

Welcome

Why are we asking you to complete the survey?

This survey is designed to gather feedback from teachers across the district about five key topics that are critical to school success: School Climate, Instruction, Leadership, Professional Capacity, and Parent/Guardian Community Ties. When most or all of the teachers at a school answer questions about these topics, we can get a valid and reliable measure for that school. This data can be used to identify strengths and challenges and set goals for improvement.

This is the case for the District as well; feedback from thousands of teachers on the same topics is a powerful way to answer questions like, "across the District, are we seeing positive trends in teachers' perceptions of professional development?"

If you are interested in examples of how we use survey data, check out the <u>vignettes</u> on the District-Wide Survey Website. We also welcome you to explore our <u>District-Wide Survey Results page</u>, where you can see how respondents answered each question every year since the survey has been open.

Things to know before you complete the survey

- 1) Completing it is voluntary.
- 2) Your responses will not be used to evaluate you, your principal, or your school. Rather, they will be combined with other teachers' responses to help understand your school's strengths and challenges and identify opportunities for improvement across the District.
- 3) Your responses are confidential. No one in your school will know whether you completed the survey or how you responded. When the data is shared, neither your name, nor any other identifiable information, will ever be connected with your responses. To protect confidentiality, survey data is not reported or displayed unless a minimum number of teachers at each school complete the survey.
- 4) Please complete this survey ONLY if you are actively teaching students in a classroom (in person or digitally) .
- 5) The survey should take about 30 minutes to complete. **Once you start taking the survey, you cannot pause and re-start**. If you are unable to complete it in one sitting, you may take it again. We will keep the most completed survey from each individual.

To enter the raffle for a chance to win a gift card, click the link on the Thank You page. The information you enter in the raffle is completely separate from your survey responses. The Thank You page will appear after you complete the survey and click DONE.

If you have any questions or concerns about the survey, please contact schoolsurveys@philasd.org.

Sincerely,

Office of Research and Evaluation The School District of Philadelphia

* 1. Do you teach students in your current role?	
Yes	
No	



General Instructions

Please think about one class you teach during the day. When taking this survey, please use this class as your reference (i.e., when you are answering items, think specifically about this class).

2. How many years in total have you been teaching in the School District of Philadelphia?
This is my first year
2-3 years
4-8 years
9-15 years
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3. Are you an EL/ESOL teacher?
Yes
○ No



Instruction

4. How often are the following statements true about your classroom?

	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Most or all of the time
My students complete their assigned work.				
My students explain material to their classmates.				
My students reflect back on what they have learned.				
My students tell me their work is too easy.	\bigcirc			
My students are motivated to learn.				
My students are interested in what we do in class.				
My students are competitive with one another about their grades.		\circ	\circ	
My class is interrupted by announcements or messages from the office or colleagues.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\bigcirc
My students influence decisions regarding learning activities.		\bigcirc		
Students misbehave in my classroom.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
I call on all of my students, even if they don't volunteer to answer questions.		\bigcirc		



Instruction

5. How often are the following statements true about your classroom?

	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Most or all of the time
My students treat me with respect.				
My students treat each other with respect.				
My students consistently attend my class(es).				
My students ask me questions when they need help.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		
My students are more focused on grades than learning.	\circ		0	
My students are aware of different strategies for learning.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		
My students are good at using their time effectively in class.	\bigcirc		0	
If my students find their schoolwork challenging, they give up.		\bigcirc		
My students work hard in my class(es).				



School Leadership

How much do you agree with the following statements?

6. My principal/school leader:

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Communicates a clear mission for our school.				
Sets high standards for student learning.				
Sets high standards for teachers.				
Sets clear expectations for teachers.				
Provides me with constructive feedback based on formal or informal observation(s) of my teaching.	\circ			
Actively participates in school-based professional development.	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	



School Leadership

How much do you agree with the following statements?

7. My principal/school leader:

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Is committed to shared decision-making.				
Works to create a sense of community in this school.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		
Promotes parent, guardian, and community involvement in the school.				
Creates buy-in among faculty.				
Encourages students to be involved in the school community.	0	0	0	



School Leadership

8. How much control do you have over the following in your classroom?

	None	A little	Some	A great deal
Determining course objectives				
Choosing the books and other instructional materials that I use		\bigcirc		
Selecting the content, topics, and skills that I teach				
Selecting the sequence in which topics are covered				
Setting the pace for covering topics				
Determining how classroom space is used				
Setting standards of behavior in my classroom				
Choosing the teaching methods and strategies I use with my students		\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
Determining the amount of homework I assign				
Choosing criteria for grading students				
Choosing the evaluation and assessment activities I use in my class		\circ	\bigcirc	0



School Climate

9. How much do you agree with the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
My school has clear strategies for improving instruction.	\circ	\circ	\circ		\circ
My school has a no-excuses approach to student learning.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
My school has a culture of using data to inform student-level interventions.	\bigcirc	\circ			\bigcirc
Many new programs come and go in my school.					
Curriculum, instruction, and learning materials are consistent among teachers in the same grade level at my school.	0			0	
Curriculum, instruction, and learning materials are well coordinated across different grade levels at my school.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	0
Teacher morale is high at my school.					
Teachers at my school have high expectations for students.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Teachers at my school support the idea that all students can learn.	\circ	\circ	\circ		\circ
Teachers feel responsible when students in my school fail academically.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Most of my colleagues share my beliefs and values about what the central mission of the school should be.	\circ			0	0
My school or District/CMO recognizes or rewards me based on my teaching or student achievement.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\bigcirc
My school or District/CMO penalizes me based on my teaching or student achievement.	\circ	\circ			\bigcirc
My school emphasizes the importance of student attendance.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
I feel safe going to and from school.					





