

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
2014 COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEYSTUDENTS  
PAPER SURVEY OF 1,160 APS STUDENTSTOPLINE REPORT<sup>1</sup>

Field Dates: April 7-11, 2014

Margin of Error:  $\pm 2.79\%$ **Unweighted data**

What overall grade would you give to each of the following?

## 1. My school

**78% TOTAL A/B (NET)**  
31% A (OUTSTANDING)  
47% B (VERY GOOD)

**17% C (AVERAGE)**

**3% TOTAL D/F (NET)**  
2% D (POOR)  
2% F (FAILING)

2% I DON'T KNOW  
1% NO RESPONSE

## 2. The principal in my school

**75% TOTAL A/B (NET)**  
45% A (OUTSTANDING)  
30% B (VERY GOOD)

**14% C (AVERAGE)**

**5% TOTAL D/F (NET)**  
4% D (POOR)  
2% F (FAILING)

4% I DON'T KNOW  
2% NO RESPONSE

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<sup>1</sup> Percentages may not total exactly 100% due to rounding of individual responses.

## 3. My teachers

**70% TOTAL A/B (NET)**  
27% A (OUTSTANDING)  
43% B (VERY GOOD)

**22% C (AVERAGE)**

**5% TOTAL D/F (NET)**  
4% D (POOR)  
1% F (FAILING)

1% I DON'T KNOW  
2% NO RESPONSE

To what extent do you agree with the following statements about your school?

## 4. I am challenged by the lessons taught by my teachers.

**70% TOTAL AGREE (NET)**  
23% STRONGLY AGREE  
47% SOMEWHAT AGREE

**17% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE**

**12% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)**  
8% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE  
4% STRONGLY DISAGREE

1% NO RESPONSE

## 5. My teachers give me feedback about how well I am learning.

**58% TOTAL AGREE (NET)**  
25% STRONGLY AGREE  
33% SOMEWHAT AGREE

**23% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE**

**18% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)**  
14% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE  
4% STRONGLY DISAGREE

1% NO RESPONSE

6. I am stressed about school work.

**59% TOTAL AGREE (NET)**

31% STRONGLY AGREE  
27% SOMEWHAT AGREE

**17% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE**

**23% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)**

12% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE  
11% STRONGLY DISAGREE

1% NO RESPONSE

7. I feel respected at school.

**70% TOTAL AGREE (NET)**

32% STRONGLY AGREE  
37% SOMEWHAT AGREE

**18% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE**

**12% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)**

8% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE  
3% STRONGLY DISAGREE

1% NO RESPONSE

8. I feel supported by the adults in my school.

**69% TOTAL AGREE (NET)**

36% STRONGLY AGREE  
34% SOMEWHAT AGREE

**21% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE**

**8% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)**

6% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE  
2% STRONGLY DISAGREE

1% NO RESPONSE

9. I feel welcomed at school.

**76% TOTAL AGREE (NET)**

43% STRONGLY AGREE

33% SOMEWHAT AGREE

**17% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE**

**6% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)**

3% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE

2% STRONGLY DISAGREE

1% NO RESPONSE

10. I feel safe at school.

**81% TOTAL AGREE (NET)**

53% STRONGLY AGREE

28% SOMEWHAT AGREE

**11% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE**

**7% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)**

4% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE

3% STRONGLY DISAGREE

1% NO RESPONSE

11. Which of the following statements describe how you feel? *You may choose more than one response.* [ACCEPTED MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

I like to go to school because...

83% I LIKE TO SEE MY FRIENDS

75% IT WILL HELP ME IN THE FUTURE, LIKE WITH COLLEGE OR GETTING A BETTER JOB

57% I WANT TO LEARN

43% I LIKE RECESS (ELEMENTARY STUDENTS)/MY EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (SECONDARY STUDENTS)

41% I LIKE MY LESSONS, CLASSES, OR ACTIVITIES IN THE CLASSROOM

39% I LIKE MY TEACHERS

3% NONE OF THE ABOVE

12. Which of the following statements describe how you feel? You may choose more than one response. [ACCEPTED MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

I do not like going to school because...

