



Spring 2017

VOCAL PILOT SURVEY

Grade 8

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. In general, how much time do you spend on homework each week?
 - A. less than 3 hours each week
 - B. about 3 to 6 hours each week
 - C. about 7 to 9 hours each week
 - D. about 10 to 12 hours each week
 - E. about 13 to 15 hours each week
 - F. more than 15 hours each week

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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
4.	Teachers support students who come to class upset.	A	B	C	D
5.	My schoolwork is appropriately challenging.	A	B	C	D
6.	School staff are consistent when enforcing rules in school.	A	B	C	D
7.	I have a choice in how I show my learning (e.g., write a paper; prepare a presentation; make a video).	A	B	C	D
8.	Teachers are available when I need to talk with them.	A	B	C	D
9.	My teachers inspire confidence in my ability to do well in class.	A	B	C	D
10.	Students at this school try to stop bullying when they see it happening.	A	B	C	D
11.	Students respect one another.	A	B	C	D
12.	My teachers care about my academic success.	A	B	C	D
13.	My teachers are proud of me when I work hard in school.	A	B	C	D

14.	I have seen students with weapons at our school.	A	B	C	D
15.	I am not scared to make mistakes in my teachers' classes.	A	B	C	D

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16.	I have been teased or picked on more than once because of my religion.	A	B	C	D
17.	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
18.	Students help each other learn without having to be asked by the teacher.	A	B	C	D
19.	If I need help with my emotions (feelings), help is available at our school.	A	B	C	D
20.	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
21.	I have been teased or picked on more than once because of my physical or mental disability.	A	B	C	D
22.	Students have a voice in deciding school rules.	A	B	C	D
23.	If I am absent from school, a teacher or other adult will notice that I was not in class.	A	B	C	D
24.	I feel comfortable reaching out to teachers/counselors for emotional support if I need it.	A	B	C	D

25.	My teachers set high expectations for my work.	A	B	C	D
26.	Students at this school damage and/or steal other students' property.	A	B	C	D
27.	Teachers encourage students to respect different points of view when expressed in class.	A	B	C	D
28.	My parents/guardians feel respected when they participate at our school (e.g., at open houses or conferences with teachers).	A	B	C	D
29.	Teachers and adults are interested in my well-being beyond just my class work.	A	B	C	D

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30.	My textbooks or class materials include people and examples that reflect my race, cultural background, and/or identity.	A	B	C	D
31.	Students have spread rumors or lies about me more than once on social media.	A	B	C	D
32.	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
33.	My teachers believe that all students can do well in their learning.	A	B	C	D
34.	In school, students learn how to control their behavior.	A	B	C	D

35.	I have been threatened by other students more than once on social media.	A	B	C	D
36.	My teachers give me individual help with my schoolwork when I need help.	A	B	C	D
37.	Our school offers guidance to students on how to mediate (settle) conflicts by themselves.	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.