High School Survey of Student Engagement

Thank you for your participation in this survey! Engagement is a term often used to mean "involvement" or "participation." Your responses, along with responses from other students, will help your school better understand your needs as a student in order to create a school environment that is engaging, challenging, and productive for you. Please answer thoughtfully and honestly - we appreciate the time and energy you put into this survey.

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1. What is your current grade? ○ 9th ○ 10th ○ 11th ○ 12th

2. Select the highest level of education you expect to complete
   ○ Will not finish high school ○ Community college degree (Associate's), technical school, or vocational/trade certificate
   ○ GED ○ Four-year college degree (Bachelor's)
   ○ High school diploma ○ Master's, Doctorate, or other advanced degree

3. What is your sex? ○ Male ○ Female

4. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements related to your high school?
   a. Overall, I feel good about being in this high school
   b. I care about this school
   c. I feel safe in this school
   d. My opinions are respected in this school
   e. There is at least one adult in this school who knows me well
   f. I feel supported by the following people at this school:
      i. teachers
      ii. administrators (principal, head of school, assistant/vice principal, dean)
      iii. counselors
      iv. other adults (secretaries, librarians/media specialists, coaches etc.)
      v. other students
   g. Teachers engage me in classroom discussions
   h. I can be creative in classroom assignments and projects
   i. I am comfortable being myself at this school
   j. I am an important part of my high school community
   k. This school's rules are fair
   l. This school's rules are applied and enforced consistently
   m. If I could choose a high school right now, I would choose this school

5. How much do each of the following classroom activities and assignments interest or engage you?
   a. Teacher lectures
   b. Discussions and debates
   c. Individual readings
   d. Writing projects
   e. Research projects
   f. Group projects
   g. Giving presentations and speeches
   h. Art, drama activities, and role plays
   i. Projects and lessons involving technology

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6. How much does your high school emphasize each of the following?

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<td>c. Analyzing ideas in depth for classes</td>
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<td>d. Studying and completing school work at home</td>
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<td>e. Spending time preparing for state and district standardized tests</td>
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<td>f. Participating in school events and activities (athletics, plays, performances, academic competitions)</td>
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<td>g. Using computers or other technology for class work</td>
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<td>h. Furthering education or training beyond high school</td>
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<td>i. Building positive relationships with students of different backgrounds (religious, ethnic/racial, political, and economic)</td>
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7. How much has your experience at this school contributed to your development in the following areas?

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<td>a. Acquiring skills for a job after completing high school</td>
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<td>b. Writing effectively</td>
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<td>d. Thinking critically (reasoning, asking &quot;Why?&quot;)</td>
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<td>e. Developing creative ideas and solutions</td>
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<td>f. Reading and understanding challenging materials</td>
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<td>h. Working well with others to complete a task</td>
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<td>i. Learning independently</td>
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<td>j. Applying school-based knowledge to everyday life</td>
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<td>k. Learning what life is like for other people in your community outside of school</td>
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<td>m. Understanding why what you learn in school will be important for life after high school</td>
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<td>n. Understanding yourself</td>
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<td>o. Treating people with respect</td>
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8. In a typical 7-day week during the school year, about how many hours do you do the following outside of school? (Number of hours per week)

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<td>c. Using technology for school assignments</td>
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<td>d. Reading for your own personal interest (books, magazines, newspapers, online articles, etc.)</td>
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<td>e. Participating in school-sponsored activities (clubs, athletics, student government, etc.)</td>
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<td>f. Participating in non-school sponsored activities or hobbies (clubs, athletics, community theater, church-related activities, or other personal interests)</td>
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<td>g. Working for pay</td>
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<td>i. Exercising for personal fitness</td>
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<td>j. Watching television, playing video games</td>
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<td>k. Using technology for personal interest (including talking on the phone, texting, and social media)</td>
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<td>l. Spending time with friends in person</td>
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<td>m. Participating in family commitments (chores, caring for siblings or relatives, etc.)</td>
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9. During this school year, about how often have you done each of the following?

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<td>b. Talked to a teacher about your class work</td>
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<td>c. Made a class presentation</td>
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<td>d. Prepared a draft of a paper or assignment before turning it in</td>
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<td>e. Completed a creative writing assignment (reflections, journaling, short stories, poetry)</td>
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<td>f. Completed a formal writing assignment (research paper, speech, lab report, position paper)</td>
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<td>g. Received feedback from teachers on assignments or other class work</td>
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<td>h. Attended class with all assignments completed</td>
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<td>i. Worked on a paper or project that required you to do research outside of assigned text</td>
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<td>j. Worked on a paper or project that required you to interact with people outside of school (for interviews, observations, etc.)</td>
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<td>k. Worked with other students on projects/assignments</td>
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<td>l. Discussed questions in class that have no clear answers</td>
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<td>m. Connected ideas or concepts from one class (or subject area) to another in classroom assignments or discussions</td>
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9. During this school year, about how often have you done each of the following?
   - Discussed ideas from readings or classes with teachers outside of class
   - Discussed ideas from readings or classes with others outside of class (friends, family members, coworkers, etc.)
   - Talked to an adult in the school about career goals
   - Talked to an adult in the school about how to apply to college

10. During this school year, how often have you been picked on or bullied by another student?

11. During this school year, how often have you witnessed an act of bullying?

12. How often have you skipped school, faked an illness to stay home, or deliberately come to school late because of disinterest in school?

