

2018 ICCSD School Climate Survey

ICCSD SURVEY

5th-12th Grades

Kingsley Intro Video Script:

Thank you Iowa City students for taking this survey

My name is Kingsley Botchway and I'm the Director of Equity and Engagement for the Iowa City Community School District

Across the country, people are speaking out about various topics affecting them.

This is your time to use your voice to make your schools a better place

The survey is confidential but we will be using this information to ensure that your schools are a welcome and inclusive place.

Thank you again for taking this survey.

[TEXT INTRODUCTION TO SURVEY]

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your answers to the questions in this survey are used to improve experiences of all students in the district.

There are no "right" or "wrong" answers.

Choose the one response that best fits your thoughts and experiences.

If you don't understand or would prefer not to answer a question, you can skip to the next question.

Your responses will be kept private.

*****START OF SURVEY*****

SECTION 1

1. What grade are you in?

- 5th grade
- 6th grade
- 7th grade
- 8th grade
- 9th grade (Freshman)
- 10th grade (Sophomore)
- 11th grade (Junior)
- 12th grade (Senior)

2. What school do you attend?

- Alexander Elementary
- Borlaug Elementary
- Coralville Central Elementary
- Garner Elementary
- Grant Wood Elementary
- Hills Elementary
- Hoover Elementary
- Horace Mann Elementary
- Horn Elementary
- Kirkwood Elementary
- Lemme Elementary
- Lincoln Elementary
- Longfellow Elementary
- Lucas Elementary
- Penn Elementary
- Shimek Elementary
- Twain Elementary
- Weber Elementary
- Wickham Elementary
- Van Allen Elementary
- North Central Junior High School
- Northwest Junior High School
- South East Junior High School
- Iowa City High School
- Liberty High School
- Tate High School
- Theodore Roosevelt Education Center (TREC)
- West Senior High School

[If no grade level was selected, respondents are shown:] Your school _____

[7th-12th Grade Version] 3. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Transgender Male
- Transgender Female
- Genderqueer or Gender-Nonconforming
- Prefer Not to Answer

[5th-6th Grade Version] 3. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Other _____
- Prefer Not to Answer

4. Do you identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, pansexual, or asexual?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

5. What is your race and/ or ethnicity (Choose all that apply)

- African American or Black
- Asian or Asian American
- Hispanic or Latino
- White or Caucasian
- Other race or ethnicity
- Prefer not to answer

6. What is the highest level of schooling achieved by your parent or guardian?

- Grade School
- Some High School
- High School Graduate
- Some College
- College Graduate
- Some Post-Graduate
- Graduate or Professional Degree
- Don't Know

SECTION 2

7. Choose your level of agreement for the next statements about your school and teachers in general. [SA TO SD AGREEMENT SCALE, 4]

At my school...

- My teachers care about my learning.
- Teachers encourage me to work hard.
- Teachers encourage me to ask questions and participate in discussions.
- Most of my teachers really listen to what I have to say.
- I trust my teachers.
- I respect my teachers.
- In my classes, my teachers notice my hard work.
- Students get along well with teachers.
- Teachers often let students know when they are being good.
- If I have problems in a class, I am comfortable talking to most of my teachers about it.
- Most of my teachers seem to understand where I am coming from.
- My teachers treat students from different cultures or backgrounds equally.
- Teachers at my school treat students with respect.
- Teachers listen to students when they have problems.
- Students are supported by the teachers.
- Teachers treat students fairly.
- Teachers give everyone the same opportunities in the classroom.
- Teachers have high expectations for all students.
- Most of my teachers treat me the same as other students.

8. Choose your level of agreement for the next statements about adults in school. [SA TO SD AGREEMENT SCALE, 4]

- The school staff supports me emotionally.
- The school staff supports me academically.
- The school staff supports me socially.

9. Is there at least one adult in your school that you trust and can go to for advice?

- Yes
- No

[Only if Q9=Yes] 10. Who is this person (or people)? Please choose all that apply.

- A teacher
- Some other adult at school
- An adult from a club or outside program
- A community member
- I do not have a person like this at school

[Only if Q10 has indicated at least one of first four response options.] 11. Are any of these people (this person) the same race and/or gender as you?

[SAME GENDER AS ME YES/NO; SAME RACE AS ME YES/NO]

- A teacher
- Some other adult at school
- An adult from a club or outside program
- A community member

[7th-12th Grade Version] 12. Choose your level of agreement with the next statements about what is discussed in your classes. [SA TO SD AGREEMENT SCALE, 4]

- There are opportunities in class to talk about race.
- There are opportunities in class to talk about gender and gender identity.
- There are opportunities in class to talk about sexual orientation.
- There are opportunities in class to talk about differences in learning or physical abilities.

[5th-6th Grade Version] 12. Choose your level of agreement with the next statements about what is discussed in your classes. [SA TO SD AGREEMENT SCALE, 4]

- There are opportunities in class to talk about race.
- There are opportunities in class to talk about gender and gender identity.
- There are opportunities in class to talk about differences in learning or physical abilities.

13. Choose your level of agreement with the next statements about what you learn in your classes. [SA TO SD AGREEMENT SCALE, 4]

In my classes...

- I see people of many races, cultures, and backgrounds represented in my classes and homework.
- My teachers present positive images of people from a variety of races, cultures, and backgrounds.
- My teachers use examples of races, cultures, and backgrounds that are like mine.

14. Choose your level of agreement with the next statements about your experiences in class.

- I see myself as a valuable member of the classroom.
- I feel that my contributions are valued in the classroom.
- I feel unable to share my views in class because of my race.
- I feel unable to share my views in class because of my gender identity.

