

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2016 COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY

HYBRID PAPER/ONLINE¹ SURVEY AMONG 1,286 APS STUDENTS

TOPLINE REPORT²

Field Dates: March 7-29, 2016

Margin of Error: ±2.7%

What overall grade would you give to each of the following?

1. My school

76% TOTAL A/B (NET)

31% A (OUTSTANDING)

45% B (VERY GOOD)

17% C (AVERAGE)

5% TOTAL D/F (NET)

4% D (POOR)

1% F (FAILING)

2% I DON'T KNOW

* NO RESPONSE

2. The principal in my school

77% TOTAL A/B (NET)

45% A (OUTSTANDING)

32% B (VERY GOOD)

14% C (AVERAGE)

3% TOTAL D/F (NET)

2% D (POOR)

1% F (FAILING)

4% I DON'T KNOW

1% NO RESPONSE

¹ Students in grades 5 and 8 completed the paper version of the 2016 CSS. Sampled classrooms in grades 6, 7, 9, and 10 were provided "survey tickets" with unique log-in codes allowing them to complete the survey online via a hyperlink on the APS website.

² Percentages may not add to exactly 100% due to rounding.

3. My teachers

72% TOTAL A/B (NET)
29% A (OUTSTANDING)
43% B (VERY GOOD)

21% C (AVERAGE)

5% TOTAL D/F (NET)
4% D (POOR)
2% F (FAILING)

1% I DON'T KNOW
1% NO RESPONSE

To what extent do you agree with the following statements about your school?

4. "I am challenged by the lessons taught by my teachers."

70% TOTAL AGREE (NET)
23% STRONGLY AGREE
47% SOMEWHAT AGREE

18% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE

12% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)
7% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
5% STRONGLY DISAGREE

1% NO RESPONSE

5. "My teachers give me feedback about how well I am learning."

60% TOTAL AGREE (NET)
25% STRONGLY AGREE
35% SOMEWHAT AGREE

21% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE

18% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)
13% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
5% STRONGLY DISAGREE

1% NO RESPONSE



6. "I am stressed about school work."

62% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

36% STRONGLY AGREE
27% SOMEWHAT AGREE

16% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE

20% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

11% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
9% STRONGLY DISAGREE

1% NO RESPONSE

7. "I feel respected at school."

67% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

31% STRONGLY AGREE
36% SOMEWHAT AGREE

19% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE

12% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

8% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
4% STRONGLY DISAGREE

1% NO RESPONSE

8. "I feel supported by the adults in my school."

71% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

35% STRONGLY AGREE
36% SOMEWHAT AGREE

19% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE

9% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

6% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
3% STRONGLY DISAGREE

1% NO RESPONSE

9. "I feel welcomed at school."

73% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

42% STRONGLY AGREE
31% SOMEWHAT AGREE

18% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE

8% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

5% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
3% STRONGLY DISAGREE

1% NO RESPONSE

10. "I feel safe at school."

78% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

47% STRONGLY AGREE
30% SOMEWHAT AGREE

12% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE

8% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

4% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
4% STRONGLY DISAGREE

1% NO RESPONSE

11. Which of the following statements describe how you feel? *You may choose more than one response.*
[ACCEPTED MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

I like to go to school because...

80% I LIKE TO SEE MY FRIENDS
76% IT WILL HELP ME IN THE FUTURE, LIKE WITH COLLEGE OR GETTING A BETTER JOB
56% I WANT TO LEARN
43% I LIKE **[ELEM]** RECESS / **[SEC]** MY EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
40% I LIKE MY LESSONS, CLASSES, OR ACTIVITIES IN THE CLASSROOM
37% I LIKE MY TEACHERS

3% NONE OF THE ABOVE

12. Which of the following statements describe how you feel? You may choose more than one response.
[ACCEPTED MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

I do not like going to school because...

