# 2022 Virginia School Survey of Climate and Working Conditions

Classroom Instructors Version

This is a review copy, not for circulation or use. The actual survey is online with formatting for easier reading. Questions are grouped around school climate and working conditions topics (in **BOLD CAPS** below). These topics do not appear in the online survey.

In order to access the online survey, you must enter the unique Access Code for the adult survey which was assigned to your school. Your principal, or your principal's designee, will have this Access Code for you. All classroom instructors and school staff members at the same school will have the same Access Code, so you will not be identified by this Access Code. It is important that you submit **only one completed survey** for each school at which you work. The administrators of this survey are obligated to protect your identity.

What is your Access Code for taking this survey?	

Do you want	to take the	survey in	English of	or Spanish?	Mark one.
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- O English
- O Spanish

#### Instructions for classroom instructors and other school staff members:

Any individual employed in Virginia's public schools may take this survey, including:

- 1. Classroom instructors (teachers and teacher's aides and assistants) who interact with students in classroom settings
- 2. School staff members who interact with or support students external to the classroom setting.

All classroom instructors and school staff members are asked to complete the survey regardless of the grade level of the students with whom they teach or interact. The purpose of the survey is to help schools create and maintain safe and supportive working environments for education professionals in Virginia's public schools.

Your individual answers to the survey are anonymous, which means that no one will know how you answered. It is important that you submit only **one completed survey** for each school at which you work.

Some of the questions differ for classroom instructors and school staff members. The survey should take about 20-25 minutes to complete.

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#### **SECTION I: GENERAL QUESTIONS**

1.	You are lo	gging in to the survey as a member of the following school: {display division and school name}. Is this correct
	0	Yes
	0	No [If no, provide dropdown menus for respondent to select the correct division and school.]

2.	What is yo	our professional role at this school? Mark one.
	[If sele	ected, respondent will be directed to the Classroom Instructors Survey.]
	0	Teacher (not including Library Media, Mathematics Specialists, or Reading Specialists)
	0	Teacher's Assistant, Teaching Assistant, Teacher's Aide, Instructional Aide, Para-educator, Para-Professional
	[If sele	ected, respondent will be directed to the Staff Survey.]
	0	Principal or Assistant Principal
	0	Athletic and/or Student Activities Directors
	0	Bus Driver
	0	Coordinator of Special Programs (e.g., ESL, Gifted Education, Special Education)
	0	Custodial and Facilities
	0	Library Media
	0	Mathematics or Reading Specialist
	0	Administrative Support Staff (e.g., secretaries and clerical staff)
	0	Counselors, Psychologists, or Social Workers
	0	Specialized Services for Students with Disabilities (e.g., Speech & Language, Interpreters, OT, PT Therapeutic Recreation)
	0	Medical and Nursing Services
	0	General Support (e.g., testing/assessment, information technology, school nutrition, school safety)
	0	Other, please specify:
3.	How have	you provided instruction to students this year? Mark all that apply.
	0	In-person
	0	Remotely from the school building
	0	Remotely from somewhere else

# **SECTION II: TEACHING POSITION**

Throughout this survey, the word "teacher"	collectively refers to all classroom instructors (teachers and teacher's aides and
	assistants).

4. Indicate your primary teaching assignment as well as any secondary teaching assignments you may have.

	Primary Teaching Assignment (Mark one.)	Secondary Teaching Assignments (Mark all that apply.)
Career and technical education	0	0
Computer science	0	0
Elementary and early childhood education classroom teacher	0	0
English as a Second Language (ESL), English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)	0	0
English language and literature (including composition, creative writing, journalism, reading)	0	0
Fine and performing arts (e.g., art, band, orchestra, chorus, dance, music, theatre)	0	0
Foreign or world language and literature	0	0
Physical, health, and safety education	0	0
Social sciences and history (including civics, economics, geography, government, psychology, sociology)	0	0
Mathematics	0	0
Science	0	0
Special education, exceptional education, gifted education	0	0
Other		0
Please specify:		

