

District-wide Survey Response Rates

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Since 2015, District-wide surveys have been administered annually to students, parents/guardians, teachers, and principals. Each year, the Office of Research and Evaluation (ORE) carefully plans the timing and duration of the administration windows for each of the surveys to optimize participant access and response rates across the district and charter sectors.

This brief summarizes the response rates for each of the four surveys for all respondents (Table 1), by sector (Table 2), and by district network (Table 3).

Table 1: Combined District and Charter Responses and Number of Respondents

		Student	Parent/Guardian	Teacher	Principal
2014-2015	Response Rate	33%	7%	55%	54%
	Number	46,695	13,360	4,423	175
2015-2016	Response Rate	50%	13%	52%	73%
	Number	73,187	25,911	5,688	237
2016-2017	Response Rate	50%	16%	56%	57%
	Number	72,580	30,968	6,515	184
2017-2018	Response Rate	54%	17%	54%	60%
	Number	80,101	33,334	6,652	199

Table 2: District and Charter Response Rates by Year

		Student	Parent/Guardian	Teacher	Principal
2014-2015	District	36%	6%	59%	68%
	Charter	28%	9%	36%	26%
2015-2016	District	56%	12%	55%	87%
	Charter	43%	16%	44%	52%
2016-2017	District	54%	15%	59%	63%
	Charter	43%	17%	48%	50%
2017-2018	District	63%	16%	64%	72%
	Charter	38%	19%	37%	39%

Table Notes: Parent & Guardian and Student response percentages are based on student enrollment records as of May 31, 2018. Teacher response percentages are based on District teachers with an “active status” on record as of May 31, 2018. For charter school teachers, the response percentage is based on the emails provided by Charter schools during the survey administration period.

Table 3: Response Rates by SDP Network/Sector for the 2017-2018 school year

	Student	Parent/guardian	Teacher	Principal
Acceleration	68%	26%	73%	84%
Charters	38%	19%	37%	39%
Innovation	47%	10%	64%	44%
Network 1	62%	14%	60%	73%
Network 2	51%	17%	45%	43%
Network 3	69%	18%	63%	72%
Network 4	65%	12%	70%	93%
Network 5	77%	21%	80%	88%
Network 6	74%	19%	67%	81%
Network 7	67%	18%	60%	71%
Network 8	56%	15%	59%	70%
Network 9	57%	8%	45%	56%
Network 10	80%	21%	74%	70%
Network 11	77%	20%	78%	58%
Network 12	80%	17%	66%	82%
Network 13	37%	8%	72%	86%
Opportunity	47%	7%	50%	27%

Table Notes: Information about schools in each School District of Philadelphia Network can be found by visiting <https://philasd.org/schoolprofiles> and selecting “Current Network.” Parent & Guardian and Student response percentages are based on student enrollment records as of May 31, 2018. Teacher response percentages are based on District teachers with an “active status” on record as of May 31, 2018. For charter school teachers, the response percentage is based on the emails provided by Charter schools during the survey administration period.

For More Information:

- To explore survey results, visit our interactive tool at: <https://dashboards.philasd.org/extensions/district-wide-surveys/index.html#/home>
- Details about survey administration windows, communication materials, survey questions, technical details, and related reports can be found on the District-wide Survey project page at <https://philasd.org/dws>.