2023 Virginia School Survey of Climate and Working Conditions

Staff Version

This is a review copy, not for circulation or use. The actual survey is online with formatting for easier reading. Questions are grouped around school climate and working conditions topics (in **BOLD CAPS** below). These topics do not appear in the online survey.

In order to access the online survey, you must enter the unique Access Code for the adult sur	vey which was ass	signed to your
school. Your principal, or your principal's designee, will have this Access Code for you. All	classroom instruct	ors and school
staff members at the same school will have the same Access Code, so you will not be identif	ied by this Access	Code. It is
important that you submit only one completed survey for each school at which you work. T	The administrators	of this survey
are obligated to protect your identity.		

Do you want to take the survey in English or Spanish? *Mark one*.

O English

O Spanish

Instructions for classroom instructors and other school staff members:

Any individual employed in Virginia's public schools may take this survey, including:

- Classroom instructors (teachers and teacher's aides and assistants) who interact with students in classroom settings and
- 2. School staff members who interact with or support students external to the classroom setting.

What is your Access Code for taking this survey?

All classroom instructors (including substitutes) and school staff members are asked to complete the survey regardless of the grade level of the students with whom they teach or interact. The purpose of the survey is to help schools create and maintain safe and supportive working environments for education professionals in Virginia's public schools.

Your individual answers to the survey are anonymous, which means that no one will know how you answered. It is important that you submit only **one completed survey** for each school at which you work.

Some of the questions differ for classroom instructors and school staff members. The survey should take about 20-25 minutes to complete.

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SECTION I: GENERAL QUESTIONS

1.	You are lo	ogging in to the survey as a member of the following school: {display division and school name}. Is this correct?
	0	Yes
	0	No [If no, provide dropdown menus for respondent to select the correct division and school.]

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2.	What is yo	our professional role at this school? <i>Mark one</i> .
	[If sele	ected, respondent will be directed to the Classroom Instructors Survey.]
	0	Teacher, including substitute (not including Library Media, Mathematics Specialists, or Reading Specialists)
	0	Teacher's Assistant, Teaching Assistant, Teacher's Aide, Instructional Aide, Para-educator, Para-Professional
	[If sele	ected, respondent will be directed to the Staff Survey.]
	0	Principal, Assistant Principal, or Regional Director
	0	Athletic and/or Student Activities Directors, Trainers or Coaches
	0	Bus, Car, or Van Driver
	0	Coordinator of Special Programs (e.g., ESL, Gifted Education, Special Education)
	0	Custodial and Facilities
	0	Library Media
	0	Mathematics or Reading Specialist
	0	Administrative Support Staff (e.g., secretaries and clerical staff)
	0	Specialized Student Support Services (e.g., Counselors, Psychologists, or Social Workers)
	0	Specialized Services for Students with Disabilities (e.g., Speech & Language, Interpreters, OT, PT, Therapeutic Recreation)
	0	Medical and Nursing Services (e.g., school nurses, other medical staff)
	0	Food Nutrition, School Cafeteria, or Food Service Staff
	0	School Safety, Security, and Law Enforcement
	0	Instructional Technology and Support
	0	Testing and Assessment Staff
	0	Other, please specify your full title (no acronyms):
2.1		of respondents that choose "Specialized Student Support Services" in question 2.) In what role do you provide d student support services?
	Specialize	Counselor
	0	Psychologist
	0	Social Worker
	0	Other (Please identify your role)
		Other (Fease Identity your role)
3.		old a professional license related to your role in the school?
	0	Yes
	0	No
4.	How have	you provided services to students this year? Mark all that apply.
-	0	In person
	0	Remotely from the school building
	0	Remotely from somewhere else

SECTION II: TEACHING AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

A. STAFF COLLEGIALITY AND RESPECT

How strongly do you agree or	disagree with	the following statements abou	t this school? Mark on	e response per line.
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		This does not apply to me	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
5.	I trust the teachers and other adults at this school.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6.	I feel supported by teachers and other adults at this school.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7.	Teachers and other adults at this school treat me with respect.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8.	My professional role is respected.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9.	Current policies are improving this school.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	I contribute to decisions about issues at my school.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

B. PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about this school? Mark one response per line.

	This does not apply to me	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
11. The physical environment of my workspace supports my work responsibilities.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12. I have adequate space to work productively.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. The school building is clean and comfortable.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14. I have the support I need to incorporate technology into my work responsibilities.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

C. STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

	This does not apply to me	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
15. Students generally like this school.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16. Students are proud to be at this school.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17. Students come to school ready to learn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18. Students are engaged in classroom lessons.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

D. RELATIONSHIPS AMONG STUDENTS

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about this school? Mark one response per line.

