MNPS School Climate Survey (Students)

We are doing a survey to learn more about what students think about your school. Your voice will help us know how to better support your school. If you agree to take the survey, you will be asked questions about your school and your teachers. There are no right or wrong answers. It’s about what you really think. The whole thing should take about 15 minutes to complete. Only the researchers will know your answers. Your teachers will not see them. If you write that you are hurting yourself, you are hurting someone else, or someone is hurting you, the researchers will tell your school counselor so they can help. It’s your decision to take the survey or not. No one will be upset if you decide not to take the survey. If you start and then change your mind, you can stop at any time. You can skip any question you don’t want to answer.

1. Choose ‘Yes’ and click ‘Submit’ to participate in the survey. If you do not want to take the survey, choose ‘No’ and click ‘Submit’. If you choose ‘No’, you will exit the survey.

No  Yes

School Climate Survey (Students, Grades 3-12)

We are interested in learning more about how you think about your school. There are no right or wrong answers.

Perceptions of School

Think about your experiences in school.

2. How excited are you about going to your classes?

Not at all excited  Slightly excited  Somewhat excited  Quite excited  Extremely excited

3. How focused are you on the activities in your classes?

Not at all focused  Slightly focused  Somewhat focused  Quite focused  Extremely focused

4. In your classes, how excited are you to participate?

Not at all excited  Slightly excited  Somewhat excited  Quite excited  Extremely excited

5. When you are not in school, how often do you talk about ideas from your classes?

Almost never  Once in a while  Sometimes  Frequently  Almost always

6. How interested are you in your classes?

Not at all interested  Slightly interested  Somewhat interested  Quite interested  Extremely interested

How much do you agree or disagree?

7. In my school, students are given a chance to help make decisions.

Strongly disagree  Disagree  In the middle  Agree  Strongly agree
8. Students are involved in helping to solve school problems.

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9. Adults in this school ask students about their ideas.

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Learning at My School
Think about most of your teachers. How much do you agree or disagree?

10. My teachers expect me to work hard.

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11. My teachers really want me to learn a lot.

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12. My teachers expect a lot from students.

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14. My teachers expect me to attend college.

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Think about most of your classes.

15. My classmates behave the way my teachers want them to.

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16. Our classes stay busy and do not waste time.

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17. Students behave so badly in my classes that it slows down our learning.

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18. Everybody knows what they should be doing and learning in class.

- No, never
- Mostly not
- Maybe, sometimes
- Mostly yes
- Yes, always

**Connection to My School**

Think about your experiences in school. How much do you agree or disagree?

19. I am happy to be at this school.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- In the middle
- Agree
- Strongly agree

20. I feel like I am part of this school.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- In the middle
- Agree
- Strongly agree

21. I feel like I belong.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- In the middle
- Agree
- Strongly agree

22. I feel socially accepted.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- In the middle
- Agree
- Strongly agree

23. My school is a welcoming place for LGBTQ students. *(Grades 6-12 Only)*

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- In the middle
- Agree
- Strongly agree

24. I feel safe outside around the school.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- In the middle
- Agree
- Strongly agree

25. I feel safe in the hallways of the school.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- In the middle
- Agree
- Strongly agree

26. I feel safe in the bathrooms of the school.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- In the middle
- Agree
- Strongly agree

27. I feel safe in the cafeteria.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- In the middle
- Agree
- Strongly agree

28. I feel safe in the gym and locker rooms.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- In the middle
- Agree
- Strongly agree
29. I feel safe in my classrooms.

   ○ Strongly disagree    ○ Disagree    ○ In the middle    ○ Agree    ○ Strongly agree

Think about your classmates and friends at school.

30. Students are friendly with each other.

   ○ Strongly disagree    ○ Disagree    ○ In the middle    ○ Agree    ○ Strongly agree

31. Students care about each other.

   ○ Strongly disagree    ○ Disagree    ○ In the middle    ○ Agree    ○ Strongly agree

32. Students respect others who are different from them.

   ○ Strongly disagree    ○ Disagree    ○ In the middle    ○ Agree    ○ Strongly agree

33. Students treat each other with respect.

   ○ Strongly disagree    ○ Disagree    ○ In the middle    ○ Agree    ○ Strongly agree

34. Students get along with each other.

   ○ Strongly disagree    ○ Disagree    ○ In the middle    ○ Agree    ○ Strongly agree

How often do students at your school...

