



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:

	Not safe	Somewhat safe	Mostly safe	Very safe
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:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
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 8th 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

ALL STUDENTS ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS



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

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
I learn a lot from feedback on my work.				
The homework assignments help me to learn the course material.				
The work we do in class is good preparation for the test.				
I know what my teacher wants me to learn in this class.				
It's clear to me what I need to do to get a good grade.				

ALL STUDENTS ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

9) 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.				

ONLY 6TH-8TH GRADE STUDENTS ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

10) 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.						



ONLY 9TH-12TH GRADE STUDENTS ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

11. How much do agree with the following? At my high school:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
Teachers make sure that all students are planning for life after graduation.				
Teachers work hard to make sure that all students are learning.				
High school is seen as preparation for the future.				
All students are encouraged to go to college.				
Teachers pay attention to all students, not just the top students.				
Teachers work hard to make sure that students stay in school.				
Most of the students in this school are planning to go to college.				
Teachers expect most students in this school to go to college.				
Teachers at this school help students plan for college outside of class time.				
The curriculum at this school is focused on helping students get ready for college.				
Teachers in this school feel that it is a part of their job to prepare students to succeed in college.				

ALL STUDENTS ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

12. 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.					
(Grades 9-12 Only) Explain how writers use tools like symbolism and metaphor to communicate meaning.					



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13. 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.					
(Grades 9-12 Only) Solve a problem with multiple steps that takes more than 20 minutes.					

THANK YOU!