

Granite School District

Understanding the Teacher Experience

Teacher surveys are valuable sources of feedback and self-reflection. Surveys at the beginning, middle, or end of the school year can help you design a more targeted school improvement plan, help you better frame and communicate principal expectations and the types of feedback and support that would be useful as well as build camaraderie among faculty and staff.

Of course, not all teacher survey questions provide useful responses. Here's a list of the types of questions that we can explore and build upon.

About School Life

- What are some traditions or superstitions you have for the First Day of School?
- What makes a 'good day' at school?
- How do you show your school spirit?
- What accomplishment fills you with pride so far this year?
- What is your favorite dish from the cafeteria?
- What sort of morning routine do you have to get jazzed for class?
- How do you keep things fresh? [particularly good for seasoned teachers]
- What inspires you?
- How does technology make teaching more simple or difficult?
- Are there any embarrassing teaching moments you're willing to share? What are they?
- What's the best/worst thing about being a teacher?
- In which other teacher's class would you like to enroll, even for a day? Why?

About the Students

- What current trends are baffling to you? Why?
- So many students admire you. How do you make those connections? [*note: question should only be asked if the teacher is universally known for making great student connections]
- What differences do you see in your morning students versus the afternoon classes?
- If you could pass on any wisdom to your students, what would you share?
- How do you remember all of your students' names?
- What does it mean to "know your students?"
- What's a school sport or activity you enjoy watching? Leading?
- If you could take your students on a field trip to anywhere in the world, where would you take them? Locally?
- Why do (or don't) you friend former students on Facebook?

About Nothing—Just for Kicks (or Mods).

- How long would you survive a zombie apocalypse? Why?
- In which Hogwarts house would you be sorted?
- If you could grow up in any decade, which would you choose?
- What are your thoughts on astrology? Do you know your sign?
- What are your must-have smartphone apps?

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- Did you see the new Star Wars on opening night? What memories do you have from the first movie you ever saw in theatres?
- Is there a quote or saying that you live your life by?
- What would your perfect party look like?
- What is your spirit animal?
- What song do you know all the lyrics to?