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Introduction

This supplement includes copies of the teacher, administrator, and student surveys. All teachers and administrators (principals and assistant principals) at all study schools — both schools that implemented Diplomas Now (DN schools) and schools that did not (non-DN schools) — were asked to participate in a survey during the spring of each implementation year. Sixth- and ninth-grade students were asked to participate in a survey during the spring of the first implementation year. The following surveys are included in this supplement:

- 1. High School Teacher Survey Spring 2014
- 2. High School Administrator Survey Spring 2014
- 3. High School Student Survey Spring 2013

Similar surveys were administered to middle school teachers, administrators, and students, with the exception of a few items specific to high schools. Slight changes to the surveys took place over the years of implementation, and a few minor differences in surveys existed across school districts due to district policies, but these differences did not affect the items used in the analyses. Most teachers and administrators participated in online versions of these surveys, but at some schools staff members could also fill out paper-and-pencil surveys. Students filled out paper-and-pencil surveys.

Diplomas Now - Teacher Spring 2014
Your contribution to the Diplomas Now Validation survey is extremely valuable and will allow you to share your perspectives on student supports, interventions, and the resources available in your school. This survey will be used to provide follow-up information about the 2013-2014 school year. The survey will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Your participation in the survey is voluntary and there are no penalties to you for withdrawing your participation at any time. All of your information will remain confidential; data will be reported in aggregate and will not be linked to any individual respondent.
If you have questions about the survey or would like to request a copy, please contact Aracelis Gray at DiplomasNow@icfi.com.
Thank you for your time and contribution to this important effort!

	Counting the 2013-2014 school year, how many years have you taught at <u>ANY SCHOOL</u> , ner full-time or part-time? (Please do not include time spent as a student teacher.)
0	0-4 years
0	5-9 years
0	10-14 years
0	15 or more years
	Counting the 2013-2014 school year, how many years have you taught at <u>THIS</u> <u>HOOL</u> , either full-time or part-time? (Please do not include time spent as a student
tea	cher.)
0	0-4 years
0	5-9 years
0	10-14 years
0	15 or more years
3. V	What type of certificate do you hold in this state? Please choose ONE.
0	Advanced professional certificate or National Board Certification
0	Professional, regular, or standard state certificate
0	Probationary, provisional, initial, or preliminary state certificate
0	Temporary or emergency certificate (e.g., out-of-state, out-of-field, alternative)
0	Other (please specify):
4. V	What is the HIGHEST degree that you earned? Please choose ONE.
0	Bachelor's Degree
0	Master's Degree
0	Educational Specialist or Advanced Graduate Studies (at least 1 year beyond Master's)
0	Doctorate (Ph.D., Ed.D., M.D., L.L.B., J.D., D.D.S)
5. F	Please enter your email address:

Diplomas Now - Teacher Spring 2014 6. Which of the following describes the position(s) you hold? Select ALL that apply. ☐ Full-time Classroom Teacher Part-time Classroom Teacher Peer Coach or Teacher Mentor Academic Team Leader or Coordinator (grade level or department chair) ☐ Interdisciplinary Team Leader Other (please specify): 7. What is the PRIMARY subject of most of the classes you have taught during the 2013-2014 school year? Please choose ONE. Math C English, Reading or Language Arts Social Studies or Social Science (including history) Science C Foreign Language Vocational-Technical Career Education Other (please specify): 8. Which of the following types of courses, if any, have you taught during the 2013-2014 school year? (Please select ALL that apply.) Remedial or credit recovery English course ☐ Accelerated English course Remedial or credit recovery Math course Accelerated Math course Transition course (e.g., Freshman seminar, navigating middle school)

Special education course

I did NOT teach any of these types of courses in the 2013-2014 school year.

☐ College preparation course

Diplomas Now - Teacher Spring 2014	
9. Which category/categories describes the students you have taught during the 2013-	
2014 school year? (Please select ALL that apply.)	
9th graders	
☐ 10th graders	
☐ 11th graders	
☐ 12th graders	

Diplomas Now - Teacher Spring 2014
10. During the 2013-2014 school year, were you a member of an interdisciplinary team (i.e., a team of teachers across subject areas), organizational academy, and/or small learning community?
O Yes
C No

11. To what extent would you disagree or agree with each of the following statements about your experiences at this school during the 2013-2014 school year?