- 70% I DON'T LIKE TO WAKE UP EARLY FOR SCHOOL
- 50% I DON'T LIKE DOING MY HOMEWORK
- 47% I'M BORED IN SCHOOL
- 32% I AM NOT READY FOR A TEST OR HAVE NOT FINISHED MY HOMEWORK
- 20% I DON'T LIKE MY LESSONS
- 15% MY LESSONS ARE TOO HARD
- 14% I DON'T LIKE MY TEACHERS
- 13% I'M WORRIED ABOUT BULLYING OR TEASING
- 8% I HAVE FEW OR NO FRIENDS

- 12% NONE OF THE ABOVE

13. How do you feel about the number of students in your classes? Would you say there are...

- 72% JUST THE RIGHT NUMBER OF STUDENTS
- 23% TOO MANY STUDENTS
- 3% TOO FEW STUDENTS

- 3% NO RESPONSE

14. How do you feel about the amount of time you spend on homework?

- 42% I SPEND TOO MUCH OF MY AFTER-SCHOOL TIME ON HOMEWORK
- 33% I SPEND AN APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF MY AFTER-SCHOOL TIME ON HOMEWORK
- 8% I SPEND TOO LITTLE OF MY AFTER-SCHOOL TIME ON HOMEWORK

- 16% I DO NOT KNOW
- 1% NO RESPONSE

To what extent do you agree with the following statement?

15. "I was bullied at school this year."

17% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

- 7% STRONGLY AGREE
- 11% SOMEWHAT AGREE

14% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE

69% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

- 16% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
- 53% STRONGLY DISAGREE

- * NO RESPONSE

To what extent do you agree with the following statements about your school?

16. "School staff stops bullying in school whenever they see it."

51% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

23% STRONGLY AGREE
28% SOMEWHAT AGREE

29% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE

20% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

12% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
8% STRONGLY DISAGREE

1% NO RESPONSE

17. "When I have a problem at school, I am able to get help."

67% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

28% STRONGLY AGREE
39% SOMEWHAT AGREE

21% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE

11% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

8% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
4% STRONGLY DISAGREE

1% NO RESPONSE

18. "There is at least one adult in the school with whom I can discuss things that are important to me."

64% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

38% STRONGLY AGREE
27% SOMEWHAT AGREE

18% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE

16% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

8% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
8% STRONGLY DISAGREE

2% NO RESPONSE

19. **[ELEM.]** “I can talk with my counselor when I need to speak with him or her. / **[SEC.]** My counselor is accessible to me.”

71% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

39% STRONGLY AGREE
33% SOMEWHAT AGREE

16% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE

12% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

8% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
4% STRONGLY DISAGREE

1% NO RESPONSE

20. “I feel students of my race or culture are accepted by staff at school.”

80% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

59% STRONGLY AGREE
22% SOMEWHAT AGREE

13% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE

6% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

2% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
3% STRONGLY DISAGREE

1% NO RESPONSE

21. “I feel students of my race or culture are accepted by students at school.”

75% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

50% STRONGLY AGREE
26% SOMEWHAT AGREE

14% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE

9% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

6% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
3% STRONGLY DISAGREE

1% NO RESPONSE

22. "My teachers treat students fairly regardless of race, culture, or language."

79% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

55% STRONGLY AGREE
24% SOMEWHAT AGREE

13% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE

8% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

4% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
3% STRONGLY DISAGREE

1% NO RESPONSE

23. "I learn about other cultures in my school."

65% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

32% STRONGLY AGREE
33% SOMEWHAT AGREE

18% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE

15% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

9% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
7% STRONGLY DISAGREE

2% NO RESPONSE

24. "School staff help students who cannot speak English well."

69% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

41% STRONGLY AGREE
28% SOMEWHAT AGREE

23% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE

7% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

5% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
3% STRONGLY DISAGREE

2% NO RESPONSE

25. "In the last seven days, a teacher has given me recognition or praise for doing good schoolwork."

49% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

26% STRONGLY AGREE
24% SOMEWHAT AGREE

21% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE

28% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

12% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
17% STRONGLY DISAGREE

1% NO RESPONSE

26. Thinking about this school year, what do you do in your classes to learn about careers? You may choose more than one response. [ACCEPTED MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

29% WE LEARN WHAT SKILLS YOU NEED TO HAVE FOR DIFFERENT CAREERS
26% WE HAVE GUEST SPEAKERS WHO TALK ABOUT THEIR CAREERS
25% WE VISIT CAREER WEBSITES
23% WE WATCH VIDEOS ABOUT CAREERS
18% WE READ BOOKS ABOUT CAREERS OR ABOUT PEOPLE HAVE HAD A SPECIFIC CAREER
18% WE GO ON FIELD TRIPS RELATED TO CAREERS
14% WE PARTICIPATE IN CAREER FAIRS OR CAREER DAY
10% WE DO ROLE-PLAY ACTIVITIES RELATED TO CAREERS
9% WE PRACTICE APPLYING FOR JOBS

34% NOTHING

3% OTHER, SPECIFIED (RECORDED VERBATIM) (NET)

*All the cc we have great speakers.
Business and economics talk.
Career cafe.
Career center
Career Center
Class jobs.
Counselors
counselor came in and talked
Counselor talks about jobs
counselors talk to us about different pathways
Current News
For social studies we had imagination day and applied for jobs
having personal mentors of that specific career and ask questions if needed, like a counselor.
I don't care. I'll probably work at taco bell.
I don't go to career cafe.
I don't like school no homework would be hood
I don't know
I go to career center
I'm new
In English, we are doing a research project on careers that we are interested in.
Just learn in general/ talk about in class.
lessons from counselors about different careers
Ms. Kenney came in and talked to us
My classes are different. Sometimes we do all of the above, but sometimes we do not.
My counselor comes to talk.
Naviance does not help
Naviance is annoying and hard and a waste of my time.
Naviance is hard, annoying a complete waste of my time.
Naviance is Trash*

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nothing really

Our counselor came and spoke to us about our future.

Our counselors talk about careers.

Regular curriculum

Sometimes randomly come up.

Talk about careers.

Tener responsabilidad y valores.

These are drug.

They pressure us to find out for ourselves and soon.

We barely do anything job related.

We created a fake resume

We had Career Day but no career fairs, just listen to the guest about their job/career

We learn about some careers through regular curriculum

We research and write an essay about a problem involving a career we're interested in.

We talk about how to prepare for searching for a career

We watch slideshows.

We write essays and make videos about specific careers

27. **[ELEM.]** Thinking about this school year, what does your **counselor** do to help you learn about careers? You may choose more than one response.

70% HE/SHE VISITS MY CLASS TO TALK ABOUT CAREERS

15% HE/SHE HAS A CAREER CAFÉ WHERE I CAN LEARN ABOUT CAREERS

11% HE/SHE READS BOOKS ABOUT CAREERS TO OUR CLASS

18% NOTHING

11% OTHER, SPECIFIED (RECORDED VERBATIM) (NET)

Career website.

Has people come in to talk about their career.

He/she organizes a career day.

He/she takes us to websites.

M/s. Jaxsin Davise.

Randomly come up.

She gives us computers to look at a career website.

She has shown us a website where we learn about careers.

She helps us to go to middle school.

She showed us a website.

She talk to me.

She tells us about different careers.

She visit a website.

She went on a website that talks about career.

Shows us career websites.

Shows us website about different careers.

Videos about careers.

Visit career websites.

Watch video's.

We pick jobs and do them for a couple class periods see how we like them she sets up the website.

[SEC.] Thinking about this school year, what does your **counselor** do to help you learn about careers? You may choose more than one response.