	This does not apply to me	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
19. Students at this school care about other students.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20. Students at this school get along well with other students.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21. Students at this school treat other students with respect.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

E. RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN STUDENTS AND ADULTS

	This does not apply to me	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
22. Adults at this school care about students.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23. Adults at this school treat students with respect.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24. Adults at this school want students to do well.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25. Adults at this school listen to what students have to say.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26. Adults at this school recognize and value each individual's cultural background.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27. Adults at this school are respected by students.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28. Adults at this school provide supports and services that reflect students' cultural backgrounds, ethnicities, and identities.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SECTION III: SCHOOL SUPPORTS

A. PROFESSIONAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

	This does not apply to me	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
29. I have sufficient resources for professional development.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30. The professional development I receive meets my needs.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31. Professional development provides ongoing opportunities for me to work with colleagues to refine my practice.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32. I receive follow-up after professional development activities to give me additional support.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33. The professional development I receive enhances my ability to meet student needs.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

B. MANAGING STUDENT BEHAVIOR

		This does not apply to me	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
34.	Adults at this school understand the rules for student behavior.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35.	The rules for student behavior are effective at this school.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36.	We use data to evaluate and, if needed, adjust this school's student conduct policies.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
37.	If a student breaks a school rule, the student's behavior is addressed consistently.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
38.	This school's use of suspensions or expulsions to manage student behavior is effective.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
39.	Students know which behaviors are against school rules.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40.	Students know there are consequences for breaking school rules.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41.	Students are recognized for positive behavior.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
42.	When students are accused of doing something wrong, they get a chance to explain.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
43.	There are supports to help students who misbehave develop positive behavior.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
44.	I feel equipped to successfully handle incidents of racially motivated behaviors.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45.	I feel equipped to successfully handle incidents of bullying.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
46.	This school's administrators support me when I have concerns about student behavior.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

C. ENGAGING WITH FAMILIES

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about this school? Mark one response per line.

	This does not apply to me	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
47. I make an effort to know students' families.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
48. This school supports my efforts to have positive relationships with students' families.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
49. This school does a good job of encouraging family involvement.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
50. Students' families and I share common academic expectations for their children.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
51. Families at this school treat me with respect.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
52. Families at this school support me when I have concerns about their child's behavior.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

D. SCHOOL AND DIVISION LEADERSHIP

(Ask only if did not answer "Principal, Assistant Principal or Regional Director" to question 2.)	This does not apply to me	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
53. I feel respected by this school's administrators.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
54. I feel comfortable raising issues and concerns that are important to me with school administrators.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55. I trust this school's administrators to do what they say they will do.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56. The procedures for staff evaluation are consistent.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
57. My performance is assessed objectively.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
58. I receive feedback that can help me improve my performance.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
59. This school's administrators communicate a clear vision for this school.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60. This school's administrators understand how children learn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
61. This school's administrators set high expectations for all students.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
62. Staff are treated fairly regardless of their race, ethnicity, or culture.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
63. My school is committed to providing an inclusive environment for individuals from varied racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
64. Staff and administrators have a shared vision for this school.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

(Ask only if answered "Principal, Assistant Principal or Regional Director" to question 2.)	This does not apply to me	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
53.1. I feel respected by this division's administrators.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
54.1. I feel comfortable raising issues and concerns that are important to me with division administrators.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55.1. I trust this division's administrators to do what they say they will do.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56.1. The procedures for administrators' evaluation are consistent.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
57.1. My performance is assessed objectively.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
58.1. I receive feedback that can help me improve my performance.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
59.1. This division's administrators communicate a clear vision for this school.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60.1. This division's administrators understand how children learn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
61.1. This division's administrators set high expectations for all students.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
62.1. Staff are treated fairly regardless of their race, ethnicity, or culture.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
63.1. My school is committed to providing an inclusive environment for individuals from varied racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
64.1. Staff and administrators have a shared vision for this school.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SECTION IV: SAFETY

A. SAFETY CONCERNS

	This does not apply to me	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
65. I feel safe at this school.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
66. I know what to do if there is an emergency, natural disaster (such as a tornado or a flood), or a dangerous situation (such as a violent person on campus) during the school day.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
67. I feel confident in my ability to direct and assist students during an emergency.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
68. I have been adequately informed about the threat assessment process in my building.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

B. PREVALENCE OF BULLYING

Please use this definition of bullying to answer the questions below. Bullying means any aggressive and unwanted behavior that is intended to harm, intimidate, or humiliate the victim; involves a real or perceived power imbalance between the aggressor or aggressors and victim; and is repeated over time or causes severe emotional trauma. 'Bullying' includes cyber bullying. 'Bullying' does not include ordinary teasing, horseplay, argument, or peer conflict.

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about this school? Mark one response per line.