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|-----|--|
| 64% | I DON'T LIKE TO WAKE UP EARLY FOR SCHOOL                   |
| 50% | I DON'T LIKE DOING MY HOMEWORK                             |
| 42% | I'M BORED IN SCHOOL  |
| 27% | I AM NOT READY FOR A TEST OR HAVE NOT FINISHED MY HOMEWORK |
| 14% | I DON'T LIKE MY LESSONS                                    |
| 14% | I DON'T LIKE MY TEACHERS                                   |
| 13% | MY LESSONS ARE TOO HARD                                    |
| 11% | I'M WORRIED ABOUT BULLYING OR TEASING                      |
| 7%  | I HAVE FEW OR NO FRIENDS                                   |
| 15% | NONE OF THE ABOVE  |

13. How do you feel about the number of students in your classes? Would you say there are...

- |     |                                   |
|-----|-----------------------------------|
| 75% | JUST THE RIGHT NUMBER OF STUDENTS |
| 21% | TOO MANY STUDENTS                 |
| 4%  | TOO FEW STUDENTS                  |
| 1%  | NO RESPONSE                       |

14. How do you feel about the amount of time you spend on homework?

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|-----|---|
| 39% | I SPEND TOO MUCH OF MY AFTER-SCHOOL TIME ON HOMEWORK              |
| 35% | I SPEND AN APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF MY AFTER-SCHOOL TIME ON HOMEWORK |
| 8%  | I SPEND TOO LITTLE OF MY AFTER-SCHOOL TIME ON HOMEWORK            |
| 15% | I DO NOT KNOW   |

To what extent do you agree with the following statement?

15. I was bullied at school this year.

- |            |  |
|------------|--|
| <b>18%</b> | <b><u>TOTAL AGREE (NET)</u></b>          |
| 7%         | STRONGLY AGREE                           |
| 11%        | SOMEWHAT AGREE                           |
| <b>15%</b> | <b><u>NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE</u></b> |
| <b>66%</b> | <b><u>TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)</u></b>       |
| 13%        | SOMEWHAT DISAGREE                        |
| 53%        | STRONGLY DISAGREE                        |
| 1%         | NO RESPONSE                              |

To what extent do you agree with the following statements about your school?

16. School staff stops bullying in school whenever they see it.

**53% TOTAL AGREE (NET)**

25% STRONGLY AGREE

28% SOMEWHAT AGREE

**26% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE**

**18% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)**

11% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE

8% STRONGLY DISAGREE

3% NO RESPONSE

17. When I have a problem at school, I am able to get help.

**66% TOTAL AGREE (NET)**

34% STRONGLY AGREE

32% SOMEWHAT AGREE

**22% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE**

**11% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)**

7% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE

4% STRONGLY DISAGREE

2% NO RESPONSE

18. There is at least one adult in the school with whom I can discuss things that are important to me.

**65% TOTAL AGREE (NET)**

40% STRONGLY AGREE

24% SOMEWHAT AGREE

**18% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE**

**14% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)**

7% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE

8% STRONGLY DISAGREE

3% NO RESPONSE

19. [Elem.] I can talk with my counselor when I need to speak with him or her. / [Sec.] My counselor is accessible to me.

