

**Pulaski County Public Schools
Comprehensive Plan Student Survey
Executive Summary**

Introduction

Recently, Pulaski County Public Schools administered a student survey designed to assist the Pulaski County School Board with the design of their Comprehensive Plan. The survey focused on gathering and analyzing student perceptions on how our middle and high schools were meeting the needs of a 21st Century student learner. Two thousand six hundred and sixty eight (2668) students were invited to participate from Dublin Middle School, Pulaski Middle School, and Pulaski County High School. We had two-thousand and eleven (2011) students, grades 6-12, respond to the online survey. In addition, we had one-hundred and twenty-six (126) students who chose not to respond.

Students completing the survey responded to twenty-five (25) statements. Students had a choice to respond to each of the twenty five (25) items using a 2-point scale, with 1 meaning you “Agree” with the statement, and 2 meaning you “I do not agree” with the statement.

The Comprehensive Plan Student Survey provides key indicators of the current situation for our school system. Pulaski County Public Schools’ results on the student survey identify areas for commendations and areas of challenges.

Commendations (Above Eighty (80) Percent)

- The main purpose of my school is to help students learn.
- My school has clear rules and consequences for my behavior.
- My school has school counselors, social workers and other personnel that support students.
- I know how to get help from an adult if I need it.
- My classes challenge me to think and solve problems.
- I am optimistic about my future.

Challenges (Below Sixty (60) Percent)

- My school provides a caring, encouraging environment.
- I feel safe at school.
- I spend three or more hours per week in school or community sports, clubs, or organizations.
- I spend three or more hours per week in lessons or practice in music, theater, or other arts.
- Most adults who work at my school care about all students, not just a few.
- I do an hour or more of homework each school day.
- I care about my school.

Survey: Comprehensive Plan Student Survey
Author: Pulaski County Public Schools
Responses Received: 2011

Participation is voluntary - if you do not want to take the survey, check the box below and then click submit at the bottom of the survey.

Response	Count	Percent
I choose not to respond to this survey.	126	100.0%

Your grade:

Response	Count	Percent
6th	314	15.8%
7th	317	16.0%
8th	314	15.8%
9th	288	14.5%
10th	298	15.0%
11th	252	12.7%
12th	201	10.1%

Gender:

Response	Count	Percent
Male	995	51.1%
Female	952	48.9%

	Agree	Do Not Agree
1. The main purpose of my school is to help students learn.	1723 (88.8%)	217 (11.2%)
2. I can go to my counselors, teachers, or school leaders for advice and support.	1416 (73.1%)	521 (26.9%)
3. My school provides a caring, encouraging environment.	1084 (56.1%)	849 (43.9%)
4. I feel safe at school.	1137 (58.8%)	796 (41.2%)
5. My school emphasizes lifetime healthy behaviors.	1222 (63.5%)	703 (36.5%)
6. My teachers make learning interesting by teaching in different ways.	1305 (67.7%)	622 (32.3%)
7. The adults who work at my school encourage me.	1315 (68.3%)	610 (31.7%)
8. The adults who work at my school care about me as a person.	1262 (65.9%)	652 (34.1%)
9. My school has clear rules and consequences for my behavior.	1559 (80.9%)	367 (19.1%)
10. I spend more than three or more hours per week in lessons or practice in music, theater, or other arts.	816 (42.5%)	1106 (57.5%)
11. My school has school counselors, social workers, and other personnel that support students.	1632 (85.4%)	278 (14.6%)
12. I know how to get help from an adult if I need it.	1638 (85.1%)	286 (14.9%)
13. Most adults who work at my school care about all students, not just a few.	1085 (56.7%)	827 (43.3%)
14. I spend three or more hours per week in school or community sports, clubs, or organizations.	1104 (57.5%)	817 (42.5%)
15. My school has specific goals that I understand.	1348 (70.6%)	560 (29.4%)
16. My classes challenge me to think and solve problems.	1550 (81.1%)	361 (18.9%)
17. School leaders and teachers hold all students to high expectations.	1332 (69.8%)	575 (30.2%)
18. I do an hour or more of homework each school day.	775 (40.5%)	1138 (59.5%)
19. I care about my school.	1106 (58.0%)	800 (42.0%)
20. My school's curriculum supports creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving.	1376 (72.6%)	520 (27.4%)
21. My school experiences prepare me to make decisions and plan ahead.	1398 (73.6%)	501 (26.4%)
22. My school experiences prepare me to resist negative peer pressure and avoid dangerous situations.	1188 62.4%	715 (37.6%)

23. My school experiences prepare me to be comfortable with people of different cultural, racial, and/or ethnic backgrounds.	1312 (69.3%)	580 (30.7%)
24. My school provides a well-rounded curriculum for all students, including rigorous programs in arts, foreign languages, and social studies.	1386 (73.0%)	513 (27.0%)
25. I am optimistic about my future.	1649 (86.7%)	254 (13.3%)