



Office of the State
Superintendent of Education



Optional Fall 2026 Student DC Survey About Your School (DC SAYS) Administration

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is excited to offer an optional fall administration of the DC Survey About Your School (DC SAYS) for students. This fall option was created in response to LEA feedback and provides schools with a valuable mid-year check-in on student experiences and school climate.

Schools may choose to participate at some campuses or all. Fall data will remain entirely internal—OSSE will not view or report any results. This gives schools the flexibility to use the information for their own planning and progress monitoring of their school communities.

The survey window will run Nov. 2–25, using student rosters from Count Day (Oct. 5). If your school or LEA would like to participate, [please sign up here](#) by Friday, Sept. 25, 2026. Email questions to OSSE.DCSAYS@dc.gov.

Centering Student Voice: An Introduction to Enhanced Survey Reporting

This virtual training session will give educators a comprehensive overview of DC SAYS data, with a focus on student responses that illuminate what students are experiencing in their schools and communities. Participants will learn how to interpret broad survey patterns, generate more targeted questions, and consider potential supports based on those insights. The session will also guide users through the Enhanced Survey Reporting features in the platform, showing how to navigate the updated tools, identify emerging trends, and pinpoint student groups that may benefit from additional support.

[View a recorded session here.](#)

Taking Action on DC SAYS, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (live virtual session)

Are you new to the DC SAYS school climate survey? Are you focused on responding to stakeholder voice? Start the new school year with energy, purpose, and a positive plan for your school community! Join this virtual session to gain confidence in understanding and using school climate survey data while walking away with tangible next steps for your school community. This session will help school leaders and school level champions effectively navigate DC SAYS survey results and set clear and actionable goals for themselves and their team. We will also save time at the end of the session to answer any individual questions.

[Register here.](#)

DC SAYS Liaison Training Fall 2026, Friday, Oct. 16, 1-2 p.m. (live virtual session)

To prepare schools for the optional fall survey administration, this session will review how to navigate the survey platform, understand the role of a survey liaison and answer any individual questions.

[Register here.](#)

Empowering Math Learning Through SEL Community of Practice

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is excited to kick off its Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Community of Practice (CoP) with a high-energy exploration of how SEL strengthens mathematical reasoning, productive struggle, and student discourse. Join us as we unlock ways to help students persevere through challenges, collaborate during problem-solving, and build math identities rooted in confidence and curiosity. Math becomes even more powerful when students feel safe enough to take risks.

[Register Here](#)

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<https://osse.dc.gov/page/school-climate-and-culture>

DC SAYS:

<https://osse.dc.gov/schoolclimatesurveys>

Social and Emotional Learning:

<https://osse.dc.gov/page/social-emotional-learning>

Restorative Justice:

<https://osse.dc.gov/page/restorative-justice-trainings-and-resources>