	This does not apply to me	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
69. Bullying is a problem at this school.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70. Students at this school are bullied about their race or ethnicity.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
71. Students at this school are bullied about their sexual orientation.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
72. Students at this school are bullied about their physical appearance.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
73. Students at this school are bullied for having too little or too much money.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
74. Students at this school are bullied about their disability.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about this school? Mark one response per line.

	This does not apply to me	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
75. Students ask for help from adults if there is a problem with another student.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76. Adults at this school take action to solve the problem when students report bullying.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
77. Adults at this school bully students.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

C. STUDENT AGGRESSION

Have any of the following happened to you personally at school this year? This includes school events like field trips, school dances, and sports events. *Mark one response per line*.

	No	One Time	More than Once	Many Times
78. A student stole or damaged my personal property.	0	0	0	0
79. A student threatened to harm me.	0	0	0	0
80. A student physically attacked, pushed, or hit me.	0	0	0	0
81. A student said rude or insulting things to me.	0	0	0	0
82. A student threatened me with a weapon.	0	0	0	0

83. Are there gangs at your school? Mark one.

	O	Yes											
	0	No											
	0	Do n	ot kn	iow									
	83.1			ed only of those lights, sale of dru			tion 83.) H	ave gang	gs caus	ed proble	ems at yo	our scho	ool this
		С)	Yes									
		С)	No									
		С)	Do not know									
D.	SCHOO	DL RES	OUR	CE AND SECURI	TY OFFICERS								
Uso	A Scho	ool Re s relate ool Sec ct by r	sour ed to curit	of a School Resce Officer (SRC) safety, security, y Officer (SSO) taining order and)) is employed land the law. is employed by	by the Police y the school	e Departme	ent and is or the pur	s assign	ned to the	e school to	to assist hool's	t with Code of
84.	Does y		hool es	have a School R	esource Officer	· (SRO)? Ma	ark one.						
	С) N	О										
	С			t know		1							
			Office O O	only if answered cer (SRO) in prev Yes No Do not know	vious years? <i>Ma</i>	ark one.	•						
				only ty answered of? Mark one. Yes No Do not know	1 10 01 10	noi know i	o question	04.) WO	uiu you	reer saw	er ir you.	SCHOO	i nad an
	How	strong	gly d	o you agree or d	lisagree with tl	he following	g statemen	ts about	this so	chool? M	ark one	respon.	se per lin
	(Ask o	only if	answ	vered "Yes" to q	uestion 84.)		This does not apply to me	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
				l Resource Offic school.	er (SRO) makes	s me feel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
				l Resource Offic ntribution to our		s a	0	Ο	0	0	Ο	0	0

Does you	r school l	nave a School Secu	urity Officer (SSO)? Ma	rk one.						
0	Yes									
0	No									
Ο	Do not	know								
8	*	• •	'No" or "Do not know" ous years? Mark one.	to question	85.) Did	l your s	school ha	ve a Sch	ool Sec	curity
	0	Yes								
	0	No								
	0	Do not know								
8		only if answered " ? Mark one.	'No" or "Do not know"	to question	<i>85.)</i> Wo	uld you	u feel saf	er if you	r schoo	l had an
	0	Yes								
	0	No								
	0	Do not know								
How st	rongly do	you agree or dis	agree with the followin	g statemen	ts about	this so	chool? M	lark one	respon	se per lin
(Ask on	ly if answ	ered "Yes" to que.	stion 85.)	This does not apply to me	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
	ne School fe at this s		SSO) makes me feel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
85.4. Th	ne School	Security Officer (SSO) makes a positive	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

contribution to our school.

SECTION V: WELL-BEING

Α.	Rı	URN	O	IT

- 86. Overall, based on your definition of burnout, how would you rate your level of burnout? (Mark one.)
 - O I enjoy my work. I have no symptoms of burnout.
 - Occasionally I am under stress, and I don't always have as much energy as I once did, but I don't feel burned out.
 - O I am definitely burning out and have one or more symptoms of burnout, such as physical or emotional exhaustion.
 - O The symptoms of burnout that I'm experiencing won't go away. I think about frustration at work a lot.
 - I feel completely burned out and often wonder if I can go on. I am at the point where I may need some changes or may need to seek some sort of help.

B. MENTAL HEALTH

How often over the last 2 weeks were you bothered by the following? Mark one response per line.

	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
87. Feeling nervous, anxious, or on edge	0	0	0	0
88. Not being able to stop or control worrying	0	0	0	0
89. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless	0	0	0	0
90. Having little interest or pleasure doing things	0	0	0	0

C. SUPPORT FOR BURNOUT AND MENTAL HEALTH

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
91. The administrators in my school care about staff well-being and mental health.	0	0	0	0	0	0
92. The administrators in my school take steps to reduce the stressors that impact staff burnout and mental health symptoms.	0	0	0	0	0	0
93. The administrators in my school provide emotional support to reduce staff burnout and mental health symptoms.	0	0	0	0	0	0

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about this school? Mark one response per line.

			Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly
94.		administrators in my school are supportive of students' use of all health services.	0	0	0	0
95.		a satisfied with the level of mental health services available to ents in my school.	0	0	0	0
96.		administrators in my school care about students' well-being and tal health.	0	0	0	0
SEC	CTION	I VI: SUMMARY				
97.	Over O	all, my school is a good place to work and learn. (Mark one.) Strongly Disagree				
	0	Disagree				
	0	Slightly Disagree				
	0	Slightly Agree				
	0	Agree				
	0	Strongly Agree				
98.	Over	the last year, how have the working conditions for staff in this sch	ool chan	ged? (<i>l</i>	Mark one	.)
	0	Become much worse		,		
	0	Become worse				
	0	Become slightly worse				
	0	Stayed about the same				
	0	Become slightly better				
	0	Become better				
	0	Become much better				
	0	I have no opinion.				
99.	Over	the last year, how has the climate for staff in this school changed?	(Mark on	e.)		
	0	Become much worse				
	0	Become worse				
	0	Become slightly worse				
	0	Stayed about the same				
	Ο	Become slightly better				
	Ο	Become better				
	Ο	Become much better				
	0	I have no opinion.				

Agree

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100. Over	the last year, how has the overall climate for students in thi	s school changed? (M	ark one.)	
0	Become much worse			
0	Become worse			
0	Become slightly worse			
0	Stayed about the same			
0	Become slightly better			
0	Become better			
0	Become much better			
0	I have no opinion.			•
101. Whic	h of the following best describes your immediate professiona	l plans? Mark one.		
	Continue working at my current school			
0	Continue working in this division but leave this school			
0	Continue working in education in this state but leave this d	ivision		
0	Continue working in education but in a state other than Vir	ginia		
0	Leave education to retire			
0	Leave education to work in a non-education field			
0	Leave education for other reasons			
** The fol	lowing question will only be presented to those who indica	ate they intent to leav	e the teaching profession	on.
Indicate y	your primary reason for leaving and any other reasons	Primary Reason for Leaving	Other Reasons for Leaving	

Indicate your primary reason for leaving and any other reasons that influenced your decision to leave education.	Primary Reason for Leaving (Mark one).	Other Reasons for Leaving (Mark all that apply).	
Retirement			
Involuntary separation or end of contract			
Taking a job more conveniently located OR moving			
Other personal life reasons (e.g., health, caring for family)			
Want or need a higher salary			
Want or need better benefits			
Dissatisfied with current role as a career			
Inadequately prepared for current role			
Lack of support from families and/or the community			
Not enough opportunities for leadership roles or professional development			
Dissatisfied with job description or assignment			

Did not have enough autonomy over responsibilities							
Too many intrusions on time needed to perform duties							
Dissatisfied with workplace conditions							
Dissatisfied with student discipline problems							
Dissatisfied with administration							
Dissatisfied with lack of influence over school policies and practices							
Dissatisfied with how compensation, benefits, or rewards were tied to student performance)
Use this space to document any additional reasons for leaving not addressed above.	[oper	n text]					
SECTION VII: CONCLUDING QUESTIONS							
How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements	about	this sch	ool? M	ark one	response	per lin	ıe.
		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
102. I have sufficient resources to meet any additional student needs as result of COVID-19.	s a	0	0	0	0	0	0
103. My division's overall response to the pandemic was appropriate githe circumstances.	iven	0	0	0	0	0	0
104. Have the results from the 2021 Virginia School Survey of Climate a to the teachers at this school? O Yes O No O I do not know	and W	orking C	onditio	ns been 1	made rea	dily av	railable
The following questions are asked of all respondents to better unde school climate and working conditions differently.	rstanc	d whethe	r grou	ps of inc	lividuals	exper	ience
105. How do you describe your gender? <i>Mark one</i> . O Male O Female O Non-binary							
O Prefer not to disclose							

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106.	Is you	r ethnic background Hispanic or Latino? Mark one.
	0	Yes
	0	No
107.	What	is the best description of your race? If you are multi-racial, mark all that apply.
	0	American Indian or Alaska Native
	0	Asian
	0	Black or African American
	0	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
	0	White
	0	Other Race:
108.	How 1	many years have you worked in this school (including the current school year)? Mark one.
	0	1-3 years
	0	4-10 years
	0	11-20 years
	0	More than 20 years

A representative selection of health and wellness resources are provided below. This is not an exhaustive list of local, state, and national resources that are available to you. If you need help, contact one of these organizations or talk to a trusted adult or colleague.

[List will appear in the online version of this survey.]