5.	How many years of teaching ex	xperience do you ha	ave (including the cur	rent school year)? Mark on	e.
	1-3 years	4-10 years	11-20 years	More than 20 years	
	0	0	0	0	
	<ul><li>6. (Ask only of responde one.</li><li>O Yes</li><li>O No</li></ul>	nts choosing "1-3 y	vears" to question 5.)	Is this your first year in a to	eaching position? Mark
	O Prefer no	ot to answer			

# SECTION III: TEACHING AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

### A. TEACHER AGENCY

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the fo	ollowing statements about this school? Mark one	response per line.
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	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Autonomy						
7. I am trusted to make sound professional decisions about instruction.	0	0	0	0	0	0
8. I am free to be creative in my teaching approach.	0	0	0	0	0	0
9. I control how I use my scheduled class time.	0	0	0	0	0	0
10. (Ask only of respondents choosing "Teacher" to question 2.)  I set the grading and student assessment practices in my classroom.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Respect						
11. I contribute to decisions about educational issues at my school.	0	0	0	0	0	0
12. My role as an educator is respected.	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. Current policies are improving this school.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Demands on Teacher Time						
14. My scheduled work day includes sufficient planning time.	0	0	0	0	0	0
15. My scheduled work day includes sufficient instructional time to meet the needs of my students.	0	Ο	0	0	0	0

#### **B.** STAFF COLLEGIALITY

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
16. I trust the teachers and other adults at this school.	0	0	0	0	0	0
17. Teachers and other adults at this school treat me with respect.	0	0	0	0	0	0
18. I feel supported by teachers and other adults at this school.	0	0	0	0	0	0

### C. PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

How strongly do	you agree or disagree	with the following	statements about th	is school? Mark or	ne response i	per line.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
19. The physical environment of my classroom supports my teaching and my students' learning.	0	0	0	0	0	0
20. I have adequate space to work productively.	0	0	0	0	0	0
21. The school building is clean and comfortable.	0	0	0	0	0	0
22. I have the support I need to incorporate technology into my instruction.	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### D. STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about this school? Mark one response per line.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
23. Students generally like this school.	0	0	0	0	0	0
24. Students are proud to be at this school.	0	0	0	0	0	0
25. Students come to school ready to learn.	0	0	0	0	0	0
26. Students are engaged in classroom lessons.	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### E. RELATIONSHIPS AMONG STUDENTS

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
27. Students at this school care about other students.	0	0	0	0	0	0
28. Students at this school get along well with other students.	0	0	0	0	0	0
29. Students at this school treat other students with respect.	0	Ο	0	0	0	0

### F. RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN STUDENTS AND ADULTS

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about this school? Mark one response per line.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
30. Adults at this school care about students.	0	0	0	0	0	0
31. Adults at this school treat students with respect.	0	0	0	0	0	0
32. Adults at this school want students to do well.	0	0	0	0	0	0
33. Adults at this school listen to what students have to say.	0	0	0	0	0	0
34. Adults at this school recognize and value each individual's cultural background.	0	0	0	0	0	0
35. Students at this school treat me with respect.	0	0	0	0	0	0

### G. RIGOROUS INSTRUCTION

The word "teacher" collectively refers to all classroom instructors (teachers and teacher's aides and assistants).

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
36. Teachers at this school expect students to use facts and evidence to support their ideas.	0	0	0	0	0	0
37. Teachers at this school want students to think about different ways to solve problems.	0	0	0	0	0	0
38. Teachers at this school encourage students to provide constructive feedback to others.	0	0	0	0	0	0
39. Teachers at this school encourage students to value and search for a diversity of opinions, perspectives, and abilities.	0	0	0	0	0	0
40. Teachers at this school often connect what students are learning to life outside the classroom.	0	0	0	0	0	0
41. The content taught at this school reflects multiple cultural backgrounds, ethnicities, and identities.	0	0	0	0	0	0

### **SECTION IV: SCHOOL SUPPORTS**

### A. PROFESSIONAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about this school? Mark one response per line.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
42. I have sufficient resources for my professional development.	0	0	0	0	0	0
43. The professional development I receive meets my needs.	0	0	0	0	0	0
44. Professional development provides ongoing opportunities for me to work with colleagues to refine my practice.	0	0	0	0	0	0
45. I receive follow-up after professional development activities to give me additional support.	0	0	0	0	0	0
46. The professional development I receive enhances my ability to meet student needs.	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### **B.** NEW TEACHER SUPPORTS

(Ask only if answered "1-3 years" to question 5.) Indicate whether you received the following supports at your school. Mark one response per line.