- 45% THEY HELP ME WITH MY **[MS] SIX-YEAR / [HS] FOUR-YEAR** ACADEMIC PLAN.
- 43% THEY ASSIST ME WITH MY COURSE SCHEDULE BASED ON MY CAREER INTERESTS.
- 38% THEY TEACH ME HOW TO USE NAVIANCE TO EXPLORE CAREERS.
- 33% THEY TEACH ME HOW TO USE NAVIANCE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT MYSELF.
- 32% THEY GIVE ME ADVICE ABOUT COLLEGE BASED ON MY CAREER INTERESTS.
- 22% THEY PROVIDE ME WITH MATERIALS RELATED TO CAREERS AND CHOOSING A CAREER.

- 25% NOTHING

2% OTHER, SPECIFIED (RECORDED VERBATIM) (NET)

Bullying
Everything
Guess future schedule
Helps me with bullying
I don't know we have a counselor.
I haven't been able to meet with my counselor.
I need to get in touch w/my counselor.
I never really asked. So, I did not expect it.
job sites
Me en esena que es lo que tengo que hacer.
Naviance does not help
Naviance does not help me.
Naviance is Trash
Naviance is trash.
Not much in 8th grade.
Nothing specifically to me.
SAT prep / College trips & in school visits
She talked about it when doing schedules for next year.
they provided and explained a four year plan however I wouldn't necessarily say they helped
They showed me how to get onto Naviance, not helpful with scheduling
we have not discussed this particular topic

28. How frequently do you learn about different careers in school?

- 9% ONCE A WEEK
- 21% ONCE A MONTH
- 13% FOUR TIMES A YEAR
- 36% ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR
- 19% NEVER

- 3% NO RESPONSE

29. What grade are you in?

- 16% 5th GRADE
- 17% 6th GRADE
- 8% 7th GRADE
- 10% 8th GRADE
- 17% 9th GRADE
- 14% 10th GRADE
- 16% 11th GRADE
- 1% 12th GRADE

- * NONE OF THE ABOVE

- 3% NO RESPONSE

30. Are you:

- 48% MALE
- 47% FEMALE

- 5% NO RESPONSE

31. Are your parents, grandparents, or other people in your immediate family Spanish or Hispanic?

- 27% YES
- 71% NO

- 2% NO RESPONSE

32. Are you: (*select all that apply*)

- 53% WHITE
- 14% ASIAN
- 14% BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN
- 3% AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE
- 2% NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER

- 20% OTHER

- 11% PREFER NOT TO ANSWER/NO RESPONSE

33. Does anyone in your household speak a language other than English in your home?

50% NO
48% YES (SPECIFIED)

OTHER LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME (N=681)

39% SPANISH
7% FRENCH
5% AMHARIC
5% ARABIC
3% GERMAN
2% URDU
2% BENGALI
2% TAGALOG
2% ITALIAN
2% TIGRINYA
1% CHINESE
1% THAI
1% MONGOLIAN
1% FILIPINO
1% MOM
1% PORTUGUESE
1% RUSSIAN
1% NEPALI
1% VIETNAMESE
1% CANTONESE
1% HINDI
1% RUSSIAN
1% GREEK
1% KOREAN
1% SWEDISH
1% TURKISH
* FRENCH
* JAPANESE
* PORTUGUESE
* DAD
* HEBREW
* HINDI
* POLISH
* WOLOF
* BURMESE
* DUTCH
* MONGOLIAN
* VIETNAMESE
* BULGARIAN
* CROATIAN
* GUAJARATI
* KHMER
* LATIN
* LITHUANIAN
* MALAYSIAN
* MALIAN
* MANDARIN
* PARENTS
* QUECHA
* BABYSITTER
* CAMBODIAN



- * CZECH
- * ESTONIAN
- * FARSI
- * FLEMISH
- * GEORGIA
- * IGBO
- * IRISH
- * NIGERIAN
- * NORWEGIAN
- * ORO
- * ROMANIAN
- * SOMALIAN
- * SWAHILI
- * UYGHUR
- * UZBEKI
- * YORUBA

