

School Climate Survey

The safety and well-being of our students and staff is the highest priority of the North Merrick School District. Our district is currently partnering with Nassau BOCES to conduct a School Climate Survey to be completed by teachers, staff, parents of students in kindergarten through grade 6, and students in grades 5 and 6.

School climate refers to the quality and character of school life, and research has shown that it has an impact on student learning. The School Climate Survey serves as a tool to help administrators gain an in-depth understanding of our school climate and how the district can best meet the needs of our students, families, faculty and staff. Participants will be asked about their perceptions on topics such as student engagement, school environment, and school safety.

The research-based survey was developed by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics. Nassau BOCES is hosting the survey on its digital platform, which can be accessed online by our school community for a two-week window from May 13-31, 2019. The results will only be shared by BOCES with our district. The survey link is: <http://170.24.254.47/>

Students in grades 5-6 will take the survey during the school day in their classrooms. Instructional and non-instructional staff received a username to access the survey online. Parents/guardians received a letter in their child's backpack containing a username to access the survey online. While the survey link is the same for all groups, the unique usernames will direct participants to the appropriate survey.

The survey results, which will not identify any person or responses, will help the district improve student relationships, learning conditions, and overall school environment. The ultimate goal is to continually foster student growth and achievement, along with ensuring a sense of well-being of our students, faculty and staff.

Participation is completely voluntary and anonymous, and we hope you will take the time to fill out the survey.