	Yes	No	Do not know
47. Formally assigned a mentor	0	0	0
48. Reduced workload	0	0	0
49. Release time to observe other teachers	0	0	0
50. Formal time to meet with mentor during school hours	0	0	0

# C. MANAGING STUDENT BEHAVIOR

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about this school? Mark one response per line.

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
51.	Adults at this school understand the rules for student behavior.	0	0	0	0	0	0
52.	The rules for student behavior are effective at this school.	0	0	0	0	0	0
53.	We use data to evaluate and, if needed, adjust this school's student conduct policies.	0	0	0	0	0	0
54.	If a student breaks a school rule, the student's behavior is addressed consistently.	0	0	0	0	0	0
55.	This school's use of suspensions or expulsions to manage student behavior is effective.	0	0	0	0	0	Ο
56.	Students know which behaviors are against school rules.	0	0	0	0	0	0
57.	Students know there are consequences for breaking school rules.	0	0	0	0	0	0
58.	Students are recognized for positive behavior.	0	0	0	0	0	0
59.	When students are accused of doing something wrong, they get a chance to explain.	0	0	0	0	0	0
60.	There are supports to help students who misbehave develop positive behavior.	0	0	0	0	0	0
61.	I feel equipped to successfully handle incidents of racially motivated behaviors.	0	0	0	0	0	0
62.	I feel equipped to successfully handle incidents of bullying.	0	0	0	0	0	0
63.	This school's administrators support me when I have concerns about student behavior.	0	Ο	0	0	0	0

# D. ENGAGING WITH FAMILIES

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
64. I make an effort to know my students' families.	0	0	0	0	0	0
65. This school supports my efforts to have positive relationships with students' families.	0	0	0	0	0	0
66. This school does a good job of encouraging family involvement.	0	0	0	0	0	0
67. Students' families and I share common academic expectations for their children.	0	0	0	0	0	0
68. Families at this school treat me with respect.	0	0	0	0	0	0
69. Families at this school support me when I have concerns about their child's behavior.	0	0	0	0	0	0

### E. SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

The word "teacher" collectivel	y refers to all classroom instructors	(teachers and teacher's aides and assistants).

# How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about this school? Mark one response per line.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
70. I feel respected by this school's administrators.	0	0	0	0	0	0
71. I feel comfortable raising issues and concerns that are important to me with school administrators.	0	0	0	0	0	0
72. I trust this school's administrators to do what they say they will do.	0	0	0	0	0	0
73. The procedures for teacher evaluation are consistent.	0	0	0	0	0	0
74. My performance is assessed objectively.	0	0	0	0	0	0
75. I receive feedback that can help me improve my performance.	0	0	0	0	0	0
76. This school's administrators communicate a clear vision for this school.	0	0	0	0	0	0
77. This school's administrators understand how children learn.	0	0	0	0	0	0
78. This school's administrators set high expectations for all students.	0	0	0	0	0	0
79. Staff are treated fairly regardless of their race, ethnicity, or culture.	0	0	0	0	0	0
80. My school is committed to providing an inclusive environment for individuals from varied racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds.	0	0	0	0	0	0
81. Teachers and administrators have a shared vision for this school.	0	0	0	0	0	0

## **SECTION V: SAFETY**

#### A. SAFETY CONCERNS

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
82. I feel safe at this school.	0	0	0	0	0	0
83. I know what to do if there is an emergency, natural disaster (such as a tornado or a flood), or a dangerous situation (such as a violent person on campus) during the school day.	0	0	0	0	0	Ο
84. I have been adequately informed about the threat assessment process in my building.	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### B. PREVALENCE OF BULLYING

Please use this definition of bullying to answer the questions below. Bullying means any aggressive and unwanted behavior that is intended to harm, intimidate, or humiliate the victim; involves a real or perceived power imbalance between the aggressor or aggressors and victim; and is repeated over time or causes severe emotional trauma. 'Bullying' includes cyber bullying. 'Bullying' does not include ordinary teasing, horseplay, argument, or peer conflict.