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10. To what extent do you consider each of the following factors a challenge to student learning in your school?

	Not a challenge	A slight challenge	A moderate challenge	A great challenge
Frequent changes in school priorities				
Principal turnover				
Teacher turnover				
Shortage of highly-qualified teachers				
Teachers teaching a subject or grade outside of their certification	\bigcirc		\circ	0
Shortage of instructional support staff (e.g., teaching aides and reading specialists)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Shortage of other support staff (e.g., nurses, counselors, and security)			0	\circ
Students transferring in or out of the school				
Student absenteeism				
Student tardiness				
Lack of teacher planning time built into the school day			0	\circ
Pressure to perform well on the state standardized tests	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Lack of support for teaching special education students (i.e., students with IEPs)			\circ	0
Lack of support for teaching English Learners				
Lack of school resources to provide extra help to students who need it		\circ		0
School crime/safety				
Bullying*				
Problems with student transportation				\bigcirc
Lack of computers or other technological resources				

*Bullying occurs when someone repeatedly and purposefully says or does mean or hurtful things to another person who has a hard time	,
defending him- or herself.	



School Climate
11. To what extent do you consider each of the following factors a challenge to student learning in your school?

	Not a challenge	A slight challenge	A moderate challenge	A great challenge
Frequent changes in District initiatives				
Neighborhood crime/safety				
Students have inadequate basic skills or prior preparation			\circ	\circ
Lack of support from parents and guardians				
Cultural differences between home and school				
Lack of translated materials for multilingual families				



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12. To what extent do you consider each of the following factors a challenge to student learning in your classroom?

	Not a challenge	A slight challenge	A moderate challenge	A great challenge
Insufficient class time to cover all of the curriculum				
Wide range of student abilities in class				
Student behavior				
Inadequate textbooks, materials, or other non- technological instructional resources		\bigcirc		\bigcirc
Lack of computers or other technological resources				
Student absenteeism (cutting class)				
Students report being hungry			\bigcirc	



School Climate

13. To what extent do you feel respected by:

	Not at all respected	A little respected	Somewhat respected	Respected a great deal	Does not apply
The School Board					
District/Charter administrators					
Your principal					
Teachers in your school					
Other school staff					
Parents/guardians					
Students					



Parent-Community Ties

14. Think about a "typical" student in the class you identified at the beginning of the survey. During this academic year, how often did you do the following for that student?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
Suggest activities that his or her parents and guardians can do to complement activities in the classroom	0		\circ	\circ
Suggest activities that his or her parents and guardians can do to support student literacy	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Contact his or her parents and guardians about his or her behavior problems or when he or she breaks school rules	0		\circ	\circ
Contact his or her parents and guardians when he or she is struggling academically	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Contact his or her parents and guardians about his or her achievements and successes	\bigcirc			0
Invite his or her parents and guardians to be involved in class (e.g., attend special events, volunteer in the classroom, chaperone field trips)	\circ		\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Send emails, newsletters, or notes home telling parents and guardians what he or she has been learning and doing in class	0	\circ	0	\circ



Professional Capacity

15. How much do you agree with the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
I am encouraged to try new teaching approaches in my practice.	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc	
I am encouraged to innovate to improve my practice.	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	
I am willing to question others' views on issues of teaching and learning.	\circ	\circ		
I am expected to continually learn and seek out new ideas.		\bigcirc		
I am free to be creative in the teaching methods and strategies I use in my practice.		\circ		



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	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	N/A
Classroom management strategies/interventions					
Identifying, developing, or revising curricular materials		\bigcirc		\bigcirc	
Effective instructional strategies					
The individual learning needs of students					
Coordination of instruction within grade levels					
Coordination of instruction across grade levels					
Coordination of instruction for a particular student					
Planning high-quality, grade-level, Tier 1 instruction aligned to common core standards using District curriculum and frameworks		\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc



Professional Capacity

17. How much do you agree with the following about professional development?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
Professional development is available to me at various times, such as jobembedded experiences, before or after-school hours, and summer experiences.	0			
Teachers' backgrounds, experience levels, and learning needs are considered when planning District professional development.	\bigcirc			
Teachers' backgrounds, experience levels, and learning needs are considered when planning school professional development.				
Teacher input is taken into consideration when planning <u>District</u> professional development.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Teacher input is taken into consideration when planning school professional development.	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	0
In my school, teachers meet during the school day for <u>school</u> professional development (in addition to district-designated PD days).	\bigcirc			
In my school, teachers use what they learn from <u>District</u> professional development to adjust and inform teaching practices.				
There is enough <u>District</u> professional development that is relevant to my subject area.				



