**Tennessee Department of Education**

**School Climate Survey**

*2013–14 High School*

*Student Survey*

Thank you for agreeing to complete this survey. We would like to know how you feel about your school. Please be honest in your answers and tell us what you really think. Your responses will help us understand more about what makes school a good place to be, and how changes may be made to improve it. No one will be able to know how you answered.

Again thank you for your help. If you have any questions during the survey, please feel free to ask the survey administrator who will explain the purposes of the survey, provide instructions for completing the survey, and be in the room to assist you if needed.



## The first set of questions ask about your personal use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs in the past 30 days. Please answer the questions as honestly as you can. No one in your school will know your answers came from you.

* “Drugs” means any substance, including pills and medications, you use to get “high,” or increase your performance in school work or sports. This does not include medications that a doctor or nurse has prescribed for you. Examples of drugs include marijuana (pot, weed), inhalants (things you sniff, huff, or breathe to get high), synthetic drugs used to get high (K-2, bath salts, white lightning), prescription drugs that are NOT prescribed to you by your doctor (Vicodin, Xanax, Adderall, steroids), over-the-counter medicine (cold/cough medicine, Sudafed), or any other illegal drug (meth, cocaine, ecstasy).
* “Alcohol” means a full drink or part of a drink of alcohol. This does not include alcohol that you may drink for religious purposes. Examples of alcoholic drinks include beer, wine, mixed drink, shot of liquor, or any combination of these alcoholic drinks.
* “Tobacco” means any product that has tobacco in it. Examples of tobacco products are smoking a whole or part of a cigarette or cigar, chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip.

## Please mark the number of times in the last 30 days that you did the following things:

| In the last 30 days, I … | 0 times | 1 time | 2–5 times | 6–10 times | More than10 times |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | … used or tried **tobacco products** (e.g., cigarettes, chewing tobacco). | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … drank **alcohol** (e.g., beer, wine, liquor, mixed drink). | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … drank **five or more servings of alcohol** in a row (e.g., *one serving = one beer, one glass of wine, one shot of liquor*). | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … used or tried **marijuana** (e.g., pot, weed, hash). | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … used or tried **other drugs or substances** to get high (e.g., illegal or synthetic drugs, prescription medication not prescribed to you by a doctor, inhalants). | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |

**The next questions ask about your experiences at school, how you are treated, what you like and what you don’t like. There are no right or wrong answers. Give us your first impression concerning how much you agree or disagree that these statements describe your school this year. Your opinions are important and will be used to help design programs and services for your school. We need your ideas and experience to do this. Thank you for your help.**

## Please mark how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with these statements about your TEACHERS at school.

| Most of my teachers… | StronglyAgree | Agree | Neither Disagree Nor Agree | Disagree | StronglyDisagree |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | … notice if I have trouble learning something. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … often connect what I am learning to life outside the classroom. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … challenge all students to do their personal best. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … praise me when I work hard in school. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … allow me to revise my work to learn from my mistakes. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … assign work that allows me to be creative and think for myself. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … help me get excited about what I am learning in my classes. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … give me individual attention when I need it. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
| I have AT LEAST ONE teacher that… | StronglyAgree | Agree | Neither Disagree Nor Agree | Disagree | StronglyDisagree |
|  | … takes time to listen to what I have to say. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … cares about me. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … knows me well. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … has confidence in me. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … is available to me when I need them. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |

## Please mark how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with these statements about your SCHOOL.

| I think that… | StronglyAgree | Agree | Neither Disagree Nor Agree | Disagree | StronglyDisagree |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | … my school is a good match for me. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … my school is a place where I can learn and do well in my classes. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … what I’m learning in my classes will be important for my future. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … my school has helped me improve my study skills. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … I can understand difficult concepts with the help of my teachers. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … my teachers will help me graduate from high school. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … it’s easy for me to make friends at this school. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … teachers and other adults at my school try to help me when I am feeling sad, angry, or depressed. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |

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## Please mark how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with these statements about HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL.

| I feel like… | StronglyAgree | Agree | Neither Disagree Nor Agree | Disagree | StronglyDisagree |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | … I am safe at this school. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … I look forward to going to school most days. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … I am a part of this school. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |

## Please mark how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with these statements about STUDENTS at your school.

| Students at my school… | StronglyAgree | Agree | Neither Disagree Nor Agree | Disagree | StronglyDisagree |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | … care about each other. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … respect each others’ differences. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … try to protect each other. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … trust each other. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … cooperate with one another when working on schoolwork together. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … are often friends with students from different races, religions, and cultures. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |

## Please mark how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with these statements about the PRINCIPAL or ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL at your school.

| At my school, there is a principal or assistant principal who… | StronglyAgree | Agree | Neither Disagree Nor Agree | Disagree | StronglyDisagree |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | … is easy to approach if I have a problem. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … treats students with respect. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … listens to student ideas. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |

## Please mark how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with these statements about your PARENT(s) or GUARDIAN(s).

| My parent(s) or guardian(s)… | StronglyAgree | Agree | Neither Disagree Nor Agree | Disagree | StronglyDisagree |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | … are involved in my school life. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … know what my grades are. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … regularly attend school events, such as sporting events (e.g., football games, soccer games) or student performances (e.g., plays, musical performances). | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … talk to my teachers (e.g., in person, over the phone, by email). | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |

**The next two questions ask about SCHOOL EVENTS and EXTRA-CURRICULAR TEAMS, CLUBS, or ACTIVITIES that you attend or participate in at school.**  **Please mark how much you AGREE or DISAGREE** **with the following statements.**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | StronglyAgree | Agree | Neither Disagree Nor Agree | Disagree | StronglyDisagree |
|  | I regularly attend school-sponsored events, such as, school dances, sporting events, student performances, or other school activities. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | I regularly participate in extra-curricular activities offered through my school, such as, school clubs or organizations, musical groups, sports teams, student government, or any other extra-curricular activities. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |

## Please mark how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with these statements about STUDENTS at your school.

| Students at my school… | StronglyAgree | Agree | Neither Disagree Nor Agree | Disagree | StronglyDisagree |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | … carry guns or knives to school. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … belong to gangs. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … threaten to hurt other students. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … steal money, electronics, or other valuable things while at school. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … damage or destroy other students’ property. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … damage or destroy school property. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … fight a lot. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … are sometimes physically hurt by their boyfriends or girlfriends while at school. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |

## The next set of questions asks about things that students do at school that make you feel bad or are hurtful to you. Please mark HOW FREQUENTLY these things have happened to you.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| During this school year, how often has anyone called you an insulting or bad name at school having to do with… | Almost everyday | Once or twice a week | Once or twice a month | Once or twice this last school year | Never |
|  | …your race or ethnic background? | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | …your religion? | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | …any disability you may have? | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | …your sexuality? | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | …how much money your family makes? | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | …your weight or physical appearance? | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |

**We would also like to know about any bullying that happens at your school. Bullying can be defined as unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose. Cyberbullying is** [**bullying**](http://www.stopbullying.gov/what-is-bullying/index.html) **that takes place using devices and equipment such as cell phones, computers, and tablets as well as communication tools including social media sites, text messages, chat, and websites.**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| During this school year, how many times has someone from your school… | Almost everyday | Once or twice a week | Once or twice a month | Once or twice this school year | Never |
|  | …made fun of you, called you names, or insulted you? | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | …spread rumors about you? | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | …threatened you with harm? | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | …pushed you, shoved you, tripped you, or spit on you? | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | …tried to make you do things you did not want to do, for example, give them money or other things? | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | …excluded you from activities on purpose? | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | …destroyed your property on purpose? | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … posted hurtful information about you on the Internet, threatened or insulted you online (e.g., using e-mail, instant messaging, text messaging, or online gaming), or purposefully excluded you from an online community? | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | …bullied you in any way? | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |

**Please mark how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statements.**

| I think that… | StronglyAgree | Agree | Neither Disagree Nor Agree | Disagree | StronglyDisagree |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | … if another student was bullying me, I would report it to a teacher or other adult at this school. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | …if I told a teacher or other adult at this school that I was being bullied, the teacher would do something to help. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |

## Next, please mark how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with these statements about your SCHOOL.

| I think that… | StronglyAgree | Agree | Neither Disagree Nor Agree | Disagree | StronglyDisagree |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | … students have respect for teachers and other adults at this school. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … adults at this school follow the rules and procedures. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … the school rules have been communicated to me clearly. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … adults in this school apply the same rules to all students equally. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … the students and teachers here try to decide together what the class rules will be. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … if you get in trouble in this school, you have a chance to tell your side of the story. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … if you break the rules, adults in this school will help you learn from your mistake. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … when a student gets in trouble at this school, an adult explains to them why they are getting punished. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |

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## Please mark how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with these statements about your SCHOOL.

| I think that… | StronglyAgree | Agree | Neither Disagree Nor Agree | Disagree | StronglyDisagree |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | … students at this school get punished equally when they break the same school rule. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … the noise in the classroom disrupts my learning. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … get distracted from my work by other student acting out in class. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … students are proud of how the school looks on the outside. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … there is a place on the school campus where I can post projects that I have worked on, such as a poster presentation, painting, or drawing. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … my school provides opportunities for me to express myself. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … my school grounds look like they are taken care of well. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |

## Please mark how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with these statements about YOUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| I think that… | StronglyAgree | Agree | Neither Disagree Nor Agree | Disagree | StronglyDisagree |
|  | …I will definitely graduate from high school. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | …I plan to continue my education after high school. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |

## Please mark how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with these statements about your SCHOOL.

| I think that… | StronglyAgree | Agree | Neither Disagree Nor Agree | Disagree | StronglyDisagree |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | … students use/try tobacco products while at school or school-sponsored events. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … students use/try alcohol or drugs while at school or school-sponsored events. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … students buy or sell drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products while at school or school-sponsored events. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … students are sometimes distracted in class because they are drunk or high. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … it is easy for students to use/try alcohol or drugs at school or school- sponsored events without getting caught. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |
|  | … it makes me uncomfortable when other students bring drugs or alcohol to school or school-sponsored events. | ➄ | ➃ | ➂ | ➁ | ➀ |

1. **Please tell us if there is anything else about your school experience that you would like to share with us. Please enter your response in the space provided.**

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# Thank you for your time and for your help in improving our school!