			Neither		
	Strongly Disagree	isagree	Agree nor	Agree	Strongly Agree
		I	Disagree		
The environment at this school was conducive to teaching and learning.	O	0	0	0	0
Parents/guardians were involved in school activities (e.g., health fairs, fundraisers, sporting events).	0	\odot	0	0	0
Community members were involved in school activities (e.g., health fairs, fundraisers, sporting events).	0	0	0	0	0
Parents/guardians supported school reform efforts, both those planned and implemented (e.g., scheduling models, curriculum selection).	0	0	0	0	0
Community members supported school reform efforts, both those planned and implemented (e.g., scheduling models, curriculum selection).	0	0	0	0	0
Your school helped all parents understand what they could do at home to support a student's success in school.	0	0	0	0	0

12. During the 2013-2014 school year, how often did each of the following occur?

	Never, or once a year		monthly	More than t once a ymonth, but not weekly	once a week	once a	Daily
Parents/guardians and other community members were offered opportunities to participate in school initiatives.	0	0	0	0	0	\circ	0
Parents/guardians were invited to meetings with teams of teachers to discuss strategies for meeting individual students' needs.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
You or other adults at your school provided additional support to students related to attendance such as calling absent students.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Diplomas Now - Teacher Spring 2014 13. During the 2013-2014 school year, how many of the classes that you taught we

	13. During the 2013-2014 school year, how many of the classes that you taught were extended periods (70-90 minutes)?							
0	None of my classes were extended periods.							
0	Few of my classes were extended periods.							
0	Most of my classes were extended periods.							

14. During the 2013-2014 school year, how often did the following occur at your school?

	Never, or once a year	More than once a year, but not monthly	At least monthly	More than once a month, but not weekly	At least once a week	More than once a week, but not daily	Daily	Not occurring in your school 2013- 2014
School leaders (including peer coaches, mentors, and/or facilitators) provided you with instructional mentoring and support.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A Math coach provided you with instructional mentoring and support.	O	0	O	0	0	0	0	0
A Language Arts coach provided you with instructional mentoring and support.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
You participated in a professional learning community with teachers from the same subject area.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
You collaborated with an interdisciplinary team of teachers who shared the same group of students.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
You met with non-teaching professionals (including school administrators, coaches, specialists, case managers and/or counselors) to identify at-risk students and/or plan interventions for those students.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	O

15. During the 2013-2014 school year, how many hours did you spend EACH WEEK participating in the following activities at your school?

	None	Less than 1 hour a week	1-2 hours each week	2-3 hours each week	More than 3 hours each week	Not occurring in your school 2013-2014
COMMON planning with same subject professional learning communities	0	O	0	0	О	O
COMMON planning with an interdisciplinary team of teachers that shared the same students	0	O	0	0	O	O
Reviewing student data with an interdisciplinary team of teachers to identify student needs	0	0	О	O	0	0
Collaborating with an interdisciplinary team of teachers to determine approaches to respond to student needs	0	O	0	O	O	0
Teaching academic content coordinated across an interdisciplinary team, academy, or small learning community	0	O	О	О	О	О

16. During the PAST MONTH, how often did you analyze the following types of data to target at-risk students?

	Never	At least once a month	More than once a month, but not weekly	Once a week	More than once a week, but not daily	Daily
Course performance data	0	0	0	0	0	0
Student attendance data	0	0	0	0	0	0
Student behavior data	0	0	O	0	O	0

17. During the PAST MONTH, how often did each of the following volunteers work with students in at least some of your classes?

	Never	At least once a month	More than once a month, but not weekly	Once a week	More than once a week, but not daily	Daily
Parents/guardians	0	0	0	0	0	0
Community members	0	\circ	0	\circ	0	0
Students from local college/teacher preparation programs	0	0	O	0	O	0
City Years corps members	0	\circ	0	\circ	0	0
Members of organized volunteer programs or other AmeriCorps members	0	O	0	0	O	0
Peer tutors (students from other classes in the school)	0	\odot	0	0	O	0
Other community members	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others, please specify	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other						

18. During the PAST MONTH, how often did each of the following volunteer activities occur with students in your classes?

	Never	At least once a month	More than once a month, but not weekly	Once a week	More than once a week, but not daily	Daily
Literacy one-on-one tutoring	0	0	0	0	0	0
Math one-on-one tutoring	0	0	0	0	\circ	\circ
Literacy small group tutoring	0	0	0	0	0	0
Math small group tutoring	0	0	0	0	\circ	\circ
Whole class academic support	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whole class behavioral support	\circ	0	0	0	0	0
Service learning/community service projects	0	0	0	0	0	0
Topic-based workshops or curricula	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homework and assignment completion support	O	0	O	0	O	0