13. Have you ever been bored in class?
   - Never
   - Rarely
   - Sometimes
   - Often
   - Work wasn't challenging enough
   - Work was too difficult
   - Material wasn't interesting
   - Teaching methods not interesting
   - Material wasn't relevant to me
   - No interaction with teacher
   - No interaction with classmates

14. Have you ever considered transferring from this school?
   - Never
   - Rarely
   - Sometimes
   - Often
   - a charter school
   - a magnet school
   - a religious school
   - home school
   - a private independent school
   - a public high school
   - an online high school

   Why have you considered transferring to another school?

15. Have you ever considered dropping out of this high school?
   - Never
   - Rarely
   - Sometimes
   - Often
   - The work was too hard
   - The work was too easy
   - I didn't like the school
   - I didn't like the teachers
   - I didn't see the value in the work I was being asked to do
   - I was picked on or bullied
   - I needed to work for money
   - No adults in the school cared about me
   - I felt I was too far behind in credits to graduate
   - I failed required standardized tests for graduation
   - Adults in school encouraged me to drop out
   - Personal or family medical issues
   - Other family issues

16. Have you ever repeated a class or course for credit in high school?
17. Do you believe you might have to repeat a class or course taken this year?
18. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
   - a. I have the skills and ability to complete my work
   - b. I put forth a great deal of effort when doing my school work
   - c. I am motivated by my desire to learn
   - d. I am motivated by my desire to get good grades
   - e. I am motivated by teachers who encourage me
   - f. I am motivated by my desire to succeed in the world outside of school
   - g. I take pride in the quality of my school work
   - h. I have worked harder than I expected to in school
   - i. I like discussions in which there are no clear answers
   - j. I enjoy being creative in school
   - k. I enjoy working on tasks that require a lot of thinking and mental effort
   - l. My school work makes me curious to learn other things
   - m. In general, I am excited about my classes
   - n. I see how the work I am doing now will help me after high school
   - o. I feel good about who I am as a student
19. About how many of your classes challenge you to your full academic potential?

20. In about how many classes do you give your maximum effort?

21. In about how many classes do you put forth very little effort?

22. Which of the following have you done or are currently doing during high school? *Fill in all that apply.*
   - Participated in a work-study program or internship
   - Participated in an internship
   - Taken one or more courses online
   - Participated in a performing or fine arts program in school

23. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

   a. I go to school because I enjoy being in school
   b. I go to school because of what I learn in classes
   c. I go to school because of my teacher(s)
   d. I go to school because of my friends
   e. I go to school because of my parent(s)/guardian(s)
   f. I go to school because it's the law
   g. I go to school to participate in athletics
   h. I go to school to participate in band, orchestra, and/or choir
   i. I go to school because I want to graduate and go to college
   j. I go to school because I want to learn skills to get a good job
   k. I go to school because there's nothing else to do
   l. I go to school to stay out of trouble
   m. I go to school to get out of the house

24. How old are you today?

   - 13 or younger
   - 14
   - 15
   - 16
   - 17
   - 18
   - 19 or older

25. What language(s) is spoken in your home? *Fill in all that apply.*
   - English
   - Spanish
   - Other language(s) - specify:

26. What is your racial or ethnic background? *Fill in all that apply.*
   - American Indian/Alaska Native
   - Asian or Asian American
   - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
   - Black or African American
   - Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
   - White
   - Other
   - I prefer not to respond

27. Are you eligible for free or reduced-price lunch at your high school?

   - No
   - Yes
   - Don't know
   - Prefer not to answer

28. What is the highest level of schooling that either of your parents or guardians completed?

   - Did not finish high school
   - GED
   - High school diploma
   - Community college or trade school degree
   - Four-year college degree (Bachelor's)
   - Master's, Doctorate, or other advanced degree
   - Don't know/Not applicable

29. Which one of the following categories best describes most of your high school grades?

   - Mostly As
   - Mostly As and Bs
   - Mostly Bs and Cs
   - Mostly Cs andDs
   - Mostly Ds and below
   - Grades not used/Don't know

30. Which one of the following categories best describes most of the classes that you take?

   - Career/Vocational/Trade
   - ELL/ESL/Bilingual
   - General/Regular
   - Honors
   - Dual Credit/Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate
   - Special Education
   - Don't know

31. Would you like to say more about any of your answers to these survey questions or provide any other comments about your experience at this school? Please do so in the space provided here.

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