



Using Data to Improve Schools Project

University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

2014-15 Student Survey Questions (6-12)

Survey is adapted from the Essential 5 survey developed by The Chicago Consortium of School Research

We want to know what you think!

This is NOT a test. There are NO wrong answers. We want to know what you think about your classes and school. Your answers are confidential. No one will be told what you answered. Your answers will be combined with those of other students in your school and across the city to describe what students think, do, and experience. These connections allow us to understand how to help students succeed in school.

This survey is voluntary. You do NOT have to answer any question that you do not wish to answer, but we hope you will answer as many questions as you can.

This is your chance to help improve your school—Don't pass it up!

Thank you for your help.

1) How safe do you feel:

|                                    | <b>Not safe</b> | <b>Somewhat safe</b> | <b>Mostly safe</b> | <b>Very safe</b> |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| In the hallways of the school.     |                 |                      |                    |                  |
| In the bathrooms of the school.    |                 |                      |                    |                  |
| Outside around the school.         |                 |                      |                    |                  |
| Traveling between home and school. |                 |                      |                    |                  |
| In your classes.                   |                 |                      |                    |                  |



2) How much do you agree with the following:

|   | <b>Strongly disagree</b> | <b>Disagree</b> | <b>Agree</b> | <b>Strongly agree</b> |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| When my teachers tell me not to do something, I know they have a good reason. |                          |                 |              |                       |
| I feel safe and comfortable with my teachers at this school.                  |                          |                 |              |                       |
| My teachers always keep their promises.                                       |                          |                 |              |                       |
| My teachers will always listen to students' ideas.                            |                          |                 |              |                       |
| My teachers treat me with respect.  |                          |                 |              |                       |

3) Do you sit in the same classroom with the same teacher for most of the day?

Yes    No

4) (If no to 3) Of the subjects below, which did you have FIRST this week?

English   Math   Science

5) (If no to 3) What is the FIRST day in the week when you have \_\_\_\_\_?

Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday

6) (If no to 3) What is the FIRST period on \_\_\_\_\_ when you have \_\_\_\_\_?

1st period    2nd period    3rd period    4th period    5th period    6th period    7th period  
8<sup>th</sup> period    9th period

7) (If yes to 3) The next set of questions will ask you about ONE subject you take.

If you were born in January, March, May, July, September, or November, select English.

If you were born in February, April, June, August, October, or December, select Math.

English   Math

8) How much do you agree with the following statements about your \_\_\_\_\_ class:

|  | <b>Strongly disagree</b> | <b>Disagree</b> | <b>Agree</b> | <b>Strongly agree</b> |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| This class really makes me think.        |                          |                 |              |                       |
| I'm really learning a lot in this class. |                          |                 |              |                       |



9) In my \_\_\_\_\_, my teacher:

|   | Strongly disagree | Disagree | Agree | Strongly agree |
|---|-------------------|----------|-------|----------------|
| Expects everyone to work hard.                                |                   |          |       |                |
| Expects me to do my best all the time.                        |                   |          |       |                |
| Wants us to become better thinkers, not just memorize things. |                   |          |       |                |

10) In my \_\_\_\_\_, how often:

|  | Never | Once in a while | Most of the time | All of the time |
|--|-------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Are you challenged?                                |       |                 |                  |                 |
| Do you have to work hard to do well?               |       |                 |                  |                 |
| Does the teacher ask difficult questions on tests? |       |                 |                  |                 |
| Does the teacher ask difficult questions in class? |       |                 |                  |                 |

11) How much do you agree with the following statements about your \_\_\_\_\_ class: The teacher for this class:

|  | Strongly disagree | Disagree | Agree | Strongly agree |
|--|-------------------|----------|-------|----------------|
| Helps me catch up if I am behind.  |                   |          |       |                |
| Notifies if I have trouble learning something.                               |                   |          |       |                |
| Gives me specific suggestions about how I can improve my work in this class. |                   |          |       |                |
| Is willing to give extra help on schoolwork if I need it.                    |                   |          |       |                |
| Explains things in a different way if I don't understand something in class. |                   |          |       |                |

12) How many of the students in your \_\_\_\_\_ class:

|   | None | A Few | Some | About Half | Most | All |
|---|------|-------|------|------------|------|-----|
| Think doing homework is important.                |      |       |      |            |      |     |
| Feel it is important to pay attention in class.   |      |       |      |            |      |     |
| Feel it is important to come to school every day. |      |       |      |            |      |     |
| Try hard to get good grades.                      |      |       |      |            |      |     |



13. In your **ENGLISH/READING/LITERATURE** class this year, how often do you do the following:

|   | Never | Once or twice a semester | Once or twice a month | Once or twice a week | Almost every day |
|---|-------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Debate the meaning of a reading.  |       |                          |                       |                      |                  |
| Discuss connections between a reading and real life people or situations. |       |                          |                       |                      |                  |
| Discuss how culture, time, or place affects an author's writing.          |       |                          |                       |                      |                  |
| Improve a piece of writing as a class or with partners.                   |       |                          |                       |                      |                  |
| Rewrite a paper or essay in response to comments.                         |       |                          |                       |                      |                  |

14. In your **MATH** class this year, how often do you do the following:

|   | Never | Once or twice a semester | Once or twice a month | Once or twice a week | Almost every day |
|---|-------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Apply math to situations in life outside of school.             |       |                          |                       |                      |                  |
| Discuss possible solutions to problems with other students.     |       |                          |                       |                      |                  |
| Explain how you solved a problem to the class.                  |       |                          |                       |                      |                  |
| Write a few sentences to explain how you solved a math problem. |       |                          |                       |                      |                  |
| Write a math problem for other students to solve.               |       |                          |                       |                      |                  |

THANK YOU!