

## Cross-Walk: YouthTruth Family Survey | 5 Essentials

### Summary

**Both 5 Essentials and YouthTruth** family surveys are available in English and Spanish. With YouthTruth, families can toggle languages within the survey to whichever language they are most comfortable with.

**Both 5 Essentials and YouthTruth** are confidential surveys. No respondent names or other unique identifiers are connected with individual responses or used in any report.

**Both 5 Essentials and YouthTruth** include questions about overall satisfaction, empowerment, engagement, school safety, and communication with teachers and administrators.

**Only YouthTruth** includes questions about mission alignment, fairness, and respect.

**Only YouthTruth** allows the ability to disaggregate results by family members' race/ethnicity, gender, education level, socioeconomic status, and home language.

**Only YouthTruth** includes open-ended questions and the opportunity to provide qualitative feedback.

**Only 5 Essentials** includes questions about how often family members engage with the school, their barriers to engagement, the types of activities they do with their children at home, quality of school facilities, home internet access, and preferences about mode of communication.

### Cross Over

Of 5 Essentials's 53 questions for family members, 18 cross over to some extent with YouthTruth items.<sup>1</sup>

### Questions?

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<sup>1</sup> The YouthTruth Family Survey includes 44 questions.

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| <b>General</b>  |   |
| I would recommend this school to parents seeking a school for their child. (1 = <i>Strongly disagree</i> ; 5 = <i>Strongly agree</i> )  | How likely are you to recommend this school to a parent looking for a school for their child? ( <i>Not at all likely; Somewhat likely; Extremely likely; Not applicable</i> )     |
| My child is getting a high quality education at this school. (1 = <i>Strongly disagree</i> ; 5 = <i>Strongly agree</i> )  | Overall, how satisfied are you with the education your child is receiving at this school? ( <i>Very dissatisfied; Somewhat dissatisfied; Somewhat satisfied; Very satisfied</i> ) |
| What do you like most about this school? ( <i>Friendly and supportive teachers and staff; Strong academic programs; Support services and programs for parents and families; Strong extracurricular programs; Great supplies and/or facilities; Nothing; Other</i> )   |   |
| What is one area in which this school could improve? ( <i>Teachers and staff could do more to be more friendly and supportive; Stronger academic programs; More/better support services and programs for families; Stronger extracurricular programs; Better supplies and/or facilities; Nothing; Other</i> ) |   |
| Is there anything else you would like to share about areas where this school is doing well and/or areas where it could improve? ( <i>Open text</i> )  |   |
| <b>School Culture</b>   |   |
| How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (1 = <i>Strongly disagree</i> ; 5 = <i>Strongly agree</i> )  |   |
| My school is respectful of different races, ethnicities, genders, and backgrounds.  |   |
| My school's policies are administered fairly and consistently.  |   |
| My school runs smoothly.  |   |
| I am proud of my school.  |   |
| My school creates a friendly environment.   | To what extent do you feel welcomed when you enter the school? ( <i>Not at all; A little; Some; To a great extent</i> )   |
| My school's employees are committed to the success of the school.   |   |
| I understand my school's goals.   |   |
| I believe in my school's mission.   |   |
| Families and administrators care about each other.  |   |
| I feel valued by my school.   | To what extent do you feel your voice is valued at the school? ( <i>Not at all; A little; Some; To a great extent</i> )   |

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| Teachers are responsive to my concerns.  |  |
| <b>Engagement and Empowerment</b>  |  |
| How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (1 = <i>Strongly disagree</i> ; 5 = <i>Strongly agree</i> ) |  |
| I feel engaged with my school.   |  |
| I feel empowered to play a meaningful role in decision-making at my school.  | How often does the staff at this school do the following? Offer opportunities to participate in making decisions that affect the school community. ( <i>Never; Rarely; Often</i> ) |
| I have opportunities to contribute to helping my school.   | To what extent do you feel that you are an important part of improving the school? ( <i>Not at all; A little; Some; To a great extent</i> )  |
| Parent/family members are included in planning school activities.  | How often does the staff at this school do the following? Invite you to school events. ( <i>Never; Rarely; Often</i> )   |
| Parent/family groups (i.e. Parent-Teacher Association) make meaningful contributions to my school.                               |  |
| I feel represented by parent/family groups (i.e. Parent-Teacher Association) at my school.                                       | How often do you do the following? Attend scheduled PTA (parent, teacher and staff) meetings. ( <i>Never; Rarely; Occasionally; Usually; Always; Not applicable</i> )              |
| I feel informed about important decisions regarding my school.   | How often does the staff at this school do the following? Make you aware of the important information and news about the school. ( <i>Never; Rarely; Often</i> )                   |
| My school communicates a clear direction for the future.   |  |
| <b>Relationships</b>   |  |
| How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (1 = <i>Strongly disagree</i> ; 5 = <i>Strongly agree</i> ) |  |
| Administrators treat families with respect.  |  |
| Families treat administrators with respect.  |  |
| Teachers treat families with respect.  |  |
| Families treat teachers with respect.  |  |
| Teachers and students care about each other.   |  |
| Families and teachers care about each other.   |  |
| I feel comfortable approaching the administration about my concerns.   | To what extent do you feel comfortable sharing your concerns with the school leadership? ( <i>Not at all; A little; Some; To a great extent</i> )                                  |
| I feel comfortable approaching teachers about my child's progress.   | How often do teachers at this school do the following: Listen to my suggestions about how to best support my child. ( <i>Never; Once</i> )   |