19. During the PAST MONTH, how often did the following instructional activities occur in most of your classes?

	Never	a month	More than once a month, C but not weekly	Once a week	More than once a week, but not daily	Daily
Students worked in small groups or pairs.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Students worked on individual or group projects that lasted several days.	O	0	O	0	0	0
Students were engaged in different learning activities at the same time.	0	O	О	O	O	O
Students used manipulative materials to illustrate concepts.	0	O	O	O	0	O
Students applied classroom activities to real-life issues.	0	0	0	0	0	•
Students worked individually at their desks on worksheets for at least half of the class period.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Students worked on writing assignments or journal entries.	O	0	O	0	0	0
Students worked on homework assignments during class.	0	0	\circ	\circ	0	0
Tasks required students to use critical thinking and reasoning skills to solve problems.	0	O	О	0	0	O
You assigned homework requiring students to interact with adults.	0	0	0	0	0	0
You provided demonstrations, modeling of strategies, and mini-lessons.	0	0	O	0	0	0
Students participated in one-on-one or small group tutoring during your classes.	0	0	O	0	0	0
You taught academic content that blended career applications across academic courses.	0	0	O	0	0	0
You taught a curriculum that included career exploration and planning for college.	O	0	O	0	0	0

20. Please indicate "yes" or "no" to the following statements describing your school or your teaching during the 2013-2014 school year.

	Yes	No	Don't know/Does not apply
Students who were struggling in math received a "double dose" of math or a supplemental math course to help them catch up to their classmates.	O	0	O
Students who were struggling in reading were received a "double dose" of language arts or a supplemental literacy course to help them catch up to their classmates.	O	O	0
You implemented the same college preparation curriculum for all students in your classes.	0	0	0

21. To the best of your ability, please indicate I	now frequently the following activities
occurred at your school during the 2013-2014	school year.

					Always
	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	as needed
ou arranged for intensive supports and interventions for students by making appropriate referrals as seded.	s (C	0	0	0	0
ales for student behavior were consistently reinforced by administrators.	\odot	\circ	\circ	\circ	\odot
iles for student behavior were consistently reinforced by other teachers.	0	0	0	0	\odot
equently disruptive students received behavior coaching.	0	0	0	0	0
eeds assessments were conducted to quickly identify your students' needs and address them fectively.	0	0	0	0	0
cademic and non-academic services for students at-risk of dropping out of school were coordinated meet students' needs.	0	0	0	0	0
cademic and non-academic services for students at-risk of dropping out of school were monitored t sure students' needs were met.	to O	0	0	0	0

do the following:					
	Never	RarelyS	Sometimes		Your school did not work with partner organizations in 2013-2014
You consulted with your school's reform partners when brainstorming for a solution when challenges arose in your classroom.	0	0	0	0	0
You met with your school's reform partners to discuss students who need additional supports and/or to coordinate these supports and interventions.	0	0	O	0	0

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23. During the 2013-2014 school year, did your school have a placommunity engagement that was linked to specific goals for imand healthy development?		_			ng
C Yes					
O No					
O Not Sure					
24. For the 2013-2014 school year, how would you rate your sch following?	ool o	n eac	h of t	the	
	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Not offered at the school this year
Having effective communications from school-to-home and from home-to-school about school programs and student progress	0	0	O	O	©
Providing a wide range of volunteer opportunities for parents and community members to support the school	0	0	0	0	0
Involving families with their children on homework and other curriculum-related activities and decisions, such as academic goals or plans for work or college	0	0	0	0	O
Coordinating resources and services both from the community and to the community	0	0	0	0	0
25. Please share any additional comments about supports, initia your school:	itives	, anu	resor	urces a	16

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	Thank you for your time!
To submit your surve	ey, please click the 'Submit' button below.

Diplomas Now - Admin Spring 2014 Your contribution to the Diplomas Now Validation survey is extremely valuable and will allow you to share your perspectives on student supports, interventions, and resources available in your school. This survey will be used to provide follow-up information about the **2013-2014** school year. The survey will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Your participation in the survey is voluntary and there are no penalties to you for withdrawing your participation at any time. All of your information will remain confidential; all information will be reported in aggregate and will not be linked to any individual respondent. If you have any questions about the survey or would like to request a copy, please contact Aracelis Gray at DiplomasNow@icfi.com. Thank you for your time and contribution to this important effort!

