

Hastings Public School District
Fall 2026 Student Life Survey

You are an expert on what life at school is like, so we really want to hear your thoughts.

Your answers won't be graded, but think carefully about the question and answer them as best as you can. Thank you for helping us!

A Little about You

What is your grade?

- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 6
- ☐ 7
- ☐ 8
- ☐ 9
- ☐ 10
- ☐ 11
- ☐ 12

Student Data Load: Special Education?

- ☐ No
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5

Student Data Load: Free or Reduced Lunch?

- ☐ None
- ☐ Free
- ☐ Reduced

Student Data Load: English Language Learner?

- ☐ No
- ☐ LEP
- ☐ Exited LEP

Student Data Load: Gifted and Talented?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Student Data Load: Ethnicity

- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 6
- ☐ 7

Student Data Load: School

- ☐ Hastings High School
- ☐ Hastings Middle School
- ☐ John F Kennedy Elementary
- ☐ Christa McAuliffe Elementary
- ☐ Pinecrest Elementary

Student Data Load: Gender

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ X

Student Data Load: Grade level

- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5

- ☐ 6
- ☐ 7
- ☐ 8
- ☐ 9
- ☐ 10
- ☐ 11
- ☐ 12
- ☐ 13

Classes and Teachers

Do you agree with each sentence below?					
My teachers make their classes fun and interesting.	Definitely	Sort of	Not really	No	Don't know/ Doesn't apply
My teachers explain things in a way that I get.	Definitely	Sort of	Not really	No	Don't know/ Doesn't apply
I can relate to what I'm learning at school.	Definitely	Sort of	Not really	No	Don't know/ Doesn't apply
My teachers call on me in class.	Definitely	Sort of	Not really	No	Don't know/ Doesn't apply
I can go online or use a school issued device when I need it. (Excluding cell phones)	Definitely	Sort of	Not really	No	Don't know/ Doesn't apply
If I need help, I can talk to my teachers outside of class.	Definitely	Sort of	Not really	No	Don't know/ Doesn't apply
I try my best at school.	Definitely	Sort of	Not really	No	Don't know/ Doesn't apply
In my classes, I am challenged to think deeply and solve difficult problems instead of memorizing facts.	Definitely	Sort of	Not really	No	Don't know/ Doesn't apply

If you answer “not really” or “no” on any statement, please explain why below and include specific examples.

Life at School

Do you agree with each sentence below?					
I feel safe at school.	Definitely	Sort of	Not really	No	Don't know/ Doesn't apply
I feel safe answering questions in class even when I'm not sure I have the right answer.	Definitely	Sort of	Not really	No	Don't know/ Doesn't apply
Most kids at school follow the rules.	Definitely	Sort of	Not really	No	Don't know/ Doesn't apply
My classmates behave well enough so I can pay attention in class.	Definitely	Sort of	Not really	No	Don't know/ Doesn't apply
Teachers treat me with respect.	Definitely	Sort of	Not really	No	Don't know/ Doesn't apply
If I were bullied, I would feel comfortable talking to someone about it.	Definitely	Sort of	Not really	No	Don't know/ Doesn't apply
I know my teachers care about me.	Definitely	Sort of	Not really	No	Don't know/ Doesn't apply
I can be myself at school.	Definitely	Sort of	Not really	No	Don't know/ Doesn't apply
Teachers and adults make sure everyone follows the rules.	Definitely	Sort of	Not really	No	Don't know/ Doesn't apply
I get the information I need about the things that matter to me at school.	Definitely	Sort of	Not really	No	Don't know/ Doesn't apply

If you answer “not really” or “no” on any statement, please explain why below and include specific examples.

People Around Me

Do you agree with each sentence below?					
I have friends to sit with at lunch or hang out with at school.	Definitely	Sort of	Not really	No	Don't know/ Doesn't apply
If I have a big problem, there is an adult at school I can talk to about it.	Definitely	Sort of	Not really	No	Don't know/ Doesn't apply
My parents/guardians help me with school as much as they can if I ask.	Definitely	Sort of	Not really	No	Don't know/ Doesn't apply
I like helping other people when I can.	Definitely	Sort of	Not really	No	Don't know/ Doesn't apply
I like working in groups with my classmates.	Definitely	Sort of	Not really	No	Don't know/ Doesn't apply
I like telling my family and friends about the fun things I learn at school.	Definitely	Sort of	Not really	No	Don't know/ Doesn't apply

If you answer “not really” or “no” on any statement, please explain why below and include specific examples.

My Learning (Grades 4-8)

Please check any of the things in the list below that make learning hard for you.

- ☐ Can't hear the teacher in class
- ☐ Can't keep up with homework
- ☐ Can't see the board
- ☐ Distracting students or distracting behaviors in my classes
- ☐ Not keeping organized/not managing my time
- ☐ Not understanding English
- ☐ Teachers treat me worse than they treat other kids

The time I spend on my school issued device in class is:

- ☐ Too much
- ☐ Just right
- ☐ Not enough

My Learning (Grades 9-12)

The homework and projects I'm assigned help me learn and are more than just busywork.

- ☐ Definitely 😄
- ☐ Sort of 😊
- ☐ Not really 😐
- ☐ No 😞
- ☐ Don't know/Doesn't apply 🤔

Please check any of the things in the list below that make learning hard for you.

- ☐ Can't hear the teacher in class
- ☐ Can't keep up with homework
- ☐ Can't see the board
- ☐ Distracting students or distracting behaviors in my classes
- ☐ Don't know how/what to study
- ☐ Not keeping organized/not managing my time
- ☐ Not understanding English
- ☐ Teachers treat me worse than they treat other kids
- ☐ Too much competition for grades/test scores

The time I spend on my school issued device in class is:

- ☐ Too much
- ☐ Just right
- ☐ Not enough

I have opportunities to explore interests, careers, colleges, trades or other options for my future.

- ☐ Definitely
- ☐ Sort of
- ☐ Not really

Our School

Most days, I like my school.

- ☐ 0 - Not at all!
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5 - Sort of
- ☐ 6
- ☐ 7
- ☐ 8
- ☐ 9
- ☐ 10 - Definitely!

Pretend a new student just moved here. They are starting at your school very soon. What would you tell them are the three best things about my school?

Pretend a new student just moved here. They are starting at your school very soon. What would you tell them are the top three ways my school could be better?