



School District 105

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Dear District 105 Parents and Guardians,

Introduction

District 105 has conducted parent surveys for the past ten years. Over the years, survey responses from our parents have helped us improve our:

- Communication about student progress
- The rigor and personalization of our instructional program
- Identification of new programs and services, including Full Day Kindergarten
- Use of technology in the classroom, including our fifth through eighth grade 1:1 initiatives
- Timely communication on our district, school, and classroom websites
- Consistency in expectations for the time students devote to homework
- Support for students in developing positive and respectful relationships

Every other year, we administer a state parent survey entitled, **5Essentials: Organizing Schools for Improvement**. This short survey focuses on five areas that affect school success: leadership, collaboration, family involvement, school environment, and instruction. I strongly encourage you to complete the survey as your feedback will provide us with critical information to assess how well we are serving our students and progressing toward our school and district goals. Your participation will also help us benchmark our survey responses with similar districts throughout the state. **A minimum of 20 percent of our parents must complete this survey for the state to release our school results.**

Completing the Survey

The deadline for completing the 5Essentials parent surveys is January 30, 2017. The survey is designed to take approximately 10 minutes to complete and can only be completed online. Parents without home access to the Internet can visit our schools to complete a survey. Parents who have children enrolled in more than one school will be asked to complete a survey for each school.

To complete the survey:

- Click on the 5Essentials link, <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/> on the home page of our district or school websites. You will be prompted to select your county and the name of your school.
- The survey is available in English and Spanish.

Results

School-level reports will be generated if at least 20 percent of parents respond to the survey. Results from the parent survey, along with results from the teacher and student surveys, will be presented to the School Board and posted on the school and district websites after they have been received from the State. The results will also be included in school report cards released by the State of Illinois.

Thank you very much for taking the time and effort to provide us with information that will help us continually improve our work with students and parents. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Glenn Schlichting
School District 105 Superintendent