Background Information

1. F	Please select your CURRENT role at this school. Please choose only one.
0	Principal
0	Assistant Principal serving the entire student population
0	Assistant Principal serving a subset of the student population
0	Other (please specify):
	Counting the 2013-2014 school year, how many years have you served as an ninistrator at ANY SCHOOL?
0	0-4 years
0	5-9 years
0	10-14 years
0	15 or more years
adr	Counting the 2013-2014 school year, how many years have you served as an ninistrator at THIS SCHOOL?
0	5-9 years
0	10-14 years
0	15 or more year
4. F	Please enter your email address:

For the next three questions, pleas	e complete using the optic	that best describes your so	chool.
5. During the 2013-20 provide teachers with		_	ave a Language Arts coach to port that was
C Working full-time in only you	ur school?		
O Working at least half-time in	your school?		
O Working less than half-time	in your school?		
Or did your school not have	one?		
6. During the 2013-20 teachers with instruc		-	ave a Math coach to provide
Working full-time in only you		ana sapport mat	······································
 Working at least half-time in 			
Working less than half-time in			
Or did your school not have	•		
your school regularly			
data on any of the bel			
data on any of the bel order to identify at-ris	sk students?	No	
order to identify at-ris		No O	
-	sk students? Yes		

8. To what extent would you disagree or agree with each of the following statements about your school during the 2013-2014 school year?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Goals and priorities for this school were clearly stated in a collective mission statement.	0	0	0	0	0
Parents/guardians were involved in school activities (e.g., health fairs, fundraisers, sporting events).	0	0	0	0	0
Community members were involved in school activities (e.g., health fairs, fundraisers, sporting events).	0	0	0	0	0
Parents/guardians supported school reform efforts, both those planned and implemented (e.g., scheduling models, curriculum selection).	0	0	0	0	0
Community members supported school reform efforts, both those planned and implemented (e.g., scheduling models, curriculum selection).	0	0	0	0	0

	During the 2013-2014 school year, how often did educators at your school use student a to target at-risk students for additional supports?
0	Never or once a year
0	More than once a year, but not monthly
0	At least monthly
0	More than once a month, but not weekly
0	At least once a week
0	More than once a week
10.	During the 2013-2014 school year, how were classes organized at your school?
0	In a 4x4 block schedule (e.g., four extended learning periods per day).
0	In a 4x4+1 block schedule (e.g., four extended learning periods and one-enrichment elective period per day).
0	Into 6 or 7 periods of 45 to 60 minutes per period.
0	Some other way (please specify):

11. During the 2013-2014 school year, were any of the following school interventions or resources in place at your school?

	No, not in 2013- 2014		Yes, for two or more years
Your school was sub-divided into distinct organizational units (e.g., such as schools-within-a-school, thematic academy or small learning community).	/, O	0	0
A designated adult at the school, other than the principal or the assistant principal, was in charge of coordinating intensive interventions and community resources.	0	0	0
A designated adult at the school, other than the principal or the assistant principal, was in charge of coordinating school reform efforts.	0	0	0
The majority of core courses were extended periods (e.g., 70 or more minutes).	0	0	0
Student curriculum included a course in effective transitions to high school (including topics such as strengthening study skills and improving behavior and interpersonal relationships).	0	0	0
Students were offered opportunities to participate in work-based learning experiences (e.g., internships, job shadowing or school-based enterprises).	g O	0	0
All students participated in the same college preparation curricula in core academic areas (e.g., math, language arts, science, and/or social studies).	0	0	0
Students were provided information about post-secondary opportunities and requirements.	0	0	\circ
Your school offered appropriate services or referrals to students' parents/guardians who need them (e.g., literacy or English language courses, job and career information, etc.).	0	O	0

12. During the 2013-2014 school year, how often did principals and assistant principals at
your school have the opportunity to participate in the following:

	Never or once a year	More than once a year, but not monthly	At least monthly	More than once a month, but not weekly	At least once a week	More than once a week	Daily
Professional development activities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Principal/leader support network	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

13. Consider the main partner organizations that your school works with for reform or transformation. How often did each of the following activities occur during the 2013-2014 school year?

