

What's Your Experience as a Middle School Student?

1. Introduction

Dear Student,

Thank you for taking this important survey. It should take you between 15 - 20 minutes to finish it.

The results are completely confidential - your name is NOT requested.

The results help teachers know how to make school better, based on your feedback. So, please be honest, and comment on any answer you want to. And don't hesitate to email me if you have any questions or concerns about the survey.

Sincerely,

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2. A few facts about you and your school

It will help teachers to know a few things about you to understand what your answers mean. The questions do not require you to identify yourself.

1. In what month and year are you taking this survey?

* 2. What grade are you currently in?

6th grade

7th grade

8th grade

* 3. What is your gender?

female

male

* 4. What is the name of your school? (Please double-check the spelling!)

* 5. In what city is your school located?

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6. In general, what kind of grades do you get in school?

Pick the choice that is closest to your overall average.

- A average
- Between an A and a B average
- B average
- Between a B and a C average
- Below a C average

If you don't know your grades, in general are you an EXCELLENT, GOOD, FAIR, or STRUGGLING student in terms of grades/achievement?

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* 7. How hard are your classes in general?

- Very hard: you have to work a huge amount to get good grades
- Hard: you have to work a lot to get good grades
- Not so hard: if you just do your work you'll be fine
- Easy: you don't have to do much to get good grades

* 8. What is your favorite subject? Why?

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* 9. What is your least favorite subject? Why?

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* 10. How do YOU learn best?

	Really helpful	Helpful	Somewhat helpful	Not really helpful	Unhelpful
Listening and taking notes in class	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Viewing information in class (Video, Powerpoint, etc.)	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Watching hands-on demonstrations	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Doing hands-on tasks	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Sharing my ideas with other students	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Getting feedback from the teacher	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Getting feedback from my peers	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Doing the homework	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Participating in discussions and debates	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Applying what we are learning to real-world problems	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Asking lots of questions	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Listening to others and participating in discussions	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn

Comment?

* 11. "I cannot learn when..."

3. Some sentence stems to respond to briefly

* 12. I wish my teachers would start...

* 13. I wish my teachers would stop...

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* 14. I wish in class we would do more of...

* 15. I wish in class we would do less of...

4. How INTERESTING are your classes?

In this set of questions we ask you to rate (and comment on, if you wish) your academic experience in school.

Be careful: we are asking about the work, not the teacher.

The WORK has to do with what you are asked to do: how interesting are the assignments, the readings, the homework? etc. We are NOT asking you whether you like your teacher as a person.

* 16. Consider the WORK (activities in class, assignments, etc.), subject by subject. How interesting have you found the WORK in...

	Very interesting most of the time	Interesting overall	Somewhat interesting	Boring	Not applicable - no courses taken in this subject
Art/Music?	jq	jq	jq	jq	jq
English?	jq	jq	jq	jq	jq
History?	jq	jq	jq	jq	jq
Math?	jq	jq	jq	jq	jq
World Languages?	jq	jq	jq	jq	jq
Science?	jq	jq	jq	jq	jq
Health/PE?	jq	jq	jq	jq	jq
Family & Consumer Science?	jq	jq	jq	jq	jq
Technology/Media?	jq	jq	jq	jq	jq

Please explain your LOWEST rating along with any other comments you might wish to share.

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- * 17. What was the **MOST INTERESTING** work you were asked to do in any class in the last year? Describe what made it so interesting.

- * 18. What was the **MOST BORING** work you had to do in class in the last year? Describe it, to give teachers a clear idea of what **NOT** to do.

- * 19. Finally, if you could give teachers just 1 piece of advice on how to make their classes and the work more interesting for you and your peers, what would it be?

5. Thanks!

Thanks so much for taking the time to fill out this survey. Your answers will be available to a large number of teachers who will be using this information to improve school for you and your peers.

You will see the results of this survey in November of 2010.

If you have any comments, questions, ideas, or concerns, please email me!

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