

POSITIVE ACTION[®]
COMMUNITY SURVEY

This survey can be sent to community members (who have been involved in your school or who may otherwise have been involved in or heard about the Positive Action program) to answer as part of a broader evaluation of the reach and effects of the *Positive Action* program.

The accompanying letter to community members should be copied onto school letterhead and signed by the school principal.

Please check with you school board or local university about Informed Consent procedures that you should follow.

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Positive Action Community Survey

Your local school has agreed to participate in an evaluation of the *Positive Action* program. If you have a child in this school, then please complete the Parent Survey instead of this one.

This is a short survey about what you think of the school, teachers and the behavior of students. Please answer each question honestly. Your answers are completely confidential

A. The first items will help evaluators match your answers with your local school.


1. **School name:** _____

2. **Your ID:** _____ Please use the second letter of your first name, the second letter of your second name and the 2-digit month and year of your birth. This will enable us to match your answers this time with your answers from some past or future time.

Please use a black or dark blue pen to completely fill in the bubble of your answer.

- Completely and neatly darken the ovals (or numbered circles).

Like this: ● **Not like this** ○

- To change your answer, please cross out the wrong choice and then darken the correct one .
Cross out like this: 

B. Please rate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements:

SD = Strongly Disagree, **D** = Disagree, **SA** = Strongly Agree, **A** = Agree **SD** **D** **A** **SA**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. The way we see ourselves (self-concept) affects everything we do for ourselves and others. | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| 2. It is important to spend time creating a positive climate in schools. | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| 3. Children feel better about themselves when they act in positive ways. | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| 4. Creating a positive learning environment in the school is a waste of teachers' time. | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| 5. Schools have as much responsibility as parents to teach social and emotional skills. | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| 6. The way we see ourselves (self-concept) affects how well we do in life. | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| 7. Children behave and learn better if they feel good about themselves. | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| 8. Children should learn social and emotional skills at home, not in school . | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| 9. Good character should be taught at home, not in school. | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| 10. Thoughts lead to actions, and actions lead to feelings about yourself which lead back to thoughts. | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |

The next sets of questions concerns your perception of different groups in your local school.

C. How much of the time do you think parents/guardians at your local school:

	N Never	R Rarely	S Some times	O Often	A Always
1. Are willing to listen to the teacher's side of the story when dealing with a concern about their child.	①	②	③	④	⑤
2. Help with school activities.	①	②	③	④	⑤
3. Do <u>not</u> listen to their child's teacher and accept his/her suggestion.	①	②	③	④	⑤
4. Attend parent-teacher meetings at school.	①	②	③	④	⑤
5. Help their child with his/her homework.	①	②	③	④	⑤
6. Let their children do whatever they want.	①	②	③	④	⑤
7. Look out for each other's children.	①	②	③	④	⑤
8. Know and socialize with each other.	①	②	③	④	⑤

D. How much of the time do you think students at your local school:

	N Never	R Rarely	S Some times	O Often	A Always
1 Like each other.	①	②	③	④	⑤
2. Help each other out.	①	②	③	④	⑤
3. Get into a lot of trouble.	①	②	③	④	⑤
4. Respect others who get good grades.	①	②	③	④	⑤
5. Respect others who behave positively.	①	②	③	④	⑤
6. Fight with each other a lot.	①	②	③	④	⑤
7. Listen to their parents.	①	②	③	④	⑤
8. Respect teachers.	①	②	③	④	⑤
9. Respect school support staff.	①	②	③	④	⑤
10. Respect school administrators.	①	②	③	④	⑤

E. In general, how often do you think teachers/staff/administrators in your local school:

	N Never	R Rarely	S Some times	O Often	A Always
1. Accomplish their jobs with enthusiasm?	①	②	③	④	⑤
2. Talk to their students about doing their best?	①	②	③	④	⑤
3. Are friends with other faculty members at this school?	①	②	③	④	⑤
4. Regularly reinforce students for accomplishments?	①	②	③	④	⑤
5. Try to find innovative ways of improving things in their classroom?	①	②	③	④	⑤
6. Make sure they share good and bad news about their students' progress or behavior with parents/guardians?	①	②	③	④	⑤
7. Are proud of this school?	①	②	③	④	⑤
8. Are interested in hearing suggestions on how to make things better?	①	②	③	④	⑤
9. Provide creative, and innovative teaching methods in the classroom?	①	②	③	④	⑤
10. Are positive with students?	①	②	③	④	⑤
11. Provide parents with valuable feedback about their child(ren)'s performance and/or behavior?	①	②	③	④	⑤
12. Are eager to provide parents/guardians with ideas on how they can help their child do better in school?	①	②	③	④	⑤
13. Respond to community concerns about students?	①	②	③	④	⑤
14. Help each other out?	①	②	③	④	⑤
15. When not teaching, are available for parents to talk to?	①	②	③	④	⑤
16. When not teaching, are available for other community members (like you) to talk to?	①	②	③	④	⑤
17. Help children feel good about who they are and what they are doing?	①	②	③	④	⑤

F. How often do you participate in the following activities at your local school?

	N Never	R Rarely	S Some times	O Often	A Always
1. School open-houses?	①	②	③	④	⑤
2. Parent/teacher conferences?	①	②	③	④	⑤
3. Class field trips?	①	②	③	④	⑤
4. Providing assistance in the school or classroom?	①	②	③	④	⑤
5. School report-card pick-up?	①	②	③	④	⑤