15. Choose your level of agreement with the next statements about school rules and disciplinary actions. [SA TO SD AGREEMENT SCALE, 4]

In my school...

- The punishment for breaking school rules is the same no matter who you are.
- The rules are fair.
- All students receive rewards for doing a good job.
- I know I would receive the same punishment as others for breaking a school rule.
- Adults in this school apply the same rules to all students equally.
- If a school rule is broken, students know what kind of process will follow.
- Students are aware that disciplinary action can include removal from school.
- Students are treated fairly when they break school rules.
- Students know what the rules are.
- Misbehaving students often get away with it.
- The school principal and teachers consistently enforce school rules.
- The school rules are strictly enforced.

16. Choose your level of agreement with the next statements about bullying and harassment. [SA TO SD AGREEMENT SCALE, 4]

- The school would take appropriate action if an incident was reported to them.
- Teachers make it clear that bullying is not allowed.
- If you tell a teacher that you've been bullied, the teacher will do something to help.
- Students at your school try to stop bullying when they see it happening.

[7th-12th Grade Version] 17. The next statements are about bullying and harassment. Please choose all that apply. [check indicates “yes”]

At this school, students harass, bully, or intimidate each other because of their...

- Race or ethnicity
- National origin or immigrant status
- Gender or Gender Identity
- Disability
- Sexual Orientation
- Poverty, income level, or social class
- Appearance
- Religion
- Other _____

[5th-6th Grade Version] 17. The next statements are about bullying and harassment. Please choose all that apply. [check indicates “yes”]

At this school, students harass, bully, or intimidate each other because of their...

- Race or ethnicity
- National origin or immigrant status
- Gender or Gender Identity

Disability
Poverty, income level, or social class
Appearance
Religion
Other _____

18. Choose your level of agreement with the next statements about addressing conflicts in your school. [SA TO SD AGREEMENT SCALE, 4]

During my school day...

Teachers and students work together to address behavior problems or conflicts.
We talk about ways to help us control our emotions.
We talk about how our actions affect others.
We practice ways to settle conflicts so that everyone can be okay with the result.
You are treated unfairly.

19. Choose your level of agreement with the next statements about your school.

[SA TO SD AGREEMENT SCALE, 4]

Students in my school act in a way that is sensitive to the feelings of other students.
It is important to help other people.
I care about other people's feelings.
This school is welcoming and safe.

SECTION 3

20. How often do you feel safe in the following places? [1-5 NEVER/ALWAYS FREQUENCY SCALE]

Traveling between home and school
Outside around the school
In the hallways and bathrooms
In your classes

21. Choose your level of agreement with the next statements about your experiences in school. [SA TO SD AGREEMENT SCALE, 4]

I feel like I belong in my school.
I fit in with students at this school.
I feel close to people at this school.

22. Choose your level of agreement with the next statements about your school.

[SA TO SD AGREEMENT SCALE, 4]

Diversity, inclusiveness, and equity are important at my school.
Students in this school respect each other's differences.

Adults in this school respect each other's differences.
I am accepting of those different than myself.
It is wrong to discriminate against someone because of their race, appearance, culture, religion, or on some other basis.

[7th-12th Grade Version] 23. Choose your level of agreement with the next statements about your experiences in school. [1-5 NEVER/ALWAYS FREQUENCY SCALE]

During this year at school, how often have...

You heard hurtful comments about race from students?
You heard hurtful comments about sexual orientation from students?
You heard hurtful comments about gender identity from students?
You heard hurtful comments about immigrants from students?
You heard hurtful comments about religious identity from students?

You heard hurtful comments about race from teachers?
You heard hurtful comments about sexual orientation from teachers?
You heard hurtful comments about gender identity from teachers?
You heard hurtful comments about immigrants from teachers?
You heard hurtful comments about religious identity from teachers?

[5th-6th Grade Version] 23. Choose your level of agreement with the next statements about your experiences in school. [1-5 NEVER/ALWAYS FREQUENCY SCALE]

During this year at school, how often have...

You heard hurtful comments about race from students?
You heard hurtful comments about gender identity from students?
You heard hurtful comments about immigrants from students?
You heard hurtful comments about religious identity from students?

You heard hurtful comments about race from teachers?
You heard hurtful comments about gender identity from teachers?
You heard hurtful comments about immigrants from teachers?
You heard hurtful comments about religious identity from teachers?

24. Choose your level of agreement with the next statements about student input at your school. [SA TO SD AGREEMENT SCALE, 4]

I have chances to help decide what is best for the class or school.
My teachers ask me what I want to learn about.

25. Choose your level of agreement with the next statements about your attitudes. [SA TO SD AGREEMENT SCALE, 4]

I try to work out my problems.
Challenging myself won't make me any smarter.

There are some things I am not capable of learning.
If I am not naturally smart in a subject, I will never do well in it.

26. During this school year, have you participated in any of the following extra-curricular activities at your school? Such as...

[YES/NO/INTERESTED, BUT DID NOT PARTICIPATE]

- Athletic teams at school
- Performing arts (band, orchestra, chorus, drama, etc.)
- Academic clubs (debate team, honor society, Spanish club, math club, etc.)
- School government or service clubs
- Other school clubs or school activities
- Before or after school programs

[Only if Q26 response “interested but did not participate”] 27. Why didn't you participate in the extra-curricular activity you were interested in? Please choose all reasons that apply.

- It cost too much
- I didn't have reliable transportation
- The schedule conflicted with other duties
- The time commitment was too demanding
- I don't fit in with the other students that participate
- Other _____

28. Do you have any other information you would like to share about your experiences in your school or your school climate?

We thank you for your time spent taking this survey.
Your response has been recorded.

*****END OF SURVEY*****