

Black Family Friendly Survey



Some information about you...

Tell us a little about your child.

1. Which SFUSD school does your child attend?

(This information will be used to share summary level results with individual school sites that request it.)

2. What grade/s are your child/ren?

(Please fill out one survey per school. If your child attends more than one school, please fill out another survey for that child.)

- Kindergarten - 2nd
- 3rd - 5th
- 6th - 8th
- 9th-12th
- Other (please specify)

3. What race are you? (You may select more than one option.)

- White / European American
- Black / African-American
- Latino/a or Hispanic
- Asian-American
- Other (please specify)

4. What race is your child? (You may select more than one option.)

- White / European American
- Black / African-American
- Latino/a or Hispanic
- Asian-American
- Other (please specify)

Representation

Do Black families have a voice at your school and in the district?

5. Is there an African-American Parent Advisory Council (AAPAC) or other Black family group at your school?

- Yes
 - No
 - I don't know.
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6. SFUSD has a district African American Parent Advisory Council (AAPAC). Is your school represented?

- Yes
 - No
 - I don't know.
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7. Are Black families represented in parent & student leadership and other decision-making groups?

(This includes the School Site Council (SSC), Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) or Parent Teacher Association (PTA), etc.)

- Yes, very much so.
- Somewhat
- A little, but only minimally.
- No, not at all.
- I don't know.

Welcoming and Inclusive Environment

How welcome are Black families in school programs? Is Black culture celebrated? Is it valued and visible?

8. Is Black culture VALUED & VISIBLE?

Are there Black staff? Are their Black characters in the books your child reads? Do school celebrations and holidays make Black culture visible throughout the year? Does curriculum highlight contributions of Black scientists, mathematicians, writers, artists etc.?

- Yes, very much so.
- Somewhat, it could be better.
- A little, but only minimally.
- No, not at all.

9. Are Black children represented equitably in enrichment programs?

Black students make up 9% of SFUSD's overall population. Are Black families encouraged to apply and enroll in your school? Are they equitably represented in language immersion programs, Gifted and Talented Education students (GATE), Advanced Placement (AP), Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA), student clubs and other enrichment programs? What about after-school programming?

- Yes, very much so.
- Somewhat, it could be better.
- A little, but only minimally.
- No, not as far as I can see.
- I don't know.

10. Is the school a SAFE SPACE for learning?

Is your child's classroom safe (both physically and emotionally) for all children? What about before/after school, during recess, passing periods and free time? Does the school manage discipline in fair, transparent and equitable ways? Does your child feel physically and emotionally safe in some classrooms but not others? Or at some times, but not others? (For example, in class but not at recess?)

- Yes, very much so.
- Somewhat. I would say that there are very few times where children feel unsafe.
- Not really. There are many times where children feel unsafe.
- No, not at all.

Open, Two-Way Communication

***Do school staff value and welcome Black family questions, concerns and ideas?
Is communication open, regular and reciprocal?***

11. Do teachers CLEARLY EXPLAIN what your child is learning?

Are your child's teachers responsive when you ask questions about what is being taught? Do you understand teacher learning expectations and classroom management strategies? Do you know how teachers evaluate your child's learning?

- Yes, very much so.
 - Somewhat. Teachers could do a better job of communicating with families.
 - A little, but only minimally.
 - No, not at all.
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12. Do your child's teachers WELCOME your involvement?

How welcome do you feel when visiting your child's classroom? Do you feel invited to participate as a volunteer?

- Yes, very much so. They do a lot to make me feel welcome and included.
 - Somewhat or sometimes. It depends on the teacher or the situation.
 - Only minimally. The school could do a lot more to make families feel welcome and included.
 - No, not at all.
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13. Is your child's principal RECEPTIVE and RESPONSIVE?

Do you feel comfortable sharing feedback with the principal?

- Yes, very much so. He or she is consistently asking Black families for input.
 - Sometimes. He or she makes some effort, but it could be better.
 - A little, but only minimally. The principal is not always available or receptive to Black family input, or he or she doesn't always respond to questions or concerns.
 - No, definitely not. The principal seems to avoid Black families. When concerns are shared, nothing seems to happen.
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14. Do you feel encouraged to share both POSITIVE and NEGATIVE FEEDBACK?

Do school staff, students and other parents actively welcome your ideas, questions and observations? Or do you feel like your contributions are dismissed as those of an "angry" parent?

- Yes, always. I feel staff makes an effort to encourage Black families and students to provide feedback on school programs.
- Sometimes, or with some staff or parents. It depends on the situation.
- At times, but not consistently. The school staff and other involved families could do much more to listen to the needs of Black families.
- No, definitely not. The staff and/or other parents seem to avoid Black families or are dismissive of what they have to say.

Please share your experience and suggestions.

Please take a moment to share specific experiences, questions and observations about your school.

15. What is GOING WELL at your school? Share a story or example that illustrates what is WORKING WELL at your school.

16. What COULD BE IMPROVED at your school? Share a story or example that illustrates what is NOT WORKING at your school.

Contact Information

Please tell us a little about yourself so we can keep in touch and share results from this survey with you and your school.

Individual results will remain ANONYMOUS and will only be shared in aggregate with other families and district leaders. Personal information or identifying information WILL NEVER BE SHARED or sold to any third parties.

If you wish to remain ANONYMOUS, you may do so as well. Results will be posted on the SF Public School Mom blot located at www.SFPSMom.com in early November.

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Address	
ZIP/Postal Code	
Email Address	
Phone Number	

THANK YOU!!!

THANK YOU for taking time to share your experiences about SFUSD schools! The results of this survey will be summarized and used by family leaders and district staff to create safe, welcoming and inclusive schools for all Black families and students.

If you have any questions or want to learn more about this survey, feel free to contact Ali Collins

(the creator of this survey) at ali@spsmom.com. Or, check out her blog SFPSMom.com for more resources, tips and information on parenting, education and equity in SFUSD and in our nation's schools.