



Spring 2017

VOCAL PILOT SURVEY

Grade 10

DIRECTIONS

Mark your answers to the following questions in the box labeled Student Questionnaire on the inside back cover of your Student Answer Booklet. If you do not see one best answer for a question, leave that question blank in your answer booklet and go to the next question. Please ask your test administrator for help if you are not sure how to answer any of these questions.

1. How does using a computer compare with working by hand when you are completing school assignments such as reports or essays?
 - A. It is a lot easier to write on a computer than by hand.
 - B. It is somewhat easier to write on a computer than by hand.
 - C. It doesn't make any difference whether I write on a computer or by hand.
 - D. It is somewhat harder to write on a computer than by hand.
 - E. It is a lot harder to write on a computer than by hand.

2. What types of tests have you taken on a computer? *Choose all that apply.*
 - A. multiple-choice
 - B. essay
 - C. combination of multiple-choice questions and written responses
 - D. I have never taken a test on a computer.
 - E. I don't know.

3. What are your plans after high school?
 - A. attend a four-year college
 - B. attend a two-year college
 - C. join the military
 - D. work full-time
 - E. other
 - F. I don't know.

4. If you are **not** planning to attend a two- or four-year college, which of the following best describes your plans for future job training? (If you are planning to attend a two- or four-year college, skip this question.)
- A. attend college sometime in the future for vocational training or credentialing
 - B. attend a post-secondary vocational school for more advanced training
 - C. on-the-job training
 - D. I do not plan to seek future job training.
 - E. I don't know.

The next set of questions asks what it's like to be a student in your school. There are **no right or wrong** answers. Your teachers and principal will **not see your individual answers**; your answers will be combined with those of your classmates. Your school will use these combined answers to better understand what school life is like for students.

When you read each statement, **think about the last 30 days in your school**. Please **answer honestly** so your school knows how you really feel about the school.

PLEASE MARK YOUR RESPONSE TO EACH STATEMENT IN YOUR STUDENT ANSWER BOOKLET.

Think of the last 30 days in school.		Always true	Mostly true	Mostly <u>un</u> true	Never true
5.	Teachers support students who come to class upset.	A	B	C	D
6.	Teachers ask students for feedback on their classroom instruction.	A	B	C	D
7.	My teachers are approachable if I am having problems with my class work.	A	B	C	D
8.	I am encouraged to take upper-level courses (honors, AP).	A	B	C	D
9.	I have been teased or picked on more than once because of my race or ethnicity.	A	B	C	D
10.	Teachers give students a chance to explain their behavior when they do something wrong.	A	B	C	D

11.	My teachers support me even when my work is not my best.	A	B	C	D
12.	Students respect one another.	A	B	C	D
13.	I feel welcome to participate in extra-curricular activities offered through our school, such as school clubs or organizations, musical groups, sports teams, or student council.	A	B	C	D
14.	My teachers are proud of me when I work hard in school.	A	B	C	D
15.	I have access to help at school if I am struggling emotionally or mentally.	A	B	C	D
16.	Students know what to do if there is an emergency at school.	A	B	C	D

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17.	I feel as though I belong to our school community.	A	B	C	D
18.	Adults working at this school treat all students respectfully, regardless of a student's race, culture, family background, sex, or sexual orientation.	A	B	C	D
19.	Students help each other learn without having to be asked by the teacher.	A	B	C	D
20.	The consequences for inappropriate behavior are enforced fairly.	A	B	C	D

21.	If I tell a teacher or other adult that someone is being bullied, the teacher/adult will do something to help.	A	B	C	D
22.	The things I am learning in school are relevant (important) to me.	A	B	C	D
23.	Students have a voice in deciding school rules.	A	B	C	D
24.	Adults at our school are respectful of student ideas, even if the ideas expressed are different from their own.	A	B	C	D
25.	Students try to work out their problems with other students in a respectful way.	A	B	C	D
26.	My teachers set high expectations for my work.	A	B	C	D
27.	I have been teased or picked on more than once because of my real or perceived sexual orientation.	A	B	C	D
28.	Teachers, students, and the principal work together in our school to prevent bullying.	A	B	C	D
29.	My teachers promote respect among students.	A	B	C	D
30.	I sometimes stay home because I don't feel safe at our school.	A	B	C	D

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31.	At our school, a teacher or other adult is available to help students who have experienced sexual assault or dating violence.	A	B	C	D
32.	I have at least one friend whom I can count on to support me.	A	B	C	D
33.	Students from different backgrounds get along well with each other in our school, regardless of their race, culture, family background, sex, or sexual orientation.	A	B	C	D

The last five questions relate to your **mathematics** instruction. Please think of your current or most recent mathematics class when responding to the statements.

Think of your current or most recent math class.		Always true	Mostly true	Mostly <u>un</u>true	Never true
34.	I am challenged to support my answers or reasoning in this class.	A	B	C	D
35.	My teacher helps us identify our strengths and shows us how to use them to help us learn.	A	B	C	D
36.	During our lessons, I am asked to apply what I know to new types of challenging problems or tasks.	A	B	C	D
37.	My teacher checks to make sure we understand what he or she is teaching us.	A	B	C	D
38.	I have to use my critical thinking skills, and not just memorize facts, to do my work in this teacher's class.	A	B	C	D

Thank you for sharing your experiences and opinions through this student questionnaire. The information you provided can help inform your school's efforts to create safe and supportive learning environments for all students. If you would like to speak with someone about the topics on this questionnaire, we encourage you to reach out to a family member and/or guidance counselor, teacher, principal, or other adult in the school.