

**JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2000-2001 COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SURVEY
MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS**

School District Totals

Location No. All

Total Responses: 14,471

Sex:

Male	Female	Total Resp.
6,768	7,124	13,892
48.7%	51.3%	

Race:

African American	White	Other	Total Resp.
4,250	8,742	987	13,979
30.4%	62.5%	7.1%	

Grade:

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Total Responses
5,064	4,706	4,450	14,220
35.6%	33.1%	31.3%	

Strongly Agree	Strongly Disagree
5	1
4	2
3	3
2	4
1	5

A SCHOOL CLIMATE AND ATMOSPHERE

	Male			Female			Avg.
	1,904	4,210	448	2,184	4,279	504	
	Afr. Am.	White	Other	Afr. Am.	White	Other	
1 Administrators do a good job of maintaining discipline.	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.8
2 The assistant principal(s) does a good job working with students.	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.8
3 School counselors or deans meet with our classes on occasion.	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3
4 I believe I can talk with my counselor or dean.	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.8
5 My parent(s)/guardian(s) feels welcome at my school.	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.1
6 My parent(s)/guardian(s) encourages me to do my best.	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.8
7 My parent(s)/guardian(s) helps me with my homework.	4.1	4.0	3.8	4.2	4.1	3.9	4.1
8 The school gives students the recognition they deserve.	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.6
9 Most students believe the principal will listen to their concerns.	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.4
10 Students know school rules and follow them.	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	3.0	2.8	2.9
11 Most students are respectful to the adults in my school.	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.4	3.1	3.2
12 Students in my school are respectful to one another.	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.7	3.0	2.8	2.9
13 The adults in my school treat students fairly.	3.3	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.7	3.5	3.5
14 Most students in my classes want to learn.	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.8	3.5	3.4	3.5
15 Students are involved in making decisions about things that affect them.	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.6
16 Students, staff, and parents work together to improve my school.	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.7
17 I feel I have a friend of my own age to turn to when I need to talk.	3.9	4.1	3.9	4.3	4.6	4.3	4.2
18 My school is clean.	3.1	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.6	3.3	3.4
19 I am proud of my school.	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.8	3.7	3.6
20 Teachers at my school treat students fairly.	3.3	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.6
21 Teachers expect students to follow rules.	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.5
22 My teachers really care about me as a person.	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.8
23 My teachers listen to my questions and concerns.	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.8
24 My teachers write notes or talk with my parents/guardians.	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6
25 Teachers encourage me to do the best work I can.	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2
26 Adults in my school building set a good example for students.	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.8	3.8
CATEGORY AVERAGE	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.7

B QUALITY OF EDUCATION

	Male			Female			Avg.
	Afr. Am.	White	Other	Afr. Am.	White	Other	
1 I would rather go to this school than any other public school.	3.1	3.6	3.4	3.1	3.8	3.5	3.5
2 I would rather go to this school than a private or parochial school.	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.1	4.1	3.9	4.1
3 I understand what is required of me in all of my classes.	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.4
4 I like to come to school.	3.3	3.0	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.3
5 My JCPS education will prepare me for college or employment.	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.1
6 Class time is focused on academics.	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.0
7 Activities done in class are interesting and keep my attention.	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.5
8 Using a computer is a regular part of my school day.	2.9	2.6	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.9	2.7
9 I spend time in the library/Media Center to do my assignments.	2.5	2.2	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.4
10 My teachers work hard to help me learn.	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0
11 My teachers expect me to learn a great deal.	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.3

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	Afr. Am.	White	Other	Afr. Am.	White	Other	
12 My school has the equipment, books, and supplies I need in order to learn.	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.2
13 When I write an essay, I know what my teachers expect from me in order to earn a particular grade (A, B, C).	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3
14 The learning activities I do at school make me a better reader.	4.0	3.7	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.9
15 The learning activities I do at school make me a better math student.	4.0	3.9	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.0
16 The learning activities I do at school make me a better writer.	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.0
17 I know what areas of instruction my teachers will focus on for this school year.	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.7
18 I understand the writing portfolio process and what items I am expected to write	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1
19 I understand the meaning of purpose and audience in my writing.	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.0
20 I am collecting writing pieces from all my classes in a working folder.	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.6
21 I am allowed to select books I want to read as homework for my classes at school	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.5
22 To be a successful writer, I must first focus on grammar and sentence structure.	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.1	4.2	4.1
23 Homework assignments are related to the work I do in the classroom.	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.3
CATEGORY AVERAGE	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.8