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about this school? Mark one response per line.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
85. Bullying is a problem at this school.	0	0	0	0	0	0
86. Students at this school are bullied about their race or ethnicity.	0	0	0	0	0	0
87. Students at this school are bullied about their sexual orientation.	0	0	0	0	0	0
88. Students at this school are bullied about their physical appearance.	0	0	0	0	0	0
89. Students at this school are bullied for having too little or too much money.	0	0	0	0	0	0
90. Students at this school are bullied about their disability.	0	0	0	0	0	0

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about this school? Mark one response per line.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
91. Students ask for help from adults if there is a problem with another student.	0	0	0	0	0	0
92. Adults at this school take action to solve the problem when students report bullying.	0	0	0	0	0	0
93. Adults at this school bully students.	0	0	0	0	0	0

### C. STUDENT AGGRESSION

Have any of the following happened to you personally at school this year? Mark one response per line.

	No	One Time	More than Once	Many Times
94. A student stole or damaged my personal property.	0	0	0	0
95. A student threatened to harm me.	0	0	0	0
96. A student physically attacked, pushed, or hit me.	0	0	0	0
97. A student said rude or insulting things to me.	0	0	0	0
98. A student threatened me with a weapon.	0	0	0	0

99.	Are th	nere gang Yes	at your school? Mark one.
	0	No	
	0	Do no	know
	O	Done	KIIOW
	10		aly of those that respond "Yes" to question 99.) Have gangs caused problems at your school this year (e.g., sale of drugs)? Mark one.
		0	Yes
		0	No
		0	Do not know
D.	SCHO	OL RESO	URCE AND SECURITY OFFICERS
•	A Sch matter A Sch Condu	nool Res rs related nool Sec	as of a School Resource Officer and School Security Officer when answering the questions below.  Arce Officer (SRO) is employed by the Police Department and is assigned to the school to assist with the safety, security, and the law.  Fity Officer (SSO) is employed by the school division for the purpose of enforcing the school's Code of intaining order and discipline, preventing crimes, and investigating violations of school board policies and
101		-	ool have a School Resource Officer (SRO)? Mark one.
	0	Ye	
	0	No	
	0	Do	not know
			if answered "No" or "Do not know" to question 101.) Did your school have a School Resource Officer previous years? Mark one.
		C	Yes
		C	No
		C	Do not know
		(Ask onl <sub>:</sub> Mark on	if answered "No" or "Do not know" to question 101.) Would you feel safer if your school had an SRO?
		C	Yes
		C	No
		C	Do not know

	w strongly line.	y do you agree o	r disagree with the following s	tatem	ents abo	ut this	school?	Mark or	ie respo	onse
1										
(As	sk only if a	inswered "Yes" t	o question 101.)		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
10		School Resource (chool.	Officer (SRO) makes me feel sat	fe at	0	0	0	0	0	0
10		school Resource (ibution to our sch	Officer (SRO) makes a positive nool.		0	0	0	0	0	0
Does O	your scho Yes	ol have a School	Security Officer (SSO)? Mark of	one.						
0	No									
0	Do no	ot know								
	(SSO) in pr	revious years? M	or "Do not know" to question ark one.	104.) D	oid your	school	have a So	chool Se	curity (	Officer
	0	Yes								
	0	No								
	0	Do not know								
	Ask only ij Mark one.	f answered "No"	or "Do not know" to question	104.) V	Vould yo	u feel s	afer if yo	our scho	ol had a	an SSO
	0	Yes								
	0	No								
	0	Do not know								
	w strongly	y do you agree o	r disagree with the following s	tatem	ents abo	ut this	school?	Mark or	ie respo	onse
(A.	sk only if a	inswered "Yes" t	o question 104.)		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly
10		School Security C	officer (SSO) makes me feel safe	at	0	0	0	0	0	0
10		School Security C	officer (SSO) makes a positive		0	0	0	0	0	0

104.

contribution to our school.