	Never or once a year	More than once a year, but not monthly	At least once a month	More than once a month, but o not weekly	At least nce a wee	More than konce a week	Daily	Your school did not work with partner organizations in 2013-2014
You communicated with these partners (e.g through email, phone, or in person)	., О	O	0	O	0	0	0	O
Your school's partners met with the school's leadership team	0	O	0	O	0	O	0	0
School leadership shared data with the school's partners to help drive collective wor	rk	O	O	0	0	0	0	0

C Yes No Your school did not work with partner organizations during the 2013-2014 school year 15. For the following questions, please respond "yes" or "no" as appropriate for your school during this 2013-2014 school year. Yes No Did educators conduct functional assessment of behavior as needed? Did educators implement individualized behavior plans as needed? C Did students with frequent disruptive behavior receive a daily check-in with an adult to monitor their progress in meeting behavior goals as needed? Were students identified as at-risk provided with an individual case plan that could be used to set goals and monitor			
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	Were students identified as at-risk provided with an individual case plan that could be used to set goals and monitor progress in meeting those goals?	0	0

16. During the 2013-2014 school year, how often did teachers, or other staff at your school, do the following?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always, when needed
Followed up with students when they had attendance issues.	0	0	0	\bigcirc	0
Followed up with students when they had behavior issues.	0	0	0	0	0
Arranged for targeted and intensive supports for students' academic needs related to course performance (e.g., tutoring, mentoring) by making the appropriate referrals.	0	0	0	0	0
Arranged for targeted and intensive supports for students' non-academic needs (e.g., behavior, health, safety, social, and emotional) by making appropriate referrals.	0	0	0	0	0
Invited parents/guardians to meet and discuss strategies for responding to individual students' needs.	0	0	O	0	0

17. During the PAST MONTH, how often did teachers engage in the following activities at your school?

	Never	At least once a month	More than once a month, but not weekly	At least once a week	More than once a week, but not daily	Daily
Same subject professional learning communities engaged in COMMON planning.	O	0	0	O	0	0
Interdisciplinary teams (i.e., teams of teachers across subject areas) engaged in COMMON planning.	0	0	0	О	0	0
Teams of teachers reviewed data on individual students' academic progress and/or course performance to identify student needs.	О	О	0	0	O	O
Teams of teachers reviewed data on individual students' attendance to identify student needs.	0	0	0	O	0	O
Teams of teachers reviewed data on individual students' behavior to identify student needs.	0	0	0	O	0	0
Teams of teachers determined approaches to respond to identified student needs.	0	O	0	0	O	0

18. During the PAST MONTH, how often have each of the following volunteers worked with students at your school?

	Never	At least once a month	More than once a month, but not weekly	At least once a week	More than once a week, but not daily	Daily
Parents or guardians	0	0	0	0	0	0
Community members	0	0	0	0	0	\circ
Students from a local college/ teacher preparation programs	0	0	0	0	0	0
City Year corps members	0	0	0	0	0	0
Members of organized volunteer programs or other AmeriCorps members	0	0	0	O	0	0
Peer tutors (students from other classes in the school)	\circ	0	0	0	0	\circ
Other community members	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify):	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other						

19. During the PAST MONTH, how often did, teachers, other staff members, or volunteers at the school do the following activities:

	Never	At least once a month	More than once a month, but not weekly	At least once a week	More than once a week, but not daily	Daily
Provided additional academic support when students had issues with course performance.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Called parents to talk about students' academic,	0	0	0	0	0	0

20. During the 2013-2014 school year, how frequently were the following supports provided to students at your school?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always, when needed
Students were provided with clothing, school supplies, and/or food as needed.	0	0	0	0	0
Students were provided with health and wellness services as needed.	0	0	0	0	0
Students were provided with mental health services as needed.	0	0	0	0	0
Information about career fairs, job shadowing, and/or internship opportunities.	0	0	0	0	0
Information about college readiness (e.g., college tours, SAT preparation, FAFSA support).	0	0	0	0	0
Programs and activities designed to promote a positive school culture and climate.	0	0	0	0	0

21. During the 2013-2014 school year, how often were students offered opportunities to participate in each of the following activities?

