

**Content of High School Student Survey  
Spring 2007**

1. Think about the ONE TEACHER or ONE OTHER ADULT in your school who knows you best. Please indicate how much this person knows about the following areas.

	Nothing	A little	A lot
a. What you are interested in			
b. How well you are doing in school			
c. Who your friends are			
d. What your life at home is like			
e. What you want to do after high school			

2. Now think about ALL THE OTHER ADULTS in your school. This year, how many of these adults have done or would be willing to do the following?

	No adults	1 adult	2 or 3 adults	4 or 5 adults	6 or more adults
a. Give you extra help with your schoolwork if you need it					
b. Help you with a personal problem					
c. Really care about how well you are doing in school					
d. Help you think about what you need to do to prepare for college or for a career					

3. Now think about the TEACHERS you have had at this school. How much do you agree with the following statements about your teachers?

They....	Disagree strongly	Disagree a little	Agree a little	Agree strongly
a. Believe that <u>all</u> students in this school can do well.				
b. Have given up on some of their students.				
c. Expect very little from students.				
d. Work hard to make sure that <u>all</u> students are learning.				
e. Respect me.				
f. Can't be trusted.				
g. Keep their promises.				
h. Care about what I think.				
i. Talk with students when key decisions about this school are being made.				
j. Apply the same rules to <u>all</u> students equally.				

4. Now think about ALL the TEACHERS and the PRINCIPAL in your school. How much do you agree with the following statements about them?

	Disagree strongly	Disagree a little	Agree a little	Agree strongly
a. Students have very little to say about how this school is run.				
b. The principal and the teachers seek out students' opinions when looking for ways to improve this school.				
c. The principal and the teachers really don't care what students think when it comes to running this school.				
d. Opinions of students, not just those of the principal and teachers, count for a lot in the running of this school.				

5. Now think about the STUDENTS in your school. How much do you agree with the following statements about them?

	Disagree strongly	Disagree a little	Agree a little	Agree strongly
a. Many students in this school don't respect one another.				
b. There are groups of students in this school who don't get along.				
c. Students feel comfortable saying what they think even if it is different from what other students say.				
d. Students in this school respect what other students say, even when they disagree with them.				

6. Now think about ALL the STUDENTS in your school. How much do you agree with the following statements about them?

How many students in this school feel it's okay to...	None or almost none	A few	About half	Most	All or almost all
a. Do well in school?					
b. Make racist or sexist remarks?					
c. Cheat					
d. Get into physical fights?					
e. Work hard on schoolwork?					
f. Steal things from other students?					
g. Destroy or steal school property?					

7. During the school year, how often have the following things happened?

	Never	Once in a while	Half of the time	Most of the time	All the time
a. When I worked on a topic at school, I was able to spend enough time on it to understand it really well.					
b. My teachers expected me to learn some topics well enough to be able to teach others about them.					

8. During this school year, how often have your TEACHERS done the following things?

	Never	Once in a while	Half of the time	Most of the time	All the time
a. Shown students examples of student work that they consider good or poor.					
b. Made clear to us what they should know and be able to do.					
c. Assigned projects or presentations that let students show what they have learned.					
d. Let students decide on the projects or research topics they will work on.					
e. Let students decide how to work on their assignments or projects (e.g., read on their own, do research in the library).					
f. Returned your assignment with helpful feedback.					
g. Gave you feedback and then let you improve your work.					

9. During the school year, how often have YOU done the following?

This school year, I have...	Never	A few times this year	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Almost every day
a. Made tables or graphs to organize information					
b. Used a notebook to keep records, logs, and/or comments about my schoolwork					
c. Collected and summarized information and data					
d. Written a report of more than 5 pages on a topic I researched.					
e. Practiced computations, procedures, or skills.					
f. Memorized facts, definitions, or formulas.					
g. Listened to a lecture given to the whole class.					

10. During the school year, how often have you done the following things?

	Never	A few times this year	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Almost every day
a. Defended my own point of view in writing or in a discussion					
b. Worked on an assignment or a project at my own pace					
c. Solved problems based on real life					

11. Please think about how you use technology in your schoolwork. During this school year, how often have YOU done the following while using computers?

This school year, I have...	Never	A few times this year	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Almost every day
a. Searched the Web for information to use in my schoolwork					
b. Used e-mail to discuss my schoolwork with teachers, other adults, or other students					
c. Used the Web to access assignments or other information posted by my teachers					

12. As a part of your school work this year, have you done any of the following?

	Yes	No
a. Created an electronic portfolio containing examples of your schoolwork		
b. Participated (or will participate before the school year ends) in an internship or work experience outside of school for which you will be graded or evaluated		
c. Taken a course (or will take a course before the school year ends) at a local community college or university		

	None	30 minutes or fewer	30-60 minutes	1-2 hours	More than 2 hours
13. How much time do you typically spend on school homework each night?					

14. In each of your current classes, how often do you feel really challenged?

	Not taking subject	Never	Less than once a week	About once a week	A few times a week	Almost every day
a. Math						
b. English						
c. History						
d. Science						

15. During the school year, how often did the following things happen while you were doing your schoolwork?

	Never	Once in a while	Half of the time	Most of the time	All the time
a. I got frustrated and gave up when my schoolwork became too hard.					
b. When schoolwork became difficult, I found a way to get help.					
c. I gave extra effort to challenging assignments or projects.					
d. I kept trying to do well on my schoolwork even when it wasn't interesting to me.					
e. I tried really hard to do a good job.					
f. I really found my schoolwork interesting.					
g. I really did not care too much about my schoolwork.					