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|   | <i>or twice a semester; 2-3 times a month; Once a week or more)</i>   |
| <b>Communication and Feedback</b>   |   |
| How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? <i>(1 = Strongly disagree; 5 = Strongly agree)</i> |   |
| I feel informed about school policies.  |   |
| I receive regular feedback about my child's progress.   | How often do teachers at this school do the following: Let me know what my child is working on in class. <i>(Never; Once or twice a semester; 2-3 times a month; Once a week or more)</i>                 |
| I receive information about what my child should learn and be able to do.   | How often do teachers at this school do the following: Contact me personally to discuss my child's academic achievement. <i>(Never; Once or twice a semester; 2-3 times a month; Once a week or more)</i> |
| Teachers clearly communicate expectations for my child's progress.  | How often do teachers at this school do the following: Provide suggestions for how to support my child on school. <i>(Never; Once or twice a semester; 2-3 times a month; Once a week or more)</i>        |
| <b>School Safety</b>  |   |
| How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? <i>(1 = Strongly disagree; 5 = Strongly agree)</i> |   |
| My child is safe from violence at school.   | How true is the following statement? My child feels safe at this school. <i>(Not at all; A little; Some; To a great extent)</i>   |
| My school is a safe place to learn.   | How true is the following statement? The teachers and the principal could do more to make the school a safe place. <i>(Not at all; A little; Some; To a great extent)</i>                                 |
| Discipline in this school is fair.  |   |
| My child is safe from bullying at school.   | How true is the following statement? My child is affected by bullying at this school. <i>(Not at all; A little; Some; To a great extent)</i>  |
| <b>Resources</b>  |   |
| How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? <i>(1 = Strongly disagree; 5 = Strongly agree)</i> |   |
| My school sets high expectations for students.  |   |
| My school has the resources necessary to achieve learning goals.  |   |
| My school has the resources necessary to prepare my child for the future.   | To what extent do you feel that this school is preparing your child for college? <i>(Not at all; A little; Some; To a great extent; Not applicable)</i>   |

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| My school provides the guidance necessary to help my child succeed.   |   |
| <b>Demographic Questions</b>  |   |
| What grade is your child in? ( <i>Kindergarten (K); First Grade (1<sup>st</sup>); Second Grade (2<sup>nd</sup>); Third Grade (3<sup>rd</sup>); Fourth Grade (4<sup>th</sup>); Fifth Grade (5<sup>th</sup>); Sixth Grade (6<sup>th</sup>); Seventh Grade (7<sup>th</sup>); Eighth Grade (8<sup>th</sup>); Ninth Grade (9<sup>th</sup>); Tenth Grade (10<sup>th</sup>); Eleventh Grade (11<sup>th</sup>); Twelfth Grade (12<sup>th</sup>); Other (please specify)</i> ) | Please select the grade level of your child. If you have multiple children at this school, please select the grade for your youngest child. |
| What is your race/ethnicity? ( <i>please check all that apply</i> ) (White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian; Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander; Hispanic/Latino; Other (please specify); Prefer not to say)  |   |
| What is your gender? ( <i>Male; Female; I identify in another way; Prefer not to say</i> )  |   |
| What is your relationship with your child? ( <i>Parent; Other (please specify)</i> )  |   |
| What is the highest level of education that you have completed? ( <i>Some high school; High school/GED; Some college; Associate degree or technical certificate; Bachelor's Degree; Graduate Degree; Prefer not to say</i> )  |   |
| At school, is your child able to receive lunch for free or at a lower price? ( <i>Yes; No; I'm not sure; Prefer not to say</i> )  |   |
| What is the primary language spoken in your home? ( <i>English; Spanish; Chinese; Vietnamese; Tagalog; Other (please specify)</i> )   |   |
| How many children do you have attending this school? ( <i>Just to remind you: if you have multiple children at this school, you may complete the survey again so you have the opportunity to respond about each child that attends the school.</i> ) ( <i>One (1); Two (2); Three (3); Four or more (4+)</i> )  | How many children do you have attending this school? ( <i>1; 2; 3; 4; 5 or more</i> )   |