	Rarely	Monthly	Bi- weekly	Weekly	Daily
Academic tutoring	0	0	O	0	0
Individual counseling	0	0	0	0	0
Group counseling	0	0	0	0	0
Family counseling	0	0	\circ	0	0
Service learning and/or community service projects	0	0	0	0	0
Mentoring services from college students or recent graduates who can act as role models	0	0	0	0	0
Behavior/anger management support	0	0	0	0	0

(inc	During the 2013-2014 school year, how often were academic enrichment opportunities cluding homework help, service learning, tutoring, test preparation, etc.) offered to dents outside of normal school hours?
0	Never or once a year
0	More than once a year, but not monthly
0	At least monthly
0	More than once a month, but not weekly
0	At least once a week
0	More than once a week, but not daily
0	Daily
inc	During the 2013-2014 school year, how often did your school sponsor events that luded participation from families and/or community members (e.g. health expos, job s, science fairs, theatrical productions, music events, etc.)?
0	Never or once a year
0	More than once a year, but not monthly
0	At least monthly
0	More than once a month, but not weekly
0	At least once a week
0	More than once a week, but not daily
0	Daily
24.	Please share any additional comments about supports, initiatives, and resources at
yοι	ur school:

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Thank you for your time!						
To submit your survey, please click the 'Submit' button below.						

High School Student Educational Survey

This booklet has questions about your experiences and activities this school year. Your answers to these questions will be kept confidential; they will only be seen by researchers outside of this school who are studying how to improve education.

You are not required to participate in this survey, but the information you provide will be very helpful to make this school and other schools better for students who follow you. While we hope you will answer each question, you are free to skip any question that you do not wish to answer. Remember—This is not a test. There are no right or wrong answers. Please work on your own. It is important to tell what you really think; be honest.

If you have any questions about one of the statements or the answer scale ask one of the adults who gave you the survey. They are here to help you.

Marking Instructions

Read each question carefully.

Make a HEAVY MARK that fills the circle next to your answer.

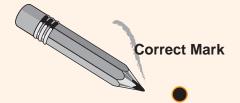
Incorrect Marks











- Use PENCIL.
- Erase cleanly any answer you wish to change.
- Make no stray marks on this form.
- Do not fold or tear this form.

EXAMPLE

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

The lunch served in the school cafeteria is delicious.

Winter is my favorite season of the year.

Strongly <u>Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	Strongly <u>Agree</u>
0		0	0

MAKE NO MARKS IN THIS AREA

About You

What month were you born?	2. What year were you born?	3. What is your sex?	4. Of the following choices, which best describes you?
January	<u> </u>	O Male	(Mark all that apply)
February	○ 1993	Female	Asian/Pacific Islander
O March	<u> </u>		O Hispanic
O April	○ 1995		Black/African American
O May	0 1996		White, not Hispanic
O June	<u> </u>		 Native American/American Indian
O July	0 1998		O None of the above describes me.
O August	0 1999		Please specify how you identify:
September	<u> </u>		
October	<u> </u>		
November	O 2002		
December			

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCES THIS YEAR

About Your School

5.	Ho	w strongly do you agree or disagree	Strongly <u>Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	Strongly <u>Agree</u>
	a.	I feel safe at this school.	\circ	0	\circ	0
	b.	Most days I enjoy coming to school.	0	0	0	0
	C.	I would switch to a different school if I could.	0	0	0	0
	d.	Overall, other students at this school accept me for who I am.	0	0	0	0
	e.	I feel that I 'fit in' at my school.	0	0	0	0

About Your Schoolwork

6.	Но	w strongly do you agree or disagree	Strongly <u>Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	Strongly <u>Agree</u>
	a.	If I try hard, I believe I can do my schoolwork well.	\circ	0	\circ	0
	b.	If I don't give up, I believe I can do schoolwork that is hard.	0	0	0	0
	C.	If I have enough time, I believe I can do well in my schoolwork.	0	0	0	0
	d.	When I have a project to do, I worry about it a lot.	0	0	0	0
	e.	I worry about getting bad grades on tests and projects.	\circ	0	0	0
	f.	When I take tests, I don't feel very good.	0	0	0	0
	g.	I worry about school and schoolwork.	\circ	0	0	0
	h.	I don't give up easily.	0	0	0	0
	i.	If I don't understand my schoolwork, I keep trying until I do.	0	0	0	0
	j.	If my homework is difficult I keep trying to work on it trying to figure it out.	0	0	0	0
	k.	When I am taught something that doesn't make sense, I spend time trying	to			
		understand it.	0	0	0	0

About Your Schoolwork (continued)

