very sure              Extremely sure

26. How sure are you that you can learn all the subjects taught in your classes?

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- Not at all sure              A little sure              Somewhat sure              Very sure              Extremely sure

27. How sure are you that you can do the hardest schoolwork that is given to you?

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- Not at all sure              A little sure              Somewhat sure              Very sure              Extremely sure

28. How sure are you that you will remember what you learned in your current classes, next year?

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- Not at all sure              A little sure              Somewhat sure              Very sure              Extremely sure

29. How important is it to you to attend school every day?

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- Not at all important              Slightly important              Somewhat important              Quite important              Extremely important

### Self-Reflection

In this section, we would like to hear about how you approach different situations in school and life.

30. If you fail at something that is important to you, how likely are you to try again?

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- Not at all likely              A little likely              Somewhat likely              Very likely              Extremely likely



31. When you are working on something that matters to you and there are distractions, how focused can you stay?

- Not at all focused       A little focused       Somewhat focused       Very focused       Extremely focused

32. How well can you keep working to reach your goals if problems come up?

- Not well at all       A little well       Somewhat well       Very well       Extremely well

33. How hard do you work to keep your promises, even if they are hard to keep?

- Not hard at all       A little hard       Somewhat hard       Very hard       Extremely hard

34. How often do you get your work done, even when you don't feel like doing it?

- Almost never       Once in a while       Sometimes       A lot of the time       Almost all the time

35. During the past two weeks, how often did you follow directions in class?

- Almost never       Once in a while       Sometimes       A lot of the time       Almost always

36. During the past two weeks, how often did you get your work done right away, instead of waiting until the last minute?

- Almost never       Once in a while       Sometimes       A lot of the time       Almost always

37. During the past two weeks, how often did you pay attention in class?

- Almost never       Once in a while       Sometimes       A lot of the time       Almost always

38. During the past two weeks, how often did you allow others to speak without interrupting them?

- Almost never       Once in a while       Sometimes       A lot of the time       Almost always

39. During the past two weeks, how often did you come to class prepared?

- Almost never       Once in a while       Sometimes       A lot of the time       Almost always

40. During the past two weeks, when you were working on your own, how often did you stay focused?

- Almost never       Once in a while       Sometimes       A lot of the time       Almost always

**Safety**

In this section, we would like to hear how safe you feel at your school.



41. How often are people disrespectful to others at your school?

- Almost always     
  Frequently     
  Sometimes     
  Once in a while     
  Almost never

42. How likely is it that someone from your school will bully you online?

- Extremely likely     
  Very likely     
  Somewhat likely     
  A little likely     
  Not at all likely

43. How often do you worry about violence at your school?

- Almost always     
  A lot of the time     
  Sometimes     
  Once in a while     
  Almost never

44. If a student is bullied in school, how difficult is it for them to get help from an adult?

- Extremely difficult     
  Quite difficult     
  Somewhat difficult     
  Slightly difficult     
  Not at all difficult

45. How often do students get into physical fights at your school?

- Almost always     
  Frequently     
  Sometimes     
  Once in awhile     
  Almost never

46. At your school, how unfairly do the adults treat the students?

- Extremely unfairly     
  Quite unfairly     
  Somewhat unfairly     
  Slightly unfairly     
  Not at all unfairly

47. How often do you worry about violence when traveling to and from school?

- Almost never     
  Once in a while     
  Sometimes     
  A lot of the time     
  Almost always

**School Security Officer**

For the following questions, we are interested in learning more about your thoughts on having a school security officer at your school.

48. How safe or unsafe do you feel having a school security officer at school?

- Very unsafe     
  Somewhat unsafe     
  Slightly unsafe     
  Neither safe nor unsafe     
  Slightly safe     
  Somewhat safe     
  Very safe

49. How helpful is it to have a school security officer at your school?

- Not at all helpful     
  Slightly helpful     
  Somewhat helpful     
  Quite helpful     
  Extremely helpful

50. How positive or negative has your experience been with school security officers at your school?

- Very negative     
  Moderately negative     
  Slightly negative     
  Neither negative nor positive     
  Slightly positive     
  Moderately positive     
  Very positive     
  I have never interacted with my school security officer



Cell Phone Policy

In this section, we would like to understand how the school's rules about cell phones affect you.

51. How much do the school rules about cell phones hurt or help friendships in school?

- Hurt a great deal       Hurt some       Do not hurt or help       Helps some       Helps a great deal

52. How much do the school rules about cell phones hurt or help school safety?

- Hurt a great deal       Hurt some       Do not hurt or help       Help some       Help a great deal

53. How much easier or harder do the school rules about cell phones make it for you to pay attention in class?

- A great deal harder       Somewhat harder       Not harder or easier       Somewhat easier       A great deal easier

Technology Use

In this section, we would like to hear about your experiences using technology in class.

54. How often do you use a device in class for learning?

- Almost never       Once in a while       Sometimes       A lot of the time       Almost always

55. Using technology in the classroom enhances my learning and increases my engagement.

- Strongly disagree       Disagree       Not sure       Agree       Strongly agree

Demographics

The next two questions ask about your gender and sexual identity. Your responses are confidential and never shared with school staff. These questions help the district promote equitable treatment for all students in accordance with our Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming Policy Guidance and the DC Human Rights Act.

56. Which of these best describes your sexual identity?

- Heterosexual (straight)       Gay or lesbian       Bisexual       Queer       Not sure       Other

57. Some people describe themselves as trans\* (transgender) when their sex at birth does not match the way they think or feel about their gender and/or non-binary if they do not identify exclusively as male or female. Are you trans\* and/or gender non-binary?

- No, I am not trans\* and/or non-binary       Yes, I am trans\* and/or non-binary       I am not sure if I am trans\* and/or non-binary