

2019 Virginia School Climate Survey
 Student Version – Grades 4 & 5

Statewide

This report contains the average statewide responses to the 2019 Virginia School Climate Survey administered in January-March 2019 by the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), in partnership with the University of Virginia, as part of VDOE’s work to support the efforts of schools and divisions to improve school climate.

62% of schools with grades 4 or 5 participated and 84% of their 4th and 5th graders completed a survey. This report summarizes the survey responses from 96,379 students.

1. What grade are you in this year? *Mark one.*
 49% 4th Grade
 51% 5th Grade

1. ENGAGEMENT

A. EMOTIONAL ENGAGEMENT

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? *Mark one answer per line.*

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
2. I like this school.	3%	7%	48%	42%
3. I am proud to be a student at this school.	2%	7%	47%	43%
4. I feel like I belong at this school.	5%	13%	46%	36%

B. ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? *Mark one answer per line.*

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
5. I usually work hard on my schoolwork.	1%	6%	45%	48%
6. I want to learn as much as I can at school.	2%	5%	36%	57%
7. I learn about important things at school.	2%	5%	38%	55%

C. BEHAVIORAL ENGAGEMENT

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Mark one answer per line.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
8. It is important that I come to school every day.	2%	8%	37%	53%
9. I help my class make decisions at school.	7%	22%	52%	19%
10. I get to do interesting activities at school.	4%	9%	41%	47%

2. RELATIONSHIPS

A. RELATIONSHIPS AMONG STUDENTS

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Mark one answer per line.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
11. I care about other students at this school.	2%	5%	42%	52%
12. I get along well with other students at this school.	4%	11%	52%	33%
13. Other students at this school care about me.	7%	15%	54%	25%
14. Other students at this school get along well with me.	5%	13%	53%	29%
15. [Validity Screening Item] I am telling the truth on this survey.	1%	1%	18%	80%

B. ADULT RESPECT FOR STUDENTS

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

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
16. Teachers and other adults at this school care about me.	2%	4%	38%	55%
17. Teachers and other adults at this school want me to succeed.	1%	2%	25%	72%
18. Teachers and other adults at this school listen to what I have to say.	3%	9%	45%	42%
19. Teachers and other adults at this school treat me with respect.	2%	6%	39%	53%

C. STUDENT WILLINGNESS TO SEEK HELP

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

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
20. There are teachers or other adults at this school I could talk with if I needed help with something.	3%	5%	38%	54%
21. I am comfortable asking teachers or other adults at this school for help with my schoolwork.	4%	11%	42%	43%
22. I am comfortable asking teachers or other adults at this school for help to solve a problem I am having with another student.	7%	16%	41%	37%
23. Teachers and other adults at this school will help me if I have a problem.	2%	4%	39%	55%

D. SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING

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

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
24. I stop and think before doing anything when I get angry.	7%	18%	44%	30%
25. I work out disagreements with other students by talking with them.	6%	18%	51%	25%
26. I know how to disagree without starting an argument or a fight.	5%	13%	48%	33%
27. I know how to decide right from wrong.	2%	6%	46%	46%
28. I can control myself when I am upset.	7%	14%	44%	35%

3. EXPECTATIONS

A. ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

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

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
29. Teachers and other adults at this school expect me to succeed.	1%	3%	36%	60%
30. Teachers and other adults at this school provide me the support I need to succeed.	2%	5%	39%	54%
31. Teachers and other adults at this school challenge me academically.	4%	11%	46%	40%

B. INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES

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

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
32. Teachers and other adults at this school expect me to explain my answer to a question.	2%	5%	44%	50%
33. Teachers and other adults at this school ask me to think about different ways to solve problems.	2%	7%	46%	45%
34. I work on projects with other students in my class.	4%	9%	46%	41%
35. Teachers and other adults at this school ask me to talk about what I am learning.	4%	15%	50%	31%
36. Teachers and other adults at this school often connect what I am learning to life outside the classroom.	7%	20%	46%	27%

C. SCHOOL DISCIPLINE STRUCTURE

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

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
37. I know the difference between good and bad behavior.	1%	2%	26%	71%
38. I know what will happen if I break a school rule.	2%	4%	27%	67%
39. The school rules are fair.	6%	12%	37%	45%
40. I am recognized for my positive behavior.	4%	12%	44%	40%

4. SAFETY

A. CONCERNS ABOUT SAFETY

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Mark one answer per line.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
41. I feel safe at this school.	4%	8%	35%	53%
42. I feel safe traveling between my home and this school.	4%	7%	35%	54%

B. PREVALENCE OF BULLYING

What is bullying? Bullying is when someone is being hurt either by words or actions on purpose. The bully hurts the other person over and over. The other person feels that he or she can do nothing to stop it. Teasing and horseplay are not bullying. Bullying can happen anywhere. It can happen while going to school, at school, or while on-line.

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

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
43. Bullying is a problem at this school.	22%	26%	23%	29%
44. Students at this school are bullied about their clothing or how they look.	27%	27%	26%	20%
45. Students at this school are bullied about their race.	46%	29%	14%	11%
46. Students at this school are bullied about their disability.	42%	26%	18%	15%

C. BULLYING VICTIMIZATION

How often have the following occurred? Mark one answer per line.

	Never	Once or Twice	About Once per Week	More than Once per Week
47. Have you been bullied by a student at school in the past month?	62%	24%	5%	9%
48. Have you bullied someone at school in the past month?	86%	9%	2%	2%
49. Have you been bullied by an adult at this school this year?	90%	6%	2%	3%

[If answered positively to any question above (Q47-Q49)] You have just answered some questions about being bullied in some way.

	Yes	No
50. Did you tell a teacher or another adult at school what happened?	64%	36%

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 answer per line.

	No	One Time	A Couple of Times	Many Times
51. A student pushed or hit you when you were not playing around.	59%	20%	14%	7%
52. A student told a mean rumor or a lie about me.	47%	23%	17%	13%

5. DEMOGRAPHICS

53. Are you a boy or a girl? *Mark one.*

50% Boy 50% Girl

54. What is the best description of your race? *If you are more than one race, mark all that apply.*

6% American Indian or Alaska Native

7% Asian

24% Black or African American

2% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

57% White

24% Other Race

55. Are you Hispanic or Latino? *Mark one.*

18% Yes 82% No

56. How many parents live with you? Include biological, step, adoptive, and foster parents. *Mark one.*

3% None

15% One

68% Two

14% More than two

57. How far did your mother go in school? *Mark one.*

4% Did not graduate from high school

13% Graduated from high school

5% Graduated from a two-year college or technical school

12% Graduated from a four-year college

53% Completed post-graduate studies (such as a master's degree or doctoral degree) after graduating from a four-year college

0% I do not know

58. Does your family speak a language other than English at home? *Mark one.*

35% Yes 65% No

59. How many of the questions on this survey did you answer truthfully? *Mark one.*

84% All of them

7% All but 1 or 2 of them

7% Most of them

2% Some of them

1% Only a few or none of them