

2016 NYC STUDENT PERCEPTION SURVEY

Frequently Asked Questions

GENERAL QUESTIONS

What is the NYC Student Perception Survey?

In Spring 2016, the NYCDOE partnered with Panorama Education to offer the Student Perception Survey, a research-based, confidential student survey used across the country to provide teachers with students' feedback about their classroom experience.

The survey is being administered for formative purposes only, and is not being administered as a part of Advance, New York City's system for teacher development and evaluation.

What is the purpose of implementing the Student Perception Survey?

The survey will give teachers insight and understanding about students' overall attitudes and perceptions of their own teaching practices. The information captured by the survey is designed to support and foster a self-reflective approach among teachers in how they engage with their students. Additionally, the survey empowers students by encouraging them to have an active voice in their own learning.

How is the Student Perception Survey different from the NYC School Survey?

The Student Perception Survey asks students in grades 6-12 to share feedback about themselves and their classes. The information captured by the survey will help generate a report that educators can use to gain insights into teaching practice and support teachers' development. The NYC School Survey asks students in grades 6-12, teachers, and parents how they feel about the learning environment in their school. Educators and families can use this information to better understand a school's strengths and areas for improvement.

SURVEY INSTRUMENT

What does the Student Perception Survey Measure?

The survey measures students' perceptions and attitudes about a specific teacher and their classroom. Specifically, students answer questions across five domains: Pedagogical Effectiveness, Classroom Climate, Classroom Rigorous Expectations, Classroom Engagement, and Teacher-Student Relationships.

Please note that the definition of *Classroom Engagement*, as measured through the Student Perception Survey, is different from the definition of student engagement (Component 3c: Engaging Students in Learning) in the [Danielson Framework for Teaching](#).

How was the Student Perception Survey designed?

The NYCDOE will use the Panorama Student Survey instrument for this year's Student Perception Survey. The Panorama Student Survey was developed through the six-step design process developed by Panorama Education and the Harvard Graduate School of Education. It measures student perceptions of teaching, as well as school climate, using a set of survey scales or groups of questions. The six key steps in the process include literature review, interviews and focus groups, synthesis of indicators, question creation, expert review, and

cognitive pre-testing and interviewing. Upon completion of these six steps and a round of revisions to the items, the scales were subjected to large-scale pilot tests.

To learn more about the Panorama Student Survey, visit www.panoramaed.com.

PARTICIPATION

Which students take the survey?

Only students in grades 6-12 participate in the Student Perception Survey. Students must be taught by the teacher for at least four weeks prior to survey administration to participate in the survey.

Are all District 75 students being surveyed? Which are and which are not?

Students in grades 6-12, who are in a 12:1:1 class, and who take standardized assessments participate in the Student Perception Survey.

Which teachers participate in the survey?

Teachers of grades 6-12 with at least 10 students present across two periods, regardless of which class periods, participate in the Student Perception Survey. If the teacher cannot meet this 10 student minimum across two classes, they are not eligible to participate in the survey. Students must be taught by the teacher for at least four weeks prior to survey administration to participate in the survey. For teachers who teach students less than five days per week, an effort should be made to survey students who have had at least 10 class meetings with the teacher.

- SETTS, 6:1:1, Push-In, Pull-Out, and AIS teachers are eligible if they teach 10 or more eligible students across two class periods.
- For District 75, only teachers of students in grades 6-12 who are in a 12:1:1 class and who take standardized assessments will participate in the Student Perception Survey.

Is the survey mandatory?

All eligible students should be given a survey so they have the opportunity to provide anonymous feedback to their teacher. If students feel uncomfortable answering any or all questions in the survey, they can skip those questions. School staff should gently encourage students to honestly answer the questions of the survey and remind students of the value of the survey. But a student should not be required nor pressured to answer questions if he or she prefers not to.

SURVEY RESULTS AND REPORTING

Do results from the Student Perception Survey count towards teachers' *Advance* Overall Rating?

No. Results of the survey are for formative purposes only and cannot be used as evidence for *Advance* ratings, including MOTP ratings of Planning and Preparation.

Is the Student Perception Survey confidential?

The NYC Student Perception Survey is an anonymous survey. Neither student names nor ID numbers are collected or required. For the paper survey, students are asked to return their completed surveys in individual, sealed envelopes so that there will not be any way to tell which students completed which survey. For the online survey, students receive unique access codes associated with the teacher for whom they are submitting a survey, but these numbers are not tracked to the individual student. Survey results are only ever reported in aggregate groups of 10 or more students.

Who handles the data?

Panorama Education collects and processes all data from the Student Perception Survey to protect the anonymity of individual student responses. Panorama Education then produces tailor-made reports for teachers, principals, and administrators, only. Schools cannot share the survey data with anyone.

Who gets a Student Perception Survey Report?

Teachers for whom a minimum of ten students completed a survey will receive a report. Teachers who received survey feedback from less than ten students will not receive a report. Principals will receive schoolwide data, and administrators, such as Superintendents, will receive data for their entire district.

How are results in the Student Perception Survey Report scored?

Results in the Student Perception Survey Report are displayed as a “Percent Favorable” score for each topic and each question within a topic. A percent favorable score is the sum of favorable answer choices for a question. For example, when a question is scored as “75 % favorable,” this means that 75% of respondents selected a favorable answer choice like “Very Good” or “Extremely Good”.

What are the data comparisons in the Student Perception Survey Report?

In addition to each teacher’s scores, the Student Perception Survey Report shows comparisons to the schoolwide average for each topic and each question within a topic. In order to maintain the confidentiality of the survey results, teachers at schools where less than ten teachers were eligible to receive a report will not see a school comparison. Schools with less than ten teachers eligible to receive a report will not appear in the Leadership View for their District or Field Support Center.

How will the data gathered from the Student Perception Survey be used?

Teachers, principals, and administrators will be able to use this data to build more inclusive, learner-centered classroom environments. In addition to individual survey reports, teachers will have access to the Panorama Education Playbook, an online professional development tool that allows teachers to share practices and create a personalized playbook of instructional strategies based on their results.

How can I print my Student Perception Survey Report?

When you log in to view your report, click on your name, and then click on Student Perception Survey. In the top right corner under your initials, you will see a button where you can save your report as a PDF and print it out.

PANORAMA EDUCATION PLAYBOOK**What is the Panorama Education Playbook?**

The Panorama Education Playbook (Playbook) is a dynamic, online professional development tool that empowers teachers by connecting them with other educators to share and collaborate on best practices.

Where do these moves come from?

Playbook is built by teachers, for teachers. Teachers like you contribute moves that have worked well in their classrooms. Before being posted, a team from Panorama, along with other teachers vet and curate moves to ensure they are high-quality and presented in a clear, succinct format.

Can I customize my Playbook?

Yes. Playbook uses your profile settings to suggest moves that are relevant to you and your classroom context. As your years of experience grow, or if the grade levels and course subjects you teach change, you can alter your profile settings to view new and relevant content.

Can I share my own moves?

Yes. Teachers can click *share your own moves* at the top right of Playbook to submit their own strategies and moves that work in their classrooms.

Who can I contact for more information?

Additional guidance materials and resources for professional learning are located on the [Student Perception Survey website](#) and on [WeTeachNYC](#). For questions, email studentperceptionsurvey@schools.nyc.gov.