* 18. Do you currently teach at a Charter school?	
Yes	
○ No	



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Professional Capacity				
19. How often did District-wide professional dev Tuesdays, Friday PD Sessions, etc.)	velopment se	essions offered by	central office (e.	g., Tune-up
	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Most or all of the time
Provide opportunities to interact/work with teachers from your school, department, or grade	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
Provide opportunities for analyzing student work				
Provide opportunities for you to be observed teaching and receive feedback	\circ	\circ		
Use a lecture or stand-and-deliver format				
Use a small group discussion/problem-solving format		\circ		
Have periodic follow-up throughout the school year (from a coach, SBTL, principal, or other instructional leader)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
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	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Most or all of the time
Consistent with your school's mission				
Integrated/linked with your daily lessons/curricula		\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
Isolated and/or unconnected to other professional development	\circ	\circ		
Explicitly reinforced and/or encouraged by your principal or other school leaders	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
Consistent with your school's expectations for teaching and learning	\bigcirc	0	0	



School Climate

21. How much do	you agree or	disagree with	the following	statements'
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	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
My school consistently uses positive behavioral supports to encourage responsible behavior.	\circ		\bigcirc	0
My school proactively addresses disciplinary challenges.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
My school's response to student misbehavior is trauma-informed.				\circ
I know what is expected of me regarding student discipline.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\bigcirc
I have been adequately trained to manage student behavior effectively.				0
My administration supports my decisions regarding school discipline.		\bigcirc		\bigcirc
My administration blames me when my students misbehave.				\circ
My opinions about discipline are valued.			\bigcirc	\bigcirc
There are enough people in my school who are available to handle student discipline.	0	0	0	0



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School Climate				
22. How confident are	you in your ability to	do the following?		
	Not at all confident	Somewhat confident	Mostly confident	Completely confident
Identify students who have experienced trauma in the past	0	0	0	0
Interact with students in a way that does not trigger prior trauma	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
De-escalate a student who has experienced trauma in the past	0	0	0	0



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School Safety Officers
23. Does your school have a School Safety Officer?
○ Yes ○ No
O Don't know



24. How much do you agree with the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't know
My school's Safety Officer builds positive relationships with students		0	0		
My school's Safety Officer makes our school safer	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Students in my school trust the School Safety Officer	0	\bigcirc	\circ	0	0
Generally speaking, my school's Safety Officer reacts to students in ways that help them calm down.					
Generally speaking, my school's Safety Officer reacts to students in ways that worsen situations	0	0	0		



Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

As part of our commitment to becoming an antiracist organization, the following questions have been designed to assess the diversity, equity, and inclusion practices of our school district. We are asking similar questions of principals, teachers, school support staff, students, and parents/guardians. Your responses to these questions will be used to define areas of strengths and opportunities for change.

By *diversity*, we mean differences among groups of people and individuals based on identity characteristics like ethnicity, race, socioeconomic status (or class), gender, exceptionalities, language, religion, sexual orientation, and where they live, to name a few.

By *equity*, we mean fair policies, practices, and opportunities available for all members of our District community and especially for members of groups historically treated unfairly.

By inclusion, we mean how much individuals feel valued by, connected to, and involved as a member of the school community.

25. How often do the following happen?

	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Most or all of the time	N/A
Teachers at my school have important conversations with each other about race, even when the conversation might be uncomfortable					
In my classes, I give my students opportunities to learn about people from different races, ethnicities, or cultures					
My professional development experiences help me explore new ways to promote equity in my practice				0	

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	N/A
can easily interact with students in my classes who are from a different cultural background than my own				0	0
am comfortable ncorporating new material about people from different packgrounds into my essons					\circ
am comfortable discussing race-related copics with my students	0	0	0	0	
am comfortable discussing race-related copics with my colleagues	0	0	\circ	0	\circ
When a sensitive issue of diversity arises in class, I can implement strategies to appropriately address the situation			0	0	0
Leaders at this school work to advance student equity	\circ	\circ	\circ	0	\circ
The equity-focused professional development I have received is valuable	0	0	0	0	0
feel like I belong at my school	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
feel connected to other adults at my school	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ	
My colleagues understand me as a person	0	0	\bigcirc	\circ	0



District Goals and Guardrails

27. How much do you agree with the following statements about the District's new curriculum? (if you haven't used any new curriculum this year, you can answer N/A)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	N/A
The curriculum reflects the district's beliefs and vision about student learning and achievement					0
The curriculum is clear about what must be taught and at what depth to reflect college- and career-readiness standards for each grade level.					
The curriculum contains scaffolds or other supports that address gaps in student knowledge and needs (e.g., ELLs and students with disabilities).					
The curriculum includes links to resources, such as textbooks or computer-based products, to indicate where the materials are high quality, where gaps exist, and how to fill them to meet District expectations.					

28. To what extent are you aware of SDP's Goals and Guardrails?
I have never heard of them
l've heard of them but am not familiar with the details
l've heard of them, and am somewhat familiar with the details
I've heard of them, and am very familiar with the details



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Thank you!
Thank you for taking the survey!