

# Student Survey Questions

Dear Student,

We want to know what YOU think!

Your school district invites you to participate in the 5Essentials Survey. In this survey, you will be asked questions about your classes and homework, interactions with your teachers and classmates, and school safety.

This is NOT a test and there are NO wrong answers. Your answers are confidential and will not be shared. However, your responses will be combined with those of other students in your school to inform your school about what students in your school think, do and experience.

Your participation in this survey is voluntary. Therefore, you may skip any question that you do not wish to answer and may discontinue participation at any time without penalty.

This survey should take you 30 minutes or less to complete.

Remember, this is your chance to help improve your school - Don't pass it up!

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,  
UChicago Impact

**1) How safe do you feel...**

*Not safe      Somewhat safe      Mostly safe      Very safe*

- 1 In the hallways of the school?
- 2 In the bathrooms of the school?
- 3 Outside around the school?
- 4 Traveling between home and school?
- 5 In your classes?

**2) How much do you disagree or agree with the following statements?**

*Strongly disagree      Disagree      Agree      Strongly agree*

- 1 When my teachers tell me not to do something, I know they have a good reason.
- 2 I feel safe and comfortable with my teachers at this school.
- 3 My teachers always keep their promises.
- 4 My teachers will always listen to students' ideas.
- 5 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) Do you take any of the following subjects?**

*English, Reading or Literature      Math      Science*

**5) (If in Q5 English, Reading or Literature is selected)**

**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*

- 1 Debate the meaning of a reading.
- 2 Discuss connections between a reading and real life people or situations.
- 3 Discuss how culture, time, or place affects an author's writing.
- 4 Improve a piece of writing as a class or with partners.
- 5 Rewrite a paper or essay in response to comments.
- 6 Explain how writers use tools like symbolism and metaphor to communicate meaning.

6) (If in Q5 math is selected)

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*

- 1 Apply math to situations in life outside of school.
- 2 Discuss possible solutions to problems with other students.
- 3 Explain how you solved a problem to the class.
- 4 Write a few sentences to explain how you solved a math problem.
- 5 Write a math problem for other students to solve.

(Target = English/Reading/Literature or Math. If students are self-contained, subject is based on birth month. If not self-contained, is the class they have first)

7) How many students in your [TARGET] class...

*None A few About half Most All*

- 1 Feel it is important to come to school every day?
- 2 Feel it is important to pay attention in class?
- 3 Think doing homework is important?
- 4 Try hard to get good grades?

8) How often does the following occur? In my [TARGET] class, we talk about different solutions or points of view.

*Very little Some Quite a bit A great deal*

9) How much do you disagree or agree with the following statements about your [TARGET] class:

*Strongly disagree Disagree Agree Strongly agree*

- 1 This class really makes me think.
- 2 I'm really learning a lot in this class.

10) To what extent do you disagree or agree with the following statements:

*Strongly disagree Disagree Agree Strongly agree*

In my [TARGET] class, my teacher...

- 1 Expects everyone to work hard.
- 2 Expects me to do my best all the time.
- 3 Wants us to become better thinkers, not just memorize things.

**11) In your [TARGET] class, how often...**

*Never                      Once in a while                      Most of the time                      All the time*

- 1      Are you challenged?
- 2      Do you have to work hard to do well?
- 3      Does the teacher ask difficult questions on tests?
- 4      Does the teacher ask difficult questions in class?

**12) How much do you disagree or agree with the following statements about your [TARGET] class?**

*Strongly disagree      Disagree      Agree                      Strongly agree*

**The teacher for this class...**

- 1      Helps me catch up if I am behind.
- 2      Is willing to give extra help on schoolwork if I need it.
- 3      Notices if I have trouble learning something.
- 4      Gives me specific suggestions about how I can improve my work in this class.
- 5      Explains things in a different way if I don't understand something in class.

*Grades 9-12*

**13) How much do you disagree or agree with the following statements?**

*Strongly disagree      Disagree      Agree                      Strongly agree*

**At my high school...**

- 1      Teachers make sure that all students are planning for life after graduation.
- 2      Teachers work hard to make sure that all students are learning.
- 3      High school is seen as preparation for the future.
- 4      All students are encouraged to go to college.
- 5      Teachers pay attention to all students, not just the top students.
- 6      Teachers work hard to make sure that students stay in school.