

Frequently Asked Questions:

- **What is the Conditions for Learning Survey?**
Our students in grades 3-12 will take a survey designed to measure their engagement in school, safety and overall learning environment.
- **Why is the survey being administered to students?**
Our school(s) are required to administer this survey, called Conditions for Learning, annually as part of Iowa's plan to meet the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). ESSA recently replaced the No Child Left Behind Act, and Iowa's plan serves as the foundation for our state's system of school accountability and support.
- **Why is it important for students to participate in the survey?**
- Conditions for Learning is one of up to seven measures used to determine accountability scores for schools. Research shows students thrive academically when they feel safe, actively engaged in their learning, and when they have positive relationships with adults and other students at school. Our students' participation in the survey is very important to our school because results can help us build an action plan to improve the learning environment. A high rate of completion means getting the best data possible.
- **How will the survey results be used?**
Results from the Conditions for Learning survey also will serve as a great tool to help our schools, teachers, and parents identify areas of strength, as well as areas that may need attention or support.
- **Why is the survey important for students?**
For students, the survey is an important opportunity to be heard and to be part of efforts to improve their learning environment. We appreciate the community's support in communicating to students about this great opportunity.
- **What else do I need to know?**
Survey results are completely anonymous. No names are recorded, and no identifying information will be attached to specific responses. While our students will be encouraged to answer as many questions as possible, they will not be required to answer any questions that make them feel uncomfortable. They can stop the survey at any time, not answer all of the questions, or refuse to take the survey without any consequence.