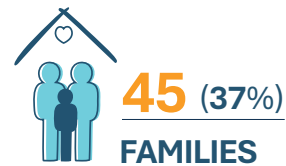


FEEDBACK HIGHLIGHTS



Students, families, and staff at **The Sunshine School** were surveyed in **February, 2023** about their experiences in school. Questions from the YouthTruth survey focused on themes of engagement, relationships, culture, safety, and more. We heard from:



Here are a few things we learned from our student survey results:

SUCCESSSES

- >> **76%** of students say “Many” or “All” to the following question: “How many of your teachers believe that you can get a good grade if you try?”
- >> The percentage of students who said “Feeling depressed, stressed, or anxious” makes it hard for them to do their best in school decreased from **49%** in 2022 to **63%** in 2023.
- >> **37%** of students “Agree” or “Strongly Agree” with the following question: “My school has helped me figure out which careers match my interests and abilities.” While we have work to do here, this is a **4%** increase from 2022, which is higher than the typical high school in our state.



CHALLENGES

- >> Only **38%** of students say “I enjoy school most of the time.”
- >> **36%** of LGBTQ+ students say “I can usually be myself around other students,” compared to **53%** of non-LGBTQ+ students.
- >> Just **59%** of students report feeling safe during school. And while this is close to the national average, we want all students to feel safe during school.



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for



The Sunshine School

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

“ All of my teachers want to help me get better. And even when I’m stuck, they explain things in a way that is actually helping me learn!

“ It’s been hard to adjust from the pandemic. Our mental health is down and it’s hard to get back on track. We’re trying our best, so go easy on us.

“ I really like how my school challenges me! I think it’s helping me be prepared for college.



OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- 92% of our families say they think our teachers and our students care about each other.
- Our Spanish-speaking families rate lower than English-speaking families in the theme of Communication & Feedback – we want everyone to have a positive experience, regardless of the language they speak.



NEXT STEPS

- In the fall, we will form a committee of students, families, and staff to analyze the YouthTruth data and create goals for the school year.
- We are hosting student focus groups to better understand why some of the data looks the way it does.
- We will administer the YouthTruth Survey again in the spring to track our progress.