

Our School's Safety

Questionnaire For Secondary School Students

Instructions:

We want to hear about the things at school that **you feel** are unsafe and how they can be made safer.

- Please do not put your name on this form.
- **Please circle one number for each statement that best shows your feelings about school.**

This questionnaire will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
1. There are no places near this school that scare me.	1	2	3	4	5
2. They take good care of the school grounds.	1	2	3	4	5
3. There is a lot of space in the classrooms at this school.	1	2	3	4	5
4. There are police officers who visit our school.	1	2	3	4	5
5. When students at this school have an emergency, someone is there to help.	1	2	3	4	5
6. Teachers at school let me do projects and assignments with other students in the class.	1	2	3	4	5
7. I really want our school to be 'the best'.	1	2	3	4	5
8. I feel I belong at this school.	1	2	3	4	5
9. I work very hard in all of my classes.	1	2	3	4	5

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
10. When students break rules, they all receive the same treatment.	1	2	3	4	5
11. I feel safe at this school.	1	2	3	4	5
12. This school is in good condition.	1	2	3	4	5
13. Intruders do not come and go from our school easily	1	2	3	4	5
14. The Principal asks students about their ideas at our school.	1	2	3	4	5
15. We do not waste time in our classes at our school.	1	2	3	4	5
16. You can trust people in our school.	1	2	3	4	5
17. Everyone is expected to be his/her best at our school.	1	2	3	4	5
18. Students at this school really want to learn.	1	2	3	4	5
19. Teachers go out of their way to let me know I am doing a good job.	1	2	3	4	5
20. Only a few students get hurt in accidents at this school.	1	2	3	4	5
21. Very few accidents happen inside the building at this school.	1	2	3	4	5
22. Students are given many choices at our school.	1	2	3	4	5
23. My parents are involved at our school.	1	2	3	4	5

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
24. All students are respected at our school regardless of race, religion, culture, gender or sexual orientation.	1	2	3	4	5
25. School rules are listed in the classroom and distributed around our school, and students know what the rules are.	1	2	3	4	5
26. I can be a success in school.	1	2	3	4	5
27. It pays to follow the rules and do well at our school.	1	2	3	4	5
28. Writing on walls is cleaned or painted over quickly at our school.	1	2	3	4	5
29. The classrooms at our school look very nice.	1	2	3	4	5
30. In some classes I am with students of different abilities and talents.	1	2	3	4	5
31. Most of our students get involved in school activities	1	2	3	4	5
32. People care for each other at this school.	1	2	3	4	5
33. The rules at school are fair.	1	2	3	4	5
34. Teachers monitor our school for signs of trouble.	1	2	3	4	5
35. We learn things about ourselves and about life in addition to regular subjects.	1	2	3	4	5
36. Students at this school are free to express themselves.	1	2	3	4	5

37. Which of these things happened to you in the past month. (Circle yes or no for each)

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| I was pushed around by someone who was just being mean. | No | Yes |
| I was in a fistfight with another student. | No | Yes |
| I was robbed or had something stolen from me. | No | Yes |
| I saw a student with a knife. | No | Yes |
| I saw a student with a weapon other than a knife. | No | Yes |
| I saw students use drugs or alcohol on school property. | No | Yes |
| I saw students steal from the library, classroom or cafeteria. | No | Yes |
| I saw someone deface school property. | No | Yes |
| I was afraid of being beaten up on the way to or from school. | No | Yes |
| I was afraid of gang activity at school. | No | Yes |
| I was threatened by someone with a weapon. | No | Yes |
| I was called names or put down by other students. | No | Yes |
| I felt rejected by other students. | No | Yes |
| I saw students smoking on school property. | No | Yes |
| I know students who come to school high on drugs or alcohol. | No | Yes |

38. If you have other ideas about how to make our school safer, please print your ideas here:

39. How would you rate the overall safety of our school? (Check one please)

- Excellent Very Good Good Satisfactory Unsatisfactory

40. How time do you spend at school thinking about safety? (Check one answer)

- Nearly all of the time
 50% or half of the time
 25% of the time
 Very little time

41. Where do you sometimes feel unsafe? (Check all that apply)

- bathrooms
- cafeteria
- hallways
- gym
- school entrances
- outside, on the school grounds
- outside, off school grounds
- other(s) _____

42. When do you sometimes feel unsafe in these places? (Check all that apply)

- before school
- after school
- during class changes
- at lunch time
- during class time
- during after school activities
- other(s) _____

43. At school this year, have you,: (Check all that apply)

- been verbally threatened?
- been in a physical fight?
- been in a verbal fight?
- been sexually harassed?
- been offered drugs?
- seen drug deals?
- had your lunch money taken?
- been racially harassed?
- had something stolen?
- seen someone write racial or gang-like graffiti?

44. Are you personally aware of any students who carry weapons (e.g. knives) in school or on school grounds? yes no

If yes, describe what type, _____

45. What would you do if you knew someone had a weapon at school? (Check one or two answers)

- tell the classmate it's wrong
- talk it over with a friend
- tell an adult (parent, guidance counsellor, teacher, etc.)
- call crime stoppers tip line
- ask to see the weapon
- do nothing at all

46. What would you do if you knew a bully was taking a classmate's lunch money on a regular basis? (Check one or two answers)

- tell the classmate not to give in to the bully
- tell the bully to stop
- tell the classmate to tell an adult (parent, guidance counsellor, teacher, etc.)
- tell an adult yourself
- tell another classmate about it
- do nothing at all

47. Of all these problems, which five (5) concern you most at school?

- girlfriend/boyfriend conflicts
- overcrowded classrooms/hallways/restrooms
- fighting/violent behaviour
- racial conflicts
- bullies taking money
- bumping into someone or looking at someone wrong
- sexual harassment
- stealing
- weapons
- homophobia
- income/economic differences
- outsiders starting trouble
- gangs
- peer pressure
- rumours
- drugs or alcohol

48. You are: female male

49. Your grade level (9,10, 11, 12) in school is: _____

50. Is there anything else you want to tell us? (BE SPECIFIC)

Thank you for helping us with this survey!