

Public School Civics and School Survey
1350 Students Surveyed

1. What is your gender?

	Count	Percentage
A.Male	702	52%
B.Female	648	48%

2. Which ethnic group describes you best?

	Count	Percentage
A.African-American	67	5%
B.Asian	27	2%
C.Hispanic	492	36%
D.Native American	95	7%
E.White	669	50%

3. What grade are you in?

	Count	Percentage
A.9th grade	353	26%
B.10th grade	280	21%
C.11th grade	322	24%
D.12th grade	395	29%

4. What type of school do you attend?

	Count	Percentage
A.My zoned public school	867	64%
B.A public school out of my attendance zone	267	20%
C.A charter school	136	10%
D.A private school	80	6%

5. Have you performed volunteer work or community service in the past year?

	Count	Percentage
A.Yes	445	33%
B.No	905	67%

6. In any class in the past year, have you given a speech or an oral report?

	Count	Percentage
A.Yes	1089	81%
B.No	261	19%

7. Overall, what grade would you give your school?

	Count	Percentage
A.A	311	23%
B.B	243	18%
C.C	513	38%
D.D	243	18%
E.F	40	3%

8. What grade would you give your teachers?

	Count	Percentage
A.A	391	29%
B.B	429	32%
C.C	381	28%
D.D	122	9%
E.F	27	2%

9. How far do you expect to go in school?

	Count	Percentage
A.Graduate from high school	161	12%
B.Go to vocational school or enter the military after high school	208	15%
C.Go to college	360	27%
D.Graduate from college	406	30%
E.Go to graduate school (law, medicine, masters degree)	126	9%
F.Not sure	89	7%

10. The staff at my school cares about the students.

	Count	Percentage
A.Strongly Agree	245	18%
B.Agree	550	41%
C.Disagree	368	27%
D.Strongly Disagree	187	14%

11. My school treats all students with respect regardless of their race or ethnic background.

	Count	Percentage
A.Strongly Agree	108	8%
B.Agree	428	32%
C.Disagree	499	37%
D.Strongly Disagree	166	12%
E.Not Sure	149	11%

12. My school has high academic expectations of me.

	Count	Percentage
A.Strongly Agree	162	12%
B.Agree	486	36%
C.Disagree	338	25%
D.Strongly Disagree	189	14%
E.Not Sure	175	13%

13. Students at my school focus on learning.

	Count	Percentage
A.Strongly Agree	162	12%
B.Agree	368	27%
C.Disagree	334	25%
D.Strongly Disagree	217	16%
E.Not Sure	269	20%

14. My school offers challenging classes.

	Count	Percentage
A.Strongly Agree	189	14%
B.Agree	405	30%
C.Disagree	338	25%
D.Strongly Disagree	175	13%
E.Not Sure	243	18%

15. My teachers give me challenging work.

	Count	Percentage
A.Strongly Agree	215	16%
B.Agree	448	33%
C.Disagree	352	26%
D.Strongly Disagree	200	15%
E.Not Sure	135	10%

16. I usually look forward to coming to school.

	Count	Percentage
A.Strongly Agree	106	8%
B.Agree	520	39%
C.Disagree	272	20%
D.Strongly Disagree	236	17%
E.Not Sure	216	16%

17. My school promotes a drug-free environment.

	Count	Percentage
A.Strongly Agree	361	27%
B.Agree	783	58%
C.Disagree	98	7%
D.Strongly Disagree	52	4%
E.Not Sure	56	4%

18. My school makes sure that classrooms are safe and orderly.

	Count	Percentage
A.Strongly Agree	251	19%

B. Agree	589	44%
C. Disagree	243	18%
D. Strongly Disagree	154	11%
E. Not Sure	113	8%

19. My school makes sure that students are safe and orderly while outside on school grounds.

	Count	Percentage
A. Strongly Agree	257	19%
B. Agree	688	51%
C. Disagree	135	10%
D. Strongly Disagree	81	6%
E. Not Sure	189	14%

20. My school teaches me to value, respect, and tolerate differences in others.

	Count	Percentage
A. Strongly Agree	189	14%
B. Agree	503	37%
C. Disagree	284	21%
D. Strongly Disagree	226	17%
E. Not Sure	148	11%

21. People whose views I oppose should be allowed to give a speech in my community.

	Count	Percentage
A. Strongly Agree	243	18%
B. Agree	486	36%
C. Disagree	392	29%
D. Strongly Disagree	189	14%
E. Not Sure	40	3%

22. People whose views I oppose should be allowed to live in my neighborhood.

	Count	Percentage
A. Strongly Agree	187	14%
B. Agree	441	33%
C. Disagree	378	28%
D. Strongly Disagree	243	18%
E. Not Sure	101	7%

23. People whose views I oppose should be allowed to run for president.

	Count	Percentage
A. Strongly Agree	252	19%
B. Agree	666	49%
C. Disagree	218	16%
D. Strongly Disagree	160	12%
E. Not Sure	54	4%

24. Volunteering in the community is very important to me.

	Count	Percentage
A. Strongly Agree	108	8%
B. Agree	378	28%
C. Disagree	472	35%
D. Strongly Disagree	162	12%
E. Not Sure	230	17%

25. I feel pressure to perform well on tests.

	Count	Percentage
A. Strongly Agree	251	19%
B. Agree	559	41%
C. Disagree	170	13%
D. Strongly Disagree	127	9%
E. Not Sure	243	18%

26. On the next 10 questions, I will be asking you questions about American government and history. Give me your best answer, and it is permissible to respond "I don't know." What is the supreme law of the land?

	Count	Percentage
A. The Constitution	391	29%

B.The Declaration of Independence	324	24%
C.Don't Know	635	47%

27. What do we call the first ten amendments to the Constitution?

	Count	Percentage
A.The Bill of Rights	332	25%
B.The Constitution	162	12%
C.The Declaration of Independence	214	16%
D.Don't Know	642	48%

28. What are the two parts of the U.S. Congress?

	Count	Percentage
A.The Senate and the House	312	23%
B.Don't Know	1038	77%

29. How many justices are on the Supreme Court?

	Count	Percentage
A.Seven	122	9%
B.Eight	148	11%
C.Nine	130	10%
D.Ten	168	12%
E.Twelve	210	16%
F.Don't Know	572	42%

30. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?

	Count	Percentage
A.Adams	55	4%
B.Jefferson	350	26%
C.Lincoln	65	5%
D.Washington	178	13%
E.Other	25	2%
F.Don't Know	677	50%

31. What ocean is on the East Coast of the United States?

	Count	Percentage
A.Atlantic	796	59%
B.Pacific	122	9%
C.Indian	40	3%
D.Don't Know	392	29%

32. What are the two major political parties in the United States?

	Count	Percentage
A.Democrats and Republicans	681	50%
B.Other	162	12%
C.Don't Know	507	38%

33. We elect a U.S. Senator for how many years?

	Count	Percentage
A.Two	189	14%
B.Four	284	21%
C.Six	200	15%
D.Eight	121	9%
E.Ten	81	6%
F.Don't Know	475	35%

34. Who was the first President?

	Count	Percentage
A.Adams	58	4%
B.Bush	50	4%
C.Clinton	40	3%
D.Jefferson	240	18%
E.Kennedy	111	8%
F.Lincoln	284	21%
G.Obama	27	2%
H.Regan	40	3%

I.Roosevelt	41	3%
J.Washington	364	27%
K.Don't Know	95	7%

35. Who is in charge of the executive branch?

	Count	Percentage
A.The President	351	26%
B.The Chief Justice	61	5%
C.The Governor	120	9%
D.Other	95	7%
E.Don't Know	723	54%