

USING STUDENT SURVEY DATA TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES: WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM (WCPSS)

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Overview

The student survey video was created as a tool to help individuals gain a greater understanding of the following key elements measured by the WCPSS Student Survey:

- ❖ **Teacher-student relationships:** students' perceptions of their teachers
- ❖ **Rigor:** the challenge of the work students are given and the effort students put forth to meet teachers' expectations
- ❖ **Control and relevance of student work:** how well classes capture students ability/effort and how useful what they learn in school will be in their future
- ❖ **Peer support for learning:** students' relationships with their peers
- ❖ **Future goals:** questions to students about their future plans and their belief in the importance of education
- ❖ **Civic engagement--** students' interest in civic issues
- ❖ **Family support--** students' perceptions of their family's support
- ❖ **Grit--** students' perceptions of their propensity to work hard, focus, and avoid distraction



In the video, staff explain the importance of gathering and using data on the perceptions of students about their learning experiences, which is a reliable indicator of how well students perform in school (Harvard University, 2015). The more students are engaged the motivation they have to learn and progress in their education is enhanced.



Purpose of the video

This 5-minute video was created as a stand-alone communication tool about the WCPSS student survey. The video also serves as a supplement to the WCPSS student survey full report, which can be found [here](#), and provides the opportunity to listen to school staff discuss how they use the results from the student survey, what support these data add to their work and how the data compliment other student data. The video therefore brings to life students' feed-back about school through the viewpoints of school staff. Additionally since some of the data from the student survey are used as metrics for the [WCPSS Strategic Plan Results](#), providing a simple, quick explanation of the survey helps audiences gain a better understanding of the progress the District is making towards its 2020 goal of graduating 95% of our students ready for a productive citizenship and higher education, or career.

Intended audience

The student survey video is presented in a user-friendly format and is available for all audiences including school staff such as teachers and administrators, parents and community members. The video is publicly published on the WCPSS external website.

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