

**2013 Arlington Public Schools Site-Based Survey**

**New Directions**

*Only one parent response and one teacher response were received; not reported*

**Survey Response**

	Students		
	Countywide	Alternative Programs	New Directions
Sample Size	6,115	1,132	21
Response Rate	89%	81%	81%
Margin of Error at a 95% Confidence Level (+ or -)††	0.4%	1.4%	<b>10.6%</b>

**Survey Questions**

Overall grade for the following:	A (outstanding)=5 to F (failing)=1		
<b>Teacher:</b> Arlington Public Schools <b>Parent:</b> Arlington Public Schools in Arlington			
<b>Student* and Teacher:</b> My school <b>Parent:</b> My child's school	4.1	4.1	<b>3.6</b>
<b>Student*:</b> My teachers <b>Teacher:</b> The teachers in my school <b>Parent:</b> The teachers at child's school	4.2	4.3	<b>3.9</b>
<b>Student* and Teacher:</b> The principal in my school <b>Parent:</b> The principal of my child's school	4.2	4.0	<b>4.8</b>
<b>School Climate</b>	Strongly Agree=5 to Strongly Disagree=1		
<b>Parent*:</b> My child likes to go to school			
<b>Student:</b> I feel welcomed at school <b>Parent:</b> I feel welcomed at my child's school	4.2	4.3	<b>4.4</b>
<b>Student:</b> I feel respected at school <b>Teacher:</b> I feel respected at school	4.0	4.3	<b>4.2</b>
<b>Student:</b> I feel supported by the adults in my school. <b>Teacher:</b> I feel supported in the school.	4.2	4.3	<b>4.4</b>
<b>Student:</b> When I have a problem at school I am able to get help.	4.0	4.1	<b>4.5</b>
<b>Student:</b> There is at least one adult in my school with whom I can discuss things that are important to me.	4.0	4.0	<b>4.1</b>
<b>Student and Teacher:</b> I feel safe at school. <b>Parent:</b> My child feels safe at school.*	4.3	4.3	<b>4.4</b>
<b>Student:</b> School staff stops bullying in school whenever they see it.	3.7	3.7	<b>4.1</b>
<b>Instruction and Teacher Expectations</b>	Strongly Agree=5 to Strongly Disagree=1		
<b>Student:</b> My teachers do many different instructional activities in the classroom.	4.1	4.3	<b>4.0</b>
<b>Student:</b> My teachers encourage me to learn new things every day.	4.3	4.4	<b>4.2</b>
<b>Student:</b> My teachers believe I can do well at school.	4.5	4.5	<b>4.5</b>
<b>Parent*:</b> My child's teachers maintain consistent and high expectations for my child.			
<b>Cultural Competence</b>	Strongly Agree=5 to Strongly Disagree=1		
<b>Student:</b> I feel students of my race and cultures are accepted by <u>staff</u> at school.	4.4	4.4	<b>4.6</b>
<b>Student:</b> I feel students of my race and cultures are accepted by <u>students</u> at school.	4.3	4.3	<b>4.6</b>
<b>Student:</b> My teachers treat students fairly, regardless of race, culture or language.	4.4	4.4	<b>4.5</b>
<b>Student:</b> School staff helps students who cannot speak English well.	4.1	4.2	<b>4.1</b>
<b>Student:</b> I learn about other cultures in my school.	4.0	3.8	<b>4.1</b>
<b>Principal and Counseling</b>	Strongly Agree=5 to Strongly Disagree=1		
<b>Teacher:</b> The principal is responsive to concerns of schools and student needs.			
<b>Parent:</b> The principal is responsive to the concerns of parents and the community.			
<b>Teacher:</b> The principal is responsive to teachers.			
<b>Student†:</b> My principal takes action on the concerns or problems that students share with him or her.	4.1	4.0	<b>4.8</b>
<b>Student:</b> My counselor is accessible to me.	4.1	4.0	<b>4.4</b>
<b>Communication</b>	Strongly Agree= 5 to Strongly Disagree= 1		
<b>Teacher:</b> There is an atmosphere of open communication in my school.			
<b>Parent:</b> There is an atmosphere of open communication in my child's school.			
<b>Teacher:</b> My school does a good job of getting important school information to parents/guardians.			
<b>Parent:</b> My child's school does a good job of getting important school information to parents/guardians.			
<b>Instruction</b>	Very Satisfied=4 to Very Dissatisfied=1		
<b>Parent*:</b> Level of satisfaction with the quality of instruction that my child is receiving.			

Footnotes:	Grade	Agreement	Satisfaction
**Don't know" and †"not applicable" were excluded from the calculations of average scores.	5 (A - Outstanding)	5 (Strongly Agree)	4 (Very Satisfied)
**Middle schools include Gunston, Jefferson, Kenmore, Swanson, and Williamsburg; High schools include Wakefield, Washington-Lee, and Yorktown; Secondary schools include all middle and high schools and H-B Woodlawn Secondary Program.	4 (B - Very Good)	4 (Somewhat Agree)	3 (Somewhat Satisfied)
	3 (C - Average)	3 (Neither Agree or Disagree)	2 (Somewhat Dissatisfied)
	2 (D - Poor)	2 (Somewhat Disagree)	1 (Very Dissatisfied)
	1 (F - Failing)	1 (Strongly Disagree)	

†† When the margin of error is greater than +/-5%, the average responses are highlighted in red and should be interpreted with caution.