**72% TOTAL AGREE (NET)**

41% STRONGLY AGREE  
30% SOMEWHAT AGREE

**16% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE**

**10% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)**

7% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE  
3% STRONGLY DISAGREE

3% NO RESPONSE

20. I feel students of my race or culture are accepted by staff at school.

**80% TOTAL AGREE (NET)**

62% STRONGLY AGREE  
18% SOMEWHAT AGREE

**11% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE**

**6% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)**

3% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE  
3% STRONGLY DISAGREE

3% NO RESPONSE

21. I feel students of my race or culture are accepted by students at school.

**75% TOTAL AGREE (NET)**

51% STRONGLY AGREE  
25% SOMEWHAT AGREE

**13% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE**

**9% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)**

5% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE  
3% STRONGLY DISAGREE

3% NO RESPONSE

22. My teachers treat students fairly regardless of race, culture, or language.

**77% TOTAL AGREE (NET)**

57% STRONGLY AGREE

21% SOMEWHAT AGREE

**11% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE**

**8% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)**

5% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE

3% STRONGLY DISAGREE

4% NO RESPONSE

23. I learn about other cultures in my school.

**68% TOTAL AGREE (NET)**

34% STRONGLY AGREE

35% SOMEWHAT AGREE

**17% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE**

**11% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)**

6% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE

4% STRONGLY DISAGREE

4% NO RESPONSE

24. School staff help students who cannot speak English well.

**66% TOTAL AGREE (NET)**

39% STRONGLY AGREE

27% SOMEWHAT AGREE

**23% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE**

**7% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)**

4% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE

3% STRONGLY DISAGREE

5% NO RESPONSE



25. In the last seven days, a teacher has given me recognition or praise for doing good schoolwork.

**53% TOTAL AGREE (NET)**

29% STRONGLY AGREE

24% SOMEWHAT AGREE

**18% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE**

**24% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)**

10% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE

14% STRONGLY DISAGREE

5% NO RESPONSE

To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

26. I enjoy learning about math.

**60% TOTAL AGREE (NET)**

32% STRONGLY AGREE

28% SOMEWHAT AGREE

**14% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE**

**23% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)**

10% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE

14% STRONGLY DISAGREE

3% NO RESPONSE

27. I enjoy learning about science.

**64% TOTAL AGREE (NET)**

34% STRONGLY AGREE

30% SOMEWHAT AGREE

**13% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE**

**19% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)**

8% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE

11% STRONGLY DISAGREE

3% NO RESPONSE

28. I enjoy learning about language arts/reading.

**57% TOTAL AGREE (NET)**

27% STRONGLY AGREE

30% SOMEWHAT AGREE

**19% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE**

**22% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)**

10% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE

12% STRONGLY DISAGREE

3% NO RESPONSE

29. I enjoy learning about social studies.

**66% TOTAL AGREE (NET)**

39% STRONGLY AGREE

27% SOMEWHAT AGREE

**15% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE**

**15% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)**

6% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE

9% STRONGLY DISAGREE

4% NO RESPONSE

30. What grade are you in?

15% 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE

11% 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE

12% 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE

12% 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE

15% 9<sup>th</sup> GRADE

15% 10<sup>th</sup> GRADE

15% 11<sup>th</sup> GRADE

2% 12<sup>th</sup> GRADE

\* NONE OF THE ABOVE

3% NO RESPONSE

31. Are you:

51% MALE

43% FEMALE

7% NO RESPONSE

32. Are your parents, grandparents, or other people in your immediate family Spanish or Hispanic?

30% YES

66% NO

5% NO RESPONSE

33. Are you: (select all that apply) [ACCEPTED MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

50% WHITE

15% BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN

9% ASIAN

3% AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE

2% NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER

26% OTHER

9% PREFER NOT TO ANSWER/NO RESPONSE

34. Does anyone in your household speak a language other than English in your home?

53% NO  
47% YES (SPECIFIED)

**OTHER LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME (N=649)**

44% Spanish  
8% French  
4% Amharic  
4% Arabic  
3% German  
2% Russian  
2% Tagalog  
2% Chinese  
1% Bengali  
1% Italian  
1% Mongolian  
1% Vietnamese  
1% Japanese  
1% Portuguese  
1% Turkish  
1% Greek  
1% Hebrew  
1% Hindi  
1% Polish  
1% Tigrinya  
1% Uyghur  
\* Dutch  
\* Indonesian  
\* Nepali  
\* Punjabi  
\* Quechua  
\* Urdu  
\* Albanian  
\* Bosnian  
\* Bulgarian  
\* Danish  
\* Hungarian  
\* Serbian  
\* Ukrainian  
\* African  
\* Afrikaans  
\* Creole  
\* Ethiopian  
\* Farsi  
\* Filipino  
\* Finnish  
\* Armenian  
\* Icelandic  
\* Khmer  
\* Korean  
\* Lebanese  
\* Lugisu  
\* Norwegian

- \* Persian
- \* Romanian
- \* Sinhala
- \* Sign language
- \* Swedish
- \* Thai