#### **SECTION VI: WELL-BEING**

#### A. BURNOUT

- 107. Overall, based on your definition of burnout, how would you rate your level of burnout? (Mark one.)
  - O I enjoy my work. I have no symptoms of burnout.
  - Occasionally I am under stress, and I don't always have as much energy as I once did, but I don't feel burned out.
  - O I am definitely burning out and have one or more symptoms of burnout, such as physical or emotional exhaustion.
  - O The symptoms of burnout that I'm experiencing won't go away. I think about frustration at work a lot.
  - I feel completely burned out and often wonder if I can go on. I am at the point where I may need some changes or may need to seek some sort of help.

#### B. MENTAL HEALTH

How often over the last 2 weeks were you bothered by the following? Mark one response per line.

	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
108. Feeling nervous, anxious, or on edge	0	0	0	0
109. Not being able to stop or control worrying	0	0	0	0
110. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless	0	0	0	0
111. Having little interest or pleasure doing things	0	0	0	0

#### **SECTION VII: SUMMARY**

112	Overall	my school	ic a or	ood nlace	to wo	rk and	Hearn	(Ma)	rl one	)

- O Strongly Disagree
- O Disagree
- O Slightly Disagree
- O Slightly Agree
- O Agree
- O Strongly Agree

113. Over the last year, how have the working conditions for teachers in this school changed? (Mark one.)

- O Become much worse
- O Become worse
- O Become slightly worse
- O Stayed about the same
- O Become slightly better
- O Become better
- O Become much better
- O I have no opinion.

	er the last year, how has the <b>overall climate for students</b> in this scho	ool change	ed? (Ma	ark one.)			
0	Become much worse						
0	Become worse						
0	Become slightly worse						
0	Stayed about the same						
0	Become slightly better						
0	Become better						
0	Become much better						
0	I have no opinion.						
	ich of the following best describes your immediate professional plan	s? Mark o	ne.				
0	Continue teaching at my current school						
0	Continue teaching in this division but leave this school						
0	Continue teaching in this state but leave this division						
0	Continue teaching in a state other than Virginia						
0	Continue working in education but pursue a non-teaching position	n					
0	Leave education to retire						
0	Leave education to work in a non-education field						
0	Leave education for other reasons						
	ON VIII: CONCLUDING QUESTIONS  ngly do you agree or disagree with the following statements abou	t this sch	ool? M	lark one	response	per lin	e.
		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
	y division's response to the ongoing pandemic was well mmunicated with staff.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	y division's overall response to the ongoing pandemic was propriate given the circumstances.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	elt comfortable about returning to school this year despite the agoing pandemic.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	have sufficient resources to help my students make up the learning st as a result of COVID-19.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ve the results from the 2021 Virginia School Survey of Climate and Vehic teachers at this school? <i>Mark one</i> .  O Yes  O No	Working C	Conditio	ons been	made rea	adily av	vailable
	O I do not know						

The following questions are asked of all respondents to better understand whether groups of individuals experience school climate and working conditions differently.

121.	Are yo	ou male or female? Mark one.
	0	Male
	0	Female
	0	Non-binary
	0	Prefer not to disclose
122.	Is you	r ethnic background Hispanic or Latino? Mark one.
	0	Yes
	0	No
123.	What i	is the best description of your race? If you are multi-racial, mark all that apply.
	0	American Indian or Alaska Native
	0	Asian
	0	Black or African American
	0	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
	0	White
	0	Other Race:
124.	and do	e anything else you would like to tell us about your school's climate and working conditions? Please be mindful o not include any identifying information (names or details of specific events, for instance). Providing any fying information could compromise the anonymity of your responses.

A representative selection of health and wellness resources are provided below. This is not an exhaustive list of local, state, and national resources that are available to you. If you need help, contact one of these organizations or talk to a trusted adult or colleague.

[List will appear in the online version of this survey.]