7		ow often do you agree with the following statements bout yourself?	<u>Never</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	Very <u>Often</u>	All the <u>Time</u>
	a.	I pay attention in my classes.	\circ	0	\circ	0
	b.	I stay on task in my classes.	0	0	0	0
	C.	I complete all my schoolwork.	0	0	0	0
	d.	I think that what we are learning in my classes is interesting.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0
	e.	I understand what is expected of me in class and on assignments.	\circ	0	\circ	0
	f.	I like what I am learning in my classes.	0	0	0	0
8	. Но	on on ongry do you agroo or alougroom	Strongly <u>Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	Strongly <u>Agree</u>
8	. Н о	on on ongry do you agroo or alougroom		<u>Disagree</u>	Agree	_ 0,
8				<u>Disagree</u>		_ 0,
8	a.	My classes prepare me for what I plan to do in life.		0	0	Agree
8	a. b.	My classes prepare me for what I plan to do in life. What I learn in my classes is important for my future.		0	0	Agree
8	a. b. c.	My classes prepare me for what I plan to do in life. What I learn in my classes is important for my future. Working hard in my classes will matter for my future success in a career.		0	0	Agree
8	a.b.c.d.	My classes prepare me for what I plan to do in life. What I learn in my classes is important for my future. Working hard in my classes will matter for my future success in a career. Learning at school is important to me.		0 0 0	0 0 0	Agree
8	a.b.c.d.e.	My classes prepare me for what I plan to do in life. What I learn in my classes is important for my future. Working hard in my classes will matter for my future success in a career. Learning at school is important to me. It's important to me to understand what I'm taught at school.		0 0 0	0 0 0	Agree
8	a.b.c.d.e.f.	My classes prepare me for what I plan to do in life. What I learn in my classes is important for my future. Working hard in my classes will matter for my future success in a career. Learning at school is important to me. It's important to me to understand what I'm taught at school. Each week I try less and less at school.	Disagree O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O	0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	Agree

About Your Teachers

9. H	on on ongry we you agree or anoughour	Strongly <u>Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	Strongly <u>Agree</u>
a.	Students at my school get along well with teachers.	\circ	0	\circ	0
b.	My teachers meet with me to talk about schoolwork and give me extra help)			
	if I need it.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0
C.	My teachers really listen to what I have to say.	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	\circ
d.	Teachers at this school set a positive example for students with their action	ıs. 🔾	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0
e.	If I had a problem outside of the classroom, I felt I could talk to a teacher				
	at my school.	\circ	\circ	\circ	0
f.	My teachers notice when I am doing a good job and let me know about it.	0	0	0	0
g.	Teachers at my school try to be fair.	0	0	0	0
h.	Someone from school called my home when I was absent.	0	0	0	0

About Your Principals, Assistant Principals and other adults in your school that are not teachers

10). H	ow strongly do you agree or disagree	Strongly <u>Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	Strongly <u>Agree</u>
	a.	Principals, Assistant Principals, and other adults in this school are				
		respectful of students.	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc	0
	b.	Principals, Assistant Principals, and other adults in this school are				
		respectful of teachers.	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	0
	C.	Principals, Assistant Principals, and other adults in my school are fair whe	n			
		enforcing rules.	\circ	\circ	\circ	0
	d.	At least one adult at this school other than my teacher(s) really cares				
		about me.	0	0	0	0

<u>About Your Principals, Assistant Principals and other adults in your school that are not teachers</u> (<u>continued</u>)

10.	How strongly do you agree or disagree	Strongly <u>Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	Strongly <u>Agree</u>
e	e. At least one adult at this school other than my teacher(s) checks in with				
	me almost every day.	\circ	\circ	\circ	0
f.	. At least one adult at this school other than my teacher(s) encourages me				
	to do my best.	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0
Q	. I could go to at least one adult at my school other than a teacher to get				
	help with solving problems at home or school.	\circ	0	0	0

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<u>A</u>	bout Your Academy/Small Learnin	g Community				
11	. Are you enrolled in a Ninth Grade Acade group of students?	emy, Career Academy, or small	learning co	ommunity (SLC) with	the same
	O Yes					
	O No ——— (skip question 12,	go to question 13)				
12	. What subject area best describes the fo	ocus of your Academy or SLC?				
	O 9th Grade Academy	 Business, Entrepreneurship 	, or Financ	е		
	 Technology/Engineering 	O Health				
	 Creative or Performing Arts 	Public/Human Services				
	○ Law	Twilight School/Alternative 3	School			
	Culture, Media, or Humanities	Other				
13	. How strongly do you agree or disagree.		Strongly <u>Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	Strongly <u>Agree</u>
	a. My academy/small learning community is	s located in its own part of the				
	school building.		0	0	0	0
	b. I take most or all of my classes with other	er students in my academy/small				
	learning community.		0	0	0	0
	 Teachers and administrators I pass in the learning community know me by name. 	e halls of my academy/small	0	0	0	0
	d. I had the opportunity to choose the acad	emy/small learning community I				
	wished to be in.		\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
	e. Splitting up school into academies/small	learning communities helps				
	students to be successful.		0	0	0	0