G. Here is a detailed list of behaviors that students in your local school may or may not do.

How much do you think most of these students do these:	N Never	R Rarely	S Some times	O Often	A Always
1. Learn new things in school?	①	②	③	④	⑤
2. Work hard in school?	①	②	③	④	⑤
3. Admit their mistakes?	①	②	③	④	⑤
4. Respect others?	①	②	③	④	⑤
5. Uses their time well?	①	②	③	④	⑤
6. Copy others' papers or work?	①	②	③	④	⑤
7. Are the best they can be?	①	②	③	④	⑤
8. Set goals for themselves?	①	②	③	④	⑤
9. Get into fights?	①	②	③	④	⑤
10. Are nice to others?	①	②	③	④	⑤
11. Eat fresh fruit & vegetables every day?	①	②	③	④	⑤
12. Read stories to themselves?	①	②	③	④	⑤
13. Make themselves into better persons?	①	②	③	④	⑤
14. Think about how others feel?	①	②	③	④	⑤
15. Keep promises they make to others?	①	②	③	④	⑤
16. Feel good about who they are?	①	②	③	④	⑤
17. Feel successful?	①	②	③	④	⑤
18. Feel good when they do good things?	①	②	③	④	⑤
19. Feel bad when they do bad things?	①	②	③	④	⑤
20. Make good decisions?	①	②	③	④	⑤
21. Keep themselves clean?	①	②	③	④	⑤
22. Feel unhappy?	①	②	③	④	⑤
23. Are optimistic?	①	②	③	④	⑤

How much do you think most of these students do these:	N Never	R Rarely	S Some times	O Often	A Always
24. Want to smoke cigarettes (or using tobacco in other ways)?.....	①	②	③	④	⑤
25. Want to drink alcohol?	①	②	③	④	⑤
26. Treat others the way they like to be treated?.....	①	②	③	④	⑤
27. Take/steal things from people?.....	①	②	③	④	⑤
28. Try new things?	①	②	③	④	⑤
29. Control their feelings?	①	②	③	④	⑤
30. Resist doing what their friends want them to do, even if they don't want to?	①	②	③	④	⑤
31. Help others when they need it?	①	②	③	④	⑤
32. Want to get drunk or high?	①	②	③	④	⑤
33. Blame others for their mistakes?	①	②	③	④	⑤
34. Feel good about who they are and what they are doing?	①	②	③	④	⑤
35. Smoke cigarettes or use other forms of tobacco?	①	②	③	④	⑤
36. Drink alcohol?	①	②	③	④	⑤
37. Use other drugs?	①	②	③	④	⑤
38. Get into fights where others are seriously hurt?	①	②	③	④	⑤

About this neighborhood. The following questions ask about resources, facilities, problems, and characteristics of this neighborhood. By this **neighborhood**, we mean the area surrounding your local school where the children who attend your local school live.

H. Neighborhood Resources. Do the following resources and facilities exist for children and/or their families in this neighborhood? If so, please rate their quality on the scale shown.

No = No, VB = Very Bad, B = Bad, G = Good, VG = Very Good	No	VB	V	G	VG
1. Day care center.	①	②	③	④	⑤
2. Playground or park.	①	②	③	④	⑤
3. Recreation center.	①	②	③	④	⑤
4. Library (with selection of children's books).	①	②	③	④	⑤

No = No, VB = Very Bad, B = Bad, G = Good, VG = Very Good	No	VB	V	G	VG
5. Supermarket or large grocery store.....	①	②	③	④	⑤
6. Pharmacy or drug store.....	①	②	③	④	⑤
7. Clinic or Doctor's office.....	①	②	③	④	⑤
8. Bank.....	①	②	③	④	⑤
9. Other check cashing facility.....	①	②	③	④	⑤
10. Store where you can buy alcohol.....	①	②	③	④	⑤

I. Neighborhood Characteristics. Please rate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements about this neighborhood.

SD = Strongly Disagree, **D** = Disagree, **SA** = Strongly Agree, **A** = Agree

In this neighborhood ...	SD	D	A	SA
1. People know each other.....	①	②	③	④
2. People tend to live here for a long time.....	①	②	③	④
3. There is too much traffic.....	①	②	③	④
4. Houses and lots are well maintained.....	①	②	③	④
5. Vandalism is a problem.....	①	②	③	④
6. There are a lot of stray animals.....	①	②	③	④
7. It is safe to be outside after dark.....	①	②	③	④
8. There is drinking in public.....	①	②	③	④
9. There is a good sense of community.....	①	②	③	④
10. There is drug dealing.....	①	②	③	④
11. People socialize with each other.....	①	②	③	④
12. People look after each other's children.....	①	②	③	④
13. There is a lot of crime.....	①	②	③	④
14. This is a close-knit neighborhood.....	①	②	③	④
15. This is a good neighborhood to raise kids.....	①	②	③	④

5. How many adults (over 18) live in your home? ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦

6. How many children do you have in total? ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦

7. For how many years have you lived in this neighborhood?

I don't	1 or less	2-3	4-6	7-10	11-15	16-20	20-25	25-30	31 or more
①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦	⑧	⑨	⑩

8. Last year, what was your total household income?

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ① Under \$5,000 | ⑤ \$5,000 to under \$10,000 |
| ② \$10,000 to under \$15,000 | ⑥ \$15,000 to under \$20,000 |
| ③ \$20,000 to under \$30,000 | ⑦ \$30,000 to under \$40,000 |
| ④ \$40,000 to under \$50,000 | ⑧ \$50,000 to under \$75,000 |
| ⑤ \$75,000 to under \$100,000 | ⑨ Over \$100,000 |

9. What is your position/role in the community or what kind of job do you do?

We are always looking to improve our schools. If you have any comments about this survey, your local school, or the programs we offer, please feel free to write them in the space below.

Thank you very much for your help. Please return your completed survey in the provided envelope.