

Report to the CEC

Return to School Survey - Spring 2020

District 15



What is the Return to School Survey

The Return to School 2020 Survey was administered from June 12 to June 30 by the NYCDOE to compile feedback from families and students regarding the 2020-21 school year as we explore various options for re-opening our school buildings.

The feedback collected through this survey will be used by the NYCDOE and individual schools to inform their re-opening plans. Please note that this survey represents perspectives of families and students at the time of the survey. Family and student perspectives may change towards the start of the school year depending on rates of COVID transmission over the summer.

Who completed the survey in D15 (families)?

Response Rate					
	Overall	Rising Pre-K	Rising Grade	Rising Grade	Rising Grade
		to Grade 2	3-5	6-8	9-12+
Number of Family Responses	10,424	3,794	3,736	2,164	364
2020 Enrollment	26,201	10,448	8,573	5,920	1,260
Estimated % of Responses	40%	36%	44%	37%	29%

Who completed the survey in D15 (students)?

Response Rate					
	Overall	Rising Grade	Rising Grade	Ungraded	Missing
		6-8	9-12		grade
Number of Student Responses	1,427	889	406	3	129
2020 Grades 6-12 Enrollment	7,180	5,920	1,260	N/A	N/A
Estimated % of Responses	20%	15%	32%	N/A	N/A

Questions Covered:

- Comfort Returning to School
- Health Measures
- Phased Return to School
- Remote Learning
- Transportation
- Childcare Needs *For families only

Questions were of a similar focus, worded differently depending for students and families:

Families (Comfort returning to school):

“How comfortable are you with sending your child to a school building every day this fall, if recommended health and safety measures, such as social distancing, are in place?”

Students (Comfort returning to school):

“How comfortable are you going to in-person school every day this fall, if there are health and safety measures like social distancing?”

If we continue with learning at home in the fall, do you anticipate needing childcare during the week when your child is not attending school in-person?

D15

Yes	43%
No	37%
I'm not sure	20%

Citywide

Yes	35%
No	48%
I'm not sure	17%

How comfortable are you with sending your child (attending) to a school building every day this fall, if recommended health and safety measures, such as social distancing, are in place?

Families

	D15	Citywide
Very comfortable	31%	29%
Mostly comfortable	31%	26%
A little comfortable	22%	24%
Not at all comfortable	16%	22%

Students

	D15	Citywide
Very comfortable	25%	25%
Mostly comfortable	35%	31%
A little comfortable	26%	27%
Not at all comfortable	14%	17%

Family Responses (masks)

How comfortable would your child be with wearing a mask to school?	Overall D15	Rising Pre-K to Grade 2	Rising Grade 3-5	Rising Grade 6-8	Rising Grade 9-12+	Ungraded	Missing grade	Citywide Average
Very comfortable	25%	19%	25%	34%	39%	N/A	27%	24%
Mostly comfortable	33%	31%	34%	35%	29%	N/A	36%	28%
A little comfortable	26%	30%	25%	21%	18%	N/A	25%	26%
Not at all comfortable	15%	19%	15%	10%	12%	N/A	12%	21%
My child is medically unable to wear a mask	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	N/A	0%	1%

Student Responses (masks)

How comfortable would you be wearing a mask in school?	Overall D15	Rising Grade 6-8	Rising Grade 9-12+	Citywide Average
Very comfortable	17%	18%	14%	19%
Mostly comfortable	32%	33%	31%	29%
A little comfortable	29%	28%	32%	29%
Not at all comfortable	22%	21%	23%	23%

Phased Return to School (families)

The survey asked families to rank the following options for what school could look like in the fall.	Percent who ranked this option as their 1st choice	Percent who ranked this option as 2nd choice	Percent who ranked this option as their 3rd choice	Citywide percent who ranked this option as their 1st choice
Sending your child to in-person school on certain days like Monday, Wednesday, and Friday or Tuesday and Thursday. On the days that your child is not in school, she/he would be learning at home.	59%	25%	9%	53%
Sending your child to in-person school one week and then learning at home the next week. (week on / week off)	22%	51%	12%	19%
Having your child learn at home full-time everyday (full remote)	18%	7%	62%	25%

Phased Return to School (students)

Below are some options for what school could look like. Please rank your 1st choice, 2nd choice, and 3rd choice option.	Percent who ranked this option as their 1st choice	Percent who ranked this option as 2nd choice	Percent who ranked this option as their 3rd choice	Citywide percent who ranked this option as their 1st choice
Going to in-person school on certain days like Monday, Wednesday, and Friday or Tuesday and Thursday. On the days that you don't go to in-person school, you would be learning at home.	52%	27%	15%	48%
Going to in-person school one week and then learning at home the next week. (week on / week off)	28%	47%	16%	25%
Learning at home every day like you are currently doing. (full remote)	18%	15%	57%	25%

Top 5 Health and Safety Priorities

(as per family and student survey)

Families

- Students and staff regularly wash hands.
- Hand sanitizer is provided in each classroom and frequently used.
- The school is thoroughly cleaned at least once a day.
- Materials shared among students are cleaned in between use.
- Visitors and volunteers are limited on campus.

Students

- Hand sanitizer is provided in each classroom and used during the day.
- Students and adults wash hands with soap and water during the day.
- The school is cleaned at least once a day.
- Bus driver and attendant wear masks.
- Visitors and volunteers are limited at school.

If schools are not open every day for in-person learning for all students, we need to consider which experiences to prioritize for students while they are in school. What are the most important experiences for your child to have while attending school in-person? (Top 5 from surveys)

Families

Instruction in core content areas like reading, writing, math, science, and social studies **(82%)**

Activities that build social-emotional skills like communication, collaboration, empathy, etc. **(67%)**

Classes like art, music, physical education (P.E.), and electives **(59%)**

Supports for students struggling in reading or math **(35%)**

Support services like counseling and/or therapy **(11%)**

Students

Going to classes like art, music, physical education (P.E.), and electives **(81%)**

Learning about reading, writing, math, science, and social studies **(76%)**

Participating in activities that help you learn how to communicate and work with others **(43%)**

Getting extra help in reading or math **(39%)**

Meeting with your counselor and/or therapist **(26%)**

Additional Information

- Full NYCDOE results from survey are published online
- Reminder that this survey closed June 30th