About Your Career Goals

14	l. How strongly do you agree or disagree	Strongly <u>Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	Strongly <u>Agree</u>
	a. Students at this school work on problems that reflect real life situations.	\circ	0	\circ	0
	b. My teachers prepare me for life by explaining how schoolwork applies to a				
	job or career.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0
	c. This school has really helped me understand the jobs or careers that fit me be	st. 🔘	0	\circ	0
	d. I have completed a job or career interest survey that provides information for	or			
	me about my goals and strengths.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0
	e. I know how much education I will need for the jobs or careers I really want.	0	0	0	0

About What You Are Doing in School

15.	How often do you use the following skills?	<u>Never</u>	Sometimes	Very <u>Often</u>	All the <u>Time</u>
a	a. Working in teams.	0	0	0	0
b	o. Note taking.	0	0	0	0
c	. Mind mapping/graphic organization of information (for example, KWL charts				
	and venn diagrams).	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
С	 Formulas or rhymes used to help you remember things (mnemonic devices). 		\circ	0	0
e	e. Time management.	0	0	0	0
f.	. Test preparation/test taking skills.	0	\circ	0	0
ç	. Conflict resolution/strategies for controlling anger.	0	0	0	0
r	n. Social skills (cooperation, active listening, compromise, etc.).	0	0	0	0

About Problems at This School

16.	How much of a problem are the following				
		Not a <u>Problem</u>	A Small <u>Problem</u>	A Medium Problem	A Big <u>Problem</u>
	a. Bullying/Cyber bullying (students repeatedly teasing other students in				
	person or online).	0	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ
	b. Students fighting.	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc	0
	c. Students cutting classes.	0	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ
	d. Teachers not being able to control the classroom.	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ
	e. Physical abuse of teachers or other adults in the school by students.	0	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ
	f. Verbal abuse of teachers or other adults in the school by students.	0	0	0	0
	g. Vandalism/destruction of school property.	0	\circ	0	0
	h. Students bringing weapons like knives and guns to school.	0	0	0	0
	 Students using/abusing drugs and alcohol in school. 	0	0	0	0
	j. Students involved in gangs or gangs being on school property.	0	0	0	0

About Your School Progress
17. Have you participated in any school-sponsored after-school activities THIS YEAR?
○ Yes
○ No ——— (skip question 18; go to question 19)
18. What focus best describes the activity or activities? (Mark all that apply)
 Athletics or Cheerleading
 Academics
O Art, Music, or Acting
Oulturally-based Club
 Homework help/assignment completion
 Test preparation
Tutoring
 Service learning (opportunities to serve your school or community)
Other (please describe the activity here):

About Your School Progress (continued)

THIS YEAR?	s did the following things happen to you	<u>Never</u>	1 - 3 <u>Times</u>	4 - 6 <u>Times</u>	7 - 9 <u>Times</u>	10 or More <u>Times</u>
a. I was late for	school.	0	0	0	\circ	0
b. I cut class or s	skipped school.	0	0	0	0	0
c. I cheated on t	ests or assignments.	0	0	0	0	0
d. I got in trouble	e during class for being disruptive.	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	0
e. I got in trouble	e for cussing or swearing at school.	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	0
f. I got into an a	rgument with a teacher.	\circ	0	\circ	\circ	0
g. I was suspend	ded from school.	0	0	0	0	0
h. I was put on ir	nternal suspension/probation at school.	0	0	0	0	0
i. I got into a fig	ht where I hit someone or I was hit by someone	. 0	0	0	0	0
j. I did not hand	in my class assignments or homework.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0

Thank you for completing this survey.

Please return your completed survey to the person who gave it to you.

About MDRC

MDRC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan social and education policy research organization dedicated to learning what works to improve the well-being of low-income people. Through its research and the active communication of its findings, MDRC seeks to enhance the effectiveness of social and education policies and programs.

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- Promoting Family Well-Being and Children's Development
- Improving Public Education
- Raising Academic Achievement and Persistence in College
- Supporting Low-Wage Workers and Communities
- Overcoming Barriers to Employment

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