

Evaluation of the DC Opportunity Scholarship Program

Elementary (Grades 4-5) Student Questionnaire

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Please answer all the questions.

Part 1: About You

This first section asks about you.

Q1. Are you a

- Boy..... ¹
- Girl?..... ²

Q2. How many people are living in your home, including you? _____

Q3. Do you speak English at home?
(✓ Check one)

- Yes..... ¹
- No..... ²

Q4. Starting with first grade, how many schools have you gone to?
(✓ Check one)

- One school..... ¹
- Two schools..... ²
- Three schools..... ³
- Four or more schools..... ⁴

Q5. Do you mostly agree or mostly disagree with the comments below about yourself?
(✓ Check one box on each row)

	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree
a. I feel good about myself.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²
b. If I work really hard, I will do well in school.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²
c. Good luck is more important than hard work to do well in school.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²
d. I am able to do things as well as most other people.	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²
e. Every time I try to get ahead, something or somebody stops me.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²
f. I am satisfied with myself.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²
g. When I make plans, I am almost sure I can make them work.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²

Q6. How often do you read for fun?
(✓ Check one)

- Every day..... ¹
- Most days..... ²
- Some days..... ³
- Never..... ⁴

Q7. How far do you expect to go in school?
 (✓ Check one)

- Some high school, but will not finish..... ¹
- Will finish high school..... ²
- Some college, but will not finish..... ³
- Will finish a 2 year college..... ⁴
- Will finish a 4 year college..... ⁵
- Will go to more school after college..... ⁶

Q8. Have you done any of these things this year?
 (✓ Check yes or no on each row)

	Yes	No
a. Took part in girl scouts or boy scouts.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²
b. Took part in groups at your church.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²
c. Played on team sports (like Little League)...	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²
d. Went to religious services.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²
Took classes in:		
e. Art, music, or dance.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²
f. Foreign language.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²
g. Religion.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²
h. Sports exercise or gym.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²
i. Helped work for the good of your community or volunteered at your school or in your community.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²

Q9. On a regular school day, how long are you at home after school with no adult there?
 (✓ Check one)

- Never, hardly ever..... ¹
- Less than 1 hour..... ²
- 1-2 hours..... ³
- 2-3 hours..... ³
- More than 3 hours..... ⁴

Q10. How often do you talk to adults in your family about:
 (✓ Check one box on each row)

	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Good things at school.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴
Problems you face at school.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴
Other topics that interest you.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴

Q11. How many of your friends do your parents know by name?
(✓ Check one)

- All of them ¹
- Most of them..... ²
- Some of them..... ³
- None of them..... ⁴

Part 2: About Your School

This section asks about your school and your school experiences.

Q12. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about your school?
(✓ Check one box on each row)

	Agree strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Students are proud to go to this school.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴
Students learn a lot at the school.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴
Rules about behavior are strict.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴
When students misbehave, they receive the same treatment.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴
I don't feel safe.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴
People at my school support me.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴
I feel lonely at my school.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴
I enjoy going to school.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴

Q13. What overall grade would you give your school?
(✓ Check one)

- A-Excellent..... ¹
- B-Good..... ²
- C-Fair..... ³
- D-Unsatisfactory..... ⁴
- F-Failing..... ⁵

Q14. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about the students and teachers in your school?
 (✓ Check one box on each row)

	Agree strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Students				
a. Students behave well in my classes....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴
b. Students neglect their homework.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴
c. In class, I often feel made fun of by other students.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴
d. Other students often disrupt class.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴
e. Students who behave badly often get away with it.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴
Teachers				
f. Most of my teachers really listen to what I have to say.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴
g. My teachers are fair.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴
h. My teachers expect me to succeed.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴
i. Some teachers ignore cheating when they see it.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴

Q15. Did the following ever happen to you at school this year?
 (✓ Check one box on each row)

	Never	Once or twice	3 times or more
a. Had something stolen from your desk, locker, or other place.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³
b. Had someone use force or threats to take money or things from you.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³
c. Been offered drugs.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³
d. Been physically hurt by another student.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³
e. Been threatened with physical harm.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³
f. Seen anyone with a real or toy gun or knife at school.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³
g. Been bullied at school.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³
h. Been called a bad name.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³

Q16. How many times during the last two weeks were you:
 (✓ Check one box on each row)

	Never	1 or 2 times	3 or 4 times	5 or more times
a. Absent from school.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴
b. Late for school.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴

Part 3: About Your Classes

This next section asks questions about the classes you are taking at school.

Q17. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about your classes this year?
 (✓ Check one box on each row)

	Agree strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Class work was hard to learn.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴
I had trouble keeping up with the homework.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴
I need more help from my teachers than I get.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴
I understand what teachers explain in my class.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴
Teachers encourage me to do my best.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴

Q18. How many nights per week do you usually do homework?
 (✓ Check one)

- Zero nights per week..... ⁰
- 1 night per week..... ¹
- 2 nights per week..... ²
- 3 nights per week..... ³
- 4 nights per week..... ⁴
- 5 nights per week..... ⁵

Go to Question 20

Q19. How many minutes do you usually spend doing homework per day?

_____ (minutes)

Q20. During the past month, how often did your parents help you with your homework?
(✓ Check one)

- Never ¹
- Once ²
- 2-3 times..... ³
- 4-5 times ⁴
- 6 or more times ⁴

Part 5: About Private School Scholarships

This last section asks if you had a chance to attend a private school for free.

Q21. Did you receive a scholarship to go to a private school this year?
(✓ Check one)

- Yes..... ¹ Go to Question 22
- No..... ² **STOP** – please hand in your survey
- I Don't Know ³ **STOP** – please hand in your survey

Q22. Were you involved in deciding whether to go to a private school?
(✓ Check one)

- Yes..... ¹
- No..... ²

Q23. Are you now going to a private school using the scholarship you were offered?
(✓ Check one)

- a. **Yes**, I am now going to private school..... ¹
- b. **No**, I was offered a scholarship to attend a private school but decided not to use it..... ² Go to Question 24 on the next page
- c. **No**, I used the scholarship to attend a private school but I left that school..... ³ Go to Question 25 on the next page



STOP – please hand in your survey

Q24. If you were offered a scholarship to attend a private school but decided not to use it, why?
(✓ Check all that apply)

- a. I did not want to leave my friends in public school..... 01
- b. My public school has sports that the private school(s) did not..... 02
- c. I thought the work might be too hard for me in the private school(s)..... 03
- d. There was no space at the participating private school I wanted to attend..... 04
- e. The private school(s) I was interested in were too far from my home or too hard to get to..... 05
- f. My public school teachers are better..... 06
- g. I got into a charter school..... 07
- h. I did not want to be held back a grade..... 08
- i. I did not want to have religious instruction.... 09
- j. I do not have to wear a uniform in public school..... 10
- k. The private school I wanted was not participating..... 11



STOP – please hand in your survey

Q25. If you used the scholarship to attend a private school but left that school during the year, why?
(✓ Check all that apply)

- a. I did not like that private school..... 01
- b. The work at that private school was too hard..... 02
- c. The work at that private school was too easy..... 03
- d. It was too hard to get to that private school each day..... 04
- e. The discipline/rules were too strict at that private school..... 05
- f. I was unable to make friends in that private school..... 06
- g. The religious activities at that private school made me uncomfortable..... 07
- h. I wanted to return to my friends in public school..... 08
- i. I liked my public school better than that private school..... 09
- j. There was another private school I liked better..... 10

Thank you, please hand in your survey.