35. ... make fun of, call names, or insult other students, in a hurtful way?

   ○ Never    ○ Once in a while    ○ Sometimes    ○ Frequently    ○ All the time

36. ... spread hurtful rumors about other students?

   ○ Never    ○ Once in a while    ○ Sometimes    ○ Frequently    ○ All the time

37. ... threaten other students with harm?

   ○ Never    ○ Once in a while    ○ Sometimes    ○ Frequently    ○ All the time

38. ... push, shove, trip, or spit on other students?

   ○ Never    ○ Once in a while    ○ Sometimes    ○ Frequently    ○ All the time

39. ... try to make other students do things they do not want to do, for example give them money or other things?

   ○ Never    ○ Once in a while    ○ Sometimes    ○ Frequently    ○ All the time
40. ... destroy other students' property on purpose?

- Never
- Once in a while
- Sometimes
- Frequently
- All the time

41. ... spread lies or hurtful information about other students online or by text message? (Grades 6-12 Only)

- Never
- Once in a while
- Sometimes
- Frequently
- All the time

42. ... make fun of, call names, or insult other students online or by text message? (Grades 6-12 Only)

- Never
- Once in a while
- Sometimes
- Frequently
- All the time

Think about most of your teachers.

43. I feel safe and comfortable with my teachers in this school.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- In the middle
- Agree
- Strongly agree

44. My teachers always try to be fair.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- In the middle
- Agree
- Strongly agree

45. My teachers really care about me.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- In the middle
- Agree
- Strongly agree

46. My teachers tell me not to do something when they have a good reason.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- In the middle
- Agree
- Strongly agree

47. My teachers treat me with respect.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- In the middle
- Agree
- Strongly agree

48. How often do teachers make fun of, call names, or insult students, in a hurtful way?

- Never
- Once in a while
- Sometimes
- Frequently
- All the time

Respect for All
For the following questions, background means race, nationality, religion, culture, or identity.

49. I work with students of different backgrounds in class.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- In the middle
- Agree
- Strongly agree
50. Students from all backgrounds get along well.

Strongly disagree  Disagree  In the middle  Agree  Strongly agree

51. Teachers treat students of all backgrounds with respect.

Strongly disagree  Disagree  In the middle  Agree  Strongly agree

52. I learn about different cultures and traditions in school.

Strongly disagree  Disagree  In the middle  Agree  Strongly agree

53. Diversity is important at my school.

Strongly disagree  Disagree  In the middle  Agree  Strongly agree

For the following questions, background means race, nationality, religion, culture, or identity. Think about most of your classes.

54. I see people who look like me in class materials.

Strongly disagree  Disagree  In the middle  Agree  Strongly agree

55. I learn about the achievements of people who look like me.

Strongly disagree  Disagree  In the middle  Agree  Strongly agree

56. I learn about people from all backgrounds.

Strongly disagree  Disagree  In the middle  Agree  Strongly agree

57. I get the chance to connect my background with what I learn.

Strongly disagree  Disagree  In the middle  Agree  Strongly agree

Student Support Priorities

58. Thinking about your friends and classmates, which of the following do students at your school need help with the most this year?

Social and emotional skills  Mental health  Physical health  Learning support  Support with jobs, money, and/or basic needs  Other
59. Thinking about your own learning goals, which of the following supports would be most helpful this year?

- Tutoring  
- Summer school  
- Computer programs for English Language Arts and/or Math  
- Before and/or after school programs  
- Smaller classes  
- More access to a school counselor  
- More access to a social worker

Optional

If you want, you can tell us more about your experiences below. Please do not share your name or other students’ names. No one will see what you write for a week or longer. If you need help now, please ask to see your school counselor or talk to another grown-up, such as a teacher. (Grades 3-5 Only)

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60. What do you like best about your school?

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61. What would you change about your school?

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