16. How much do you agree with the following statements about yourself?

I am good at...	Disagree strongly	Disagree a little	Disagree a little	Agree a little	Agree strongly
a. Asking teachers for help when I get stuck on schoolwork					
b. Working in a group with other students					
c. Taking part in class or group discussions					
d. Understanding what I read					
e. Writing papers or stories					
f. Learning math					

17. During the school year, how often have you done the following?

This school year, I have...	Never	A few times this year	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Almost every day
a. Talked to my family about what I am working on in school.					
b. Asked my friends for advice about something I am working on in school.					
c. Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions.					
d. Come to school without completing the assigned readings.					
e. Worked with classmates outside of class or school on schoolwork.					
f. Asked my teachers to meet with me to talk about grades, assignments, or my work on projects.					
g. Cut or skipped classes or school.					

18. In the last four weeks, how many days were you absent when school was in session? (count all days missed, including those for which you had permission from your family or school)	None	1-3 days	4-7 days	7-9 days	10 or more days

19a. Overall, how satisfied are you with this school?	Very dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Neutral	Somewhat satisfied	Very satisfied

19b. How would you rate the overall quality of education at this school?	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent

19c. How likely are you to recommend this school to your friends?	Not at all likely	Not very likely	Somewhat likely	Very likely	Extremely likely

19d. How likely are you to return to this school next year?					
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20. How much do you agree with the following statements about yourself?

	Disagree strongly	Disagree a little	Disagree a little	Agree a little	Agree	Agree strongly
a. I am happy to be at this school.						
b. I feel like I am a part of this school.						
c. I don't fit in with most of the other students in this school.						
d. I participate in a lot of extracurricular activities in this school (for example, sports, drama, music, etc.)						
e. People at this school are like family to me.						
f. I feel like an outsider at this school.						
g. People notice if I am not at school.						

21. During this school year, how often have you felt unsafe in the following spaces in your school?

	Never	Once in a while	Half of the time	Most of the time	All the time
a. In your classes?					
b. In the hallways, stairs, and bathrooms?					
c. Immediately outside the school?					
d. On your school campus?					

22. During this school year, how often have these things occurred in your school (either during the school day or before or after school)?

	Never	A few times this year	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Almost every day
a. Fighting					
b. Destroying or vandalizing property					
c. Verbal bullying					
d. Physical bullying					
e. Cheating					
f. Theft					

23. Please indicate how comfortable you are with each of the following in your classes.

	Very uncomfortable	Uncomfortable	Comfortable	Very comfortable	Does not apply
a. Discussing controversial issues related to race					
b. Working with students from different racial backgrounds in group projects					
c. Learning about the differences between people from other racial and ethnic backgrounds					
d. Working with students from other language backgrounds					
e. Working with students from different countries					

24. How well is your school doing in teaching you to do the following?

	Poor job	Satisfactory job	Excellent job
a. Be a good reader			
b. Speak clearly and effectively			
c. Write clearly and effectively			
d. Analyze and solve math problems			
e. Learn effectively on your own with little help from others			
f. Understand your strengths, weaknesses, and interests			
g. Be a responsible member of your community			
g. Understand the rights and responsibilities of people living in the United States			
h. Respect the opinions of people from different backgrounds			
i. Prepare for work or attending college			
j. Do things to help my community			
k. Think critically about ideas, problems, and current events			

25. Right now, what is your best guess about how far you will go in school? I plan to....

Leave high school before graduation	Graduate from high school	Get some college or other training	Go into the military	Complete a job training program	Graduate from a 2-year college	Graduate from a 4-year college or university	Graduate from college and take further training
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26. During the school year, have you received any of the following at your school?

	Yes	No, my school does not offer this	No, I was not interested
a. Encouragement to take a college admissions or placement test (for example, SAT, ACT, Advanced Placement Exam).			
b. Help with vocations/technical school or college applications.			
c. Help with financial aid forms.			
d. Information about colleges or universities that might meet your special needs.			
e. Information about scholarships and loans that could help you afford college.			

	Male	Female
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27. I am...

	9th	10th	11th	12th
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28. What grade are you in?

29. Mark below ALL the adults who live in your home most of the time.

Mother	
Father	
Stepmother	
Stepfather	
Foster parent(s)	
Grandparent(s)	
Brothers and sisters older than 18	
Other adults older than 18	

	Never	Once in a while	Half the time	Most of the time	Always
30. How often do people in your home speak a language other than English?					

	Did not graduate from high school	Graduated from high school or earned a GED but did not go to college	Went to college, but did not graduate	Graduated from a 4-year college	Earned an advanced degree after college	I don't know
31. How far did your mother (or stepmother, grandmother, etc.) go in school?						
32. How far did your father (or stepfather, grandfather, etc.) go in school?						

	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	Hispanic/Latino	Black/African American	White	Multi-racial	Other
33. How do you describe yourself?								