

DISTRICT-WIDE SURVEY: RESULTS IN BRIEF

Based on 131,000+ survey responses

from students, parents, teachers, & principals at 309 District & Charter schools

Surveys administered January through June, 2019



COMPARING PERSPECTIVES on SAFETY

1. Do students feel safe going to and from school?

We asked students...

How often do you feel safe going to and from school?

We asked parents...

How often does your child feel safe going to and from school?

Survey item: How often is this true? "I feel safe going to and from school." / "My child feels safe going to and from school." Results are based on responses from 89,331 students and 35,020 parents/guardians.

The survey said...

While 82% of parents said their child feels safe traveling to and from school *most or all of the time*, only 54% of students agreed—and almost one in five said they "rarely" or "never" feel safe at these times.

Students said...



The percentage of students who said they rarely or never feel safe going to and from school was three times as high as the percentage of parents who said the same.

Parents and guardians said...



Legend: Most or all of the time (dark blue), Occasionally (light blue), Rarely (orange), Never (red)

Source: District-Wide Survey responses (2019). For school-level results, visit www.philasd.org/dwsresults.

2. Do students feel safe in school?

We asked students...

How often do you feel safe in classrooms, hallways, and bathrooms at school?

We asked parents...

How often does your child feel safe at school?

Survey items: How often is this true? "I feel safe in my classes," "I feel safe in the hallways," "I feel safe in the bathrooms," and "My child feels safe at school." Results are based on responses from 89,331 students and 35,020 parents/guardians.

Students said they felt safe in their classrooms...



Students said they felt safe in the hallways...



Students said they felt safe in the bathrooms...



Parents said their child felt safe at school...



Legend: Most or all of the time (dark blue), Occasionally (light blue), Rarely (orange), Never (red)

The survey said...

We asked students how safe they felt in classrooms, hallways, and bathrooms at their school. While 84% of parents and guardians reported that their child felt safe at school *most or all of the time*, only 68% of students said they felt safe in their classrooms *most or all of the time*—and that percentage dropped by 7 points in hallways and 20 points in bathrooms.

Looking closer...

The large green circle represents all students who responded to the survey. 39% (represented by the uncovered green section) said they felt safe *most or all of the time* in classrooms, hallways, and bathrooms at school.

The smaller circle represents the 61% of respondents who said there was at least one school location where they did not always feel safe.

Of those students...

...44% said they never, rarely, or only occasionally felt safe in all three school locations.

...30% said there was one place where they never, rarely, or only occasionally felt safe.

...26% said they never, rarely, or only occasionally felt safe in two of the three places.

82% of students said they felt safe in each location rarely, occasionally, or most or all of the time.

11% of students said there was one place at school where they never felt safe.

3% of students said there were two places at school where they never felt safe.

4% of students said they never felt safe in any of the three school locations.

Overall, 18% of students said there was at least one place at school where they never felt safe.

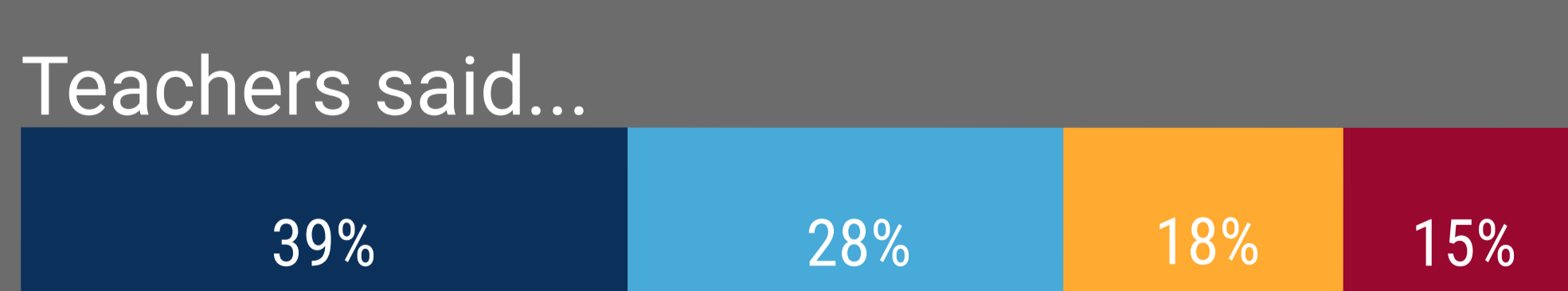
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3. How much of a challenge is school crime / safety?

We asked teachers and principals to rate the level of challenge at their school.

Survey item: How much of a challenge is school crime / safety? Results are based on responses from 6,663 teachers and 185 principals.

Teachers said...



More than a third of both respondent groups reported that school crime / safety is a moderate or great challenge to student learning.

Principals said...



The survey said...

Compared to the percentage of principals, a higher percentage of teachers said that school crime / safety is "not a challenge" at school (25% versus 39%, respectively).

Legend: Not a challenge (dark blue), A slight challenge (light blue), A moderate challenge (orange), A great challenge (red)

Source: District-Wide Survey responses (2019). For school-level results, visit www.philasd.org/dwsresults.

About the District-Wide Survey

Each spring, The Office of Evaluation, Research, and Accountability administers the District-Wide Survey to students, teachers, parents, guardians, and principals. The surveys measure five key topics: Climate, Instruction, Professional Capacity, Leadership, and Parent & Guardian Community Ties. For more information about the survey, including school-level summaries and technical reports, visit www.philasd.org/dwsresults.