

Panorama Education Survey FAQs

About The Survey

1. **How was the survey developed?**

The Panorama Student Survey was developed under the leadership of Dr. Hunter Gehlbach, Associate Professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and Director of Research at Panorama Education. The research team followed a rigorous survey development process that involved multiple rounds of piloting and refinement, following cognitive interviews with students, an extensive review of survey literature, and feedback from experts around the country. For more information about the research methodology, including a validity brief, please visit <https://www.panoramaed.com/panorama-student-survey>.

2. **What does the survey measure?**

The Panorama Education survey is designed to capture student voice and allow students to express their perspectives about teaching and learning, culture and climate, and their classroom experiences. The Student Supports and Environments portion of the survey allows for students to offer feedback specifically about school safety, their sense of belonging, teacher-student relationships, cultural awareness, and diversity and inclusion. The Student Social-Emotional Learning Competency Measures allows students to reflect on their feels and behaviors in relation to positive and challenging feelings, supportive relationships, and positive behaviors around anxiety.

3. **Will parents have an opportunity to review the survey?**

Parents/guardians are provided with the questions prior to the administration of the survey via our district newsletters, email, and website. Parents/guardians may view the questions at any time. The version for students in grades 3-5 has fewer items and uses language and vocabulary more accessible to younger students compared to the version for students in grades 6-12.

4. **Will this impact my child's grades?**

No. There is no credit or grade which is given to students for participating or not participating. The survey is totally voluntary. There are no right or wrong responses.

5. **What if I don't want my student(s) to participate?**

Families are notified prior to the administration of the Panorama Education survey in a variety of ways. The district sends notification of the surveys through parent email, district newsletters, as well as posting information on school and district websites. Parents/guardians are able to complete a brief [online opt-out form](#) to exclude their child from participating during the current school year. Opt-out forms for the Panorama survey only need to be completed once per school year. Because the time needed to give the survey is brief, students who have opted-out are given the opportunity to do other tasks (homework, study, reading on their own) while those who are participating complete the survey.

Survey Logistics

6. How is the survey administered?

Students use an electronic device to access their MyOLSD portal and connect to a secure online survey link. The surveys are taken at school during the school day, under supervision of staff.

7. How much time does the survey take to complete?

The survey is given twice in each school year, once in the fall and again each spring. On average elementary students complete the survey in 16 minutes, middle school students in 10 minutes, and high school students in 9 minutes.

8. What accommodations are given for students with special needs?

Our goal is to be as inclusive as possible in order to capture the wide variety of student perspectives in our district. The survey is offered in both English and Spanish. For younger students or struggling readers, teachers/counselors are encouraged to read the survey aloud to help students more easily comprehend the materials. Additionally, a simplified likert scale is offered to younger students to aid in their understanding of possible responses to the survey. Students with disabilities are provided accommodations identified in their IEPs during the survey administration.

Survey Results

9. Are students' responses anonymous?

Student responses to the survey items are anonymous.

10. What does Olentangy do with the information provided by the surveys?

The primary purpose of the survey is to understand students' perspectives. District leadership, school administrators, and staff review the data to understand areas of strength and growth opportunities in order to better serve students and provide targeted student supports. The information is used as one of many measures to understand our progress in relation to our strategic plan.

11. Is the survey used as a social-emotional screener?

The Panorama Education survey is not used as a screener. Rather, the survey is used as a tool to better understand student well-being. The survey is not used as a diagnostic tool.

12. Can parents/guardians review their student's responses?

Because the information from the survey is anonymous, parents/guardian's are unable to view individual student responses.