What is the Maryland School Survey?
Describing a school with traditional measures such as academic achievement, graduation rate, and attendance is important, but these alone cannot capture the quality and character of school life. That’s why the Maryland accountability system also includes a School Survey of students and educators. The survey is intended to provide information to support a positive learning and working environment that promotes success for all students.

The School Survey for students contains four areas:

**SAFETY**
- Physical safety
- Emotional safety
- Bullying
- Substance abuse

**ENVIRONMENT**
- Behavioral and academic supports
- Physical environment

**COMMUNITY**
- Respect for diversity
- Participation and engagement

**RELATIONSHIPS**
- Student–student relationships
- Student–staff relationships

The School Survey for educators also includes a set of questions about the Quality of Instructional Feedback.

Who participates in the survey?
All students in grades 5-11, and all educators, take the survey in the spring of the school year.

How are survey results included in the accountability system?
Each school receives a survey result for students and for educators. A school can earn a maximum of ten points—seven for students, three for educators—for each grade span. These points are included in the accountability system which has a total of 100 points when fully implemented. The accountability system includes measures of student achievement and progress on state standardized tests in English Language Arts and mathematics; chronic absenteeism; and whether students have access to a well-rounded curriculum.

Where can I find the survey results for my school?
Results are reported for schools (by all students, by educators, and by individual student groups) and are reported on the Maryland Report Card website, MdReportCard.org.