

## Public School Academy Student Survey (Draft Version)

*This survey is being administered to gain important information about you and your experiences as a student in a Michigan charter school. It is part of a self-evaluation by your school and an element of a statewide evaluation by the Michigan Department of Education. In some cases, you are being asked to provide factual information about yourself. In other cases you are being asked to provide your perceptions about the school itself and your experiences at this school and at other schools that you have attended. Your responses will be confidential and only used for research purposes. Thank you for your cooperation and the valuable information you will provide with completion of this survey.*

1. In what grade are you this year?  
(Circle correct response)

5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
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2. How old are you? (Circle correct response)

9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20>
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3. How many years, including this year, have you attended this school? (Circle correct response)

Less than 1	1	2	3	4	5	6
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4. What kind of school did you attend before enrolling in this school?

1. public school                     
  2. private school                     
  3. parochial/church-related school  
 4. home schooled                     
  5. did not attend school                     
  6. other (specify \_\_\_\_\_)

5. How many of your brothers and sisters are attending this or another charter school?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7 or more
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6. Why did you and your family choose this school. Rate the importance of the following factors by circling one number for each item (1=not important and 5=is very important).

	Not Important			Very Important	
a) This school has a convenient location	1	2	3	4	5
b) My parents thought this school is better for me	1	2	3	4	5
c) I was NOT doing very well at the previous school	1	2	3	4	5
d) This school is smaller	1	2	3	4	5
e) This school has better computers and other equipment	1	2	3	4	5
f) This school is safer	1	2	3	4	5
g) Teachers at the previous school did not help me enough	1	2	3	4	5
h) We heard that teachers were better in this school	1	2	3	4	5
i) My friends were attending this school	1	2	3	4	5

7. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (Circle the most appropriate response for each item, where 1= strongly disagree, 5=strongly agree and DK=don't know.)

	Strongly Disagree					Strongly Agree	Don't Know
	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
a) The grades I receive reflect what I think I deserve	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
b) I have more homework at this school than I had at my previous school	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
c) I think that I am learning more here than at the previous school I attended	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
d) Students at this school are more interested in learning than they were at my last school	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
e) My parents are glad that I attend this school	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
f) This school provides enough extracurricular activities for me	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
g) I thought the teachers at this school would be better	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
h) Every day my parents ask me what happened at school	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
i) I wish there were more courses I could choose from	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
j) I have a computer available at school when I need one	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
k) My grades are determined almost totally by tests	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
l) Students feel safe at this school	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
m) I am aware of the mission of my school	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
n) My teachers encourage me to think about my future	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
o) Students respect one another and their property	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
p) The school building is clean and well maintained	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
q) There are rules at this school that we must follow	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
r) There are students who don't follow the rules	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
s) If the teacher left the room, most students would continue to work on their assignments	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
t) Almost every assignment that I turn in to the teacher is returned with corrections and suggestions for improvement	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
u) Students take responsibility for their own achievement at this school	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
v) Teachers and administrators at this school know me by my name	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
w) My teacher is available to talk to me about academic matters, i.e., choice of classes to take, poor grades, etc.	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
x) This school is a good choice for me	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
<i>The following two questions should be answered only by those middle and high school students who have access to counselors</i>							
y) A counselor is available for me to talk with about personal problems.	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
z) A counselor is available for me to talk with about academic matters, i.e., choice of classes to take, poor grades, etc.	1	2	3	4	5	DK	

8. Would you recommend to a friend that he/she enroll in this school?  1. No  2. Yes  3. Not sure

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Do you maintain friendships with students from your old school?  1. No  2. Yes
10. How did you do in your previous school?  
 1. Excellent  2. Good  3. Average  4. Poor  5. Failing
11. How are you doing so far in this school?  
 1. Excellent  2. Good  3. Average  4. Poor  5. Failing
12. Compared to your previous school, how interested are in your school work?  
 1. More interested than at previous school  
 2. About the same as at previous school  
 3. Less interested than at previous school
13. What is your gender?  1. Girl  2. Boy
14. What is your race/ethnicity?  1. White, not of Hispanic origin  2. Black, not of Hispanic origin  
 3. Hispanic  4. Asian or Pacific Islander  5. Native American
15. What is the highest level of education you plan to complete?  
 1. High school  2. Two-year college  3. Four-year college  
 4. Graduate school  5. Not sure at this time
16. What is the greatest strength or the thing you like most about this school? \_\_\_\_\_  
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17. What is the biggest problem or thing that you dislike most at this school? \_\_\_\_\_  
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18. Other comments (attach additional sheets of paper if you wish)  
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*Thank you for your help and valuable input.*