C SAFETY

	Male			Female			Avg.
	Afr. Am.	White	Other	Afr. Am.	White	Other	
1 I believe the adults in my school would take care of any unsafe situation.	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.1
2 The adults in my school do a good job of being seen during class changes and other times when groups of students are together.	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.0
3 When safety concerns are reported to the adults in my school, they are handled in a timely manner.	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1	3.9	4.0
CATEGORY AVERAGE	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.0	4.0

I feel safe:	Number Responding To: "Does Not Apply"	Male			Female			Avg.
		Afr. Am.	White	Other	Afr. Am.	White	Other	
4 riding a school bus.	2,734	3.9	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.1	3.9	4.0
5 at the bus stop.	3,386	3.8	4.2	4.0	3.8	4.1	3.8	4.0
6 walking to and from school.	8,490	3.6	3.8	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.4	3.7
7 in the classrooms.		4.2	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.3
8 in the cafeteria.		4.1	4.2	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.2
9 in the hallways during class changes.		4.0	4.0	3.8	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.0
10 in the rest rooms at school.		3.7	3.7	3.5	3.9	4.0	3.8	3.8
11 outside the building before and after school.		3.9	3.9	3.8	3.9	4.0	3.8	3.9
12 when I participate in activities before or after school.		4.1	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.1	4.2
13 when I attend school events (sports, festivals, concerts, etc.).		4.1	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.2
CATEGORY AVERAGE		3.9	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.2	4.0	4.0

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Major Problem	No Problem
5 4 3 2 1	

Please rate the following as current problems at your school:

	Male			Female			Avg.
	Afr. Am.	White	Other	Afr. Am.	White	Other	
14 Vandalized school property	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.6	2.6
15 Stolen or vandalized personal property	3.0	2.8	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.9	2.8
16 Gang activities	2.5	2.2	2.4	2.2	1.9	2.2	2.1
17 Use of alcohol on school property	2.1	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.9	1.8
18 Use of drugs on school property	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.0	1.8	2.0	2.0
19 Sale of drugs on school property	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.8	1.8
20 Presence of weapons on school property	2.1	1.9	2.1	1.9	1.6	1.9	1.8
21 Arguments or fights between students of different races/cultures	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.0
CATEGORY AVERAGE	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.3	2.2

Percent of "Yes" responses

Within the past 12 months:

	Male			Female			Avg.
	Afr. Am.	White	Other	Afr. Am.	White	Other	
22 have you been physically assaulted while on school property?	24%	25%	27%	16%	15%	18%	20%
23 have you seen a student being physically assaulted at school?	50%	52%	56%	40%	39%	44%	46%
24 have you seen a weapon (knife, gun, etc.) carried or kept by anyone on school property?	23%	23%	23%	15%	13%	15%	18%
25 have you seen drugs carried, sold, or used by anyone on school property?	25%	28%	26%	20%	21%	18%	23%
CATEGORY AVERAGE	31%	32%	33%	23%	22%	24%	27%

D MISCELLANEOUS

1 I participate in sports, school clubs, or other student activities after school?	60%	50%	50%	58%	57%	57%	55%
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Count of responses

	Male			Female			Count
	Afr. Am.	White	Other	Afr. Am.	White	Other	
2 I work after school or on weekends:							
A. I am not employed.	1,037	2,917	292	1,470	3,222	344	9,282
B. Less than 10 hours per week	335	586	71	304	570	64	1,930
C. 10 to 20 hours per week	101	233	20	112	177	29	672
D. 20 to 30 hours per week	40	77	7	40	51	8	223
E. 30 to 40 hours per week	39	64	7	22	28	9	169
TOTAL RESPONSES	1,552	3,877	397	1,948	4,048	454	12,276

E MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT REPORT CARD

1 Overall, I would give my school a grade of:	Male			Female			Avg.
	Afr. Am.	White	Other	Afr. Am.	White	Other	
A = 4	300	704	80	362	843	114	2,403
B = 3	524	1,399	143	712	1,646	167	4,591
C = 2	395	859	83	571	948	101	2,957
D = 1	157	393	36	204	292	53	1,135
U = 0	173	300	34	115	132	23	777
CATEGORY AVERAGE	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.6	2.6