

## School Improvement Surveys

### **SURVEY 1: STUDENT VIEWS OF SCHOOL**

Step 1. Students complete the survey.

Step 2. Students cut out the rectangles and make bar graphs to show the results of their survey. (They develop classification and graphing skills.)

Step 3. Students write summary statements about the findings of the survey.

Step 4. Ask students to make real plans to improve their work based on their survey.

### **SURVEY 2: PARENT VIEWS OF SCHOOL**

Have students take the same four steps with surveys of their parents.

Students should write up a report about their findings and take it to their parents.

### **SURVEY 3: STAFF VIEWS OF SCHOOL**

Students survey staff members to identify ways to improve the use of time, space, money.

### **OPEN SURVEY**

This survey is to be designed by the students themselves.

It can deal with a specific place in the school, a particular kind of improvement, or any other topic they want to examine.

## Survey 1: Student Views of School

<p>1. My favorite subject is</p> <p>___ math                      ___ reading</p> <p>___ social studies      ___ science</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>2. My favorite place in school</p> <p>___ lunchroom              ___ gym</p> <p>___ library                  ___ classroom</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>3. What I like best about going to school is</p> <p>___ learning a lot</p> <p>___ being with my friends</p> <p>___ working hard</p> <p>___ how my teacher helps me</p>	<p>4. This is the one best way I know to make sure I learn at school</p>
<p>5. This is why it is important to learn at school.</p>	<p>6. This is a way I can improve the work I do at school.</p>
<p>7. This is one way we could save time in our classroom workday.</p>	<p>8. This is one way we could save money for materials in our classroom.</p>

### **Project Ideas**

This survey is just the beginning of kinds of questions to ask about the school. As students collect information, have them tally it in tables and make graphs. Ask them to write reports on their findings.

Expand the project. For example, they might take a survey of another grade and contrast the findings they show in graphs. They might take a totally different school-related survey of students or of staff. They can combine their reports in a book they write about your school.



## Survey 3: Ways to Improve Our School

Give this survey to staff members, parents, and other interested community members. Use it to start a discussion of better ways to use time, space, and money.

1. What is one way to get more time to plan together?	2. What is one way to get more time for students to spend more time on homework?
3. What is one way to make better use of the space in the hallways?	4. What is one way to make better use of the space in the classrooms?
5. What is one way to save money on equipment we buy for the school office?	6. What is one way to save money on the equipment we buy for classrooms?
7. What is one way to get more time to talk with children in the school?	8. What is one way to get more time to talk with parents in the school?

### Project Ideas

Make other surveys that deal with specific places or parts of the school's program, such as the lunchroom, library, teaching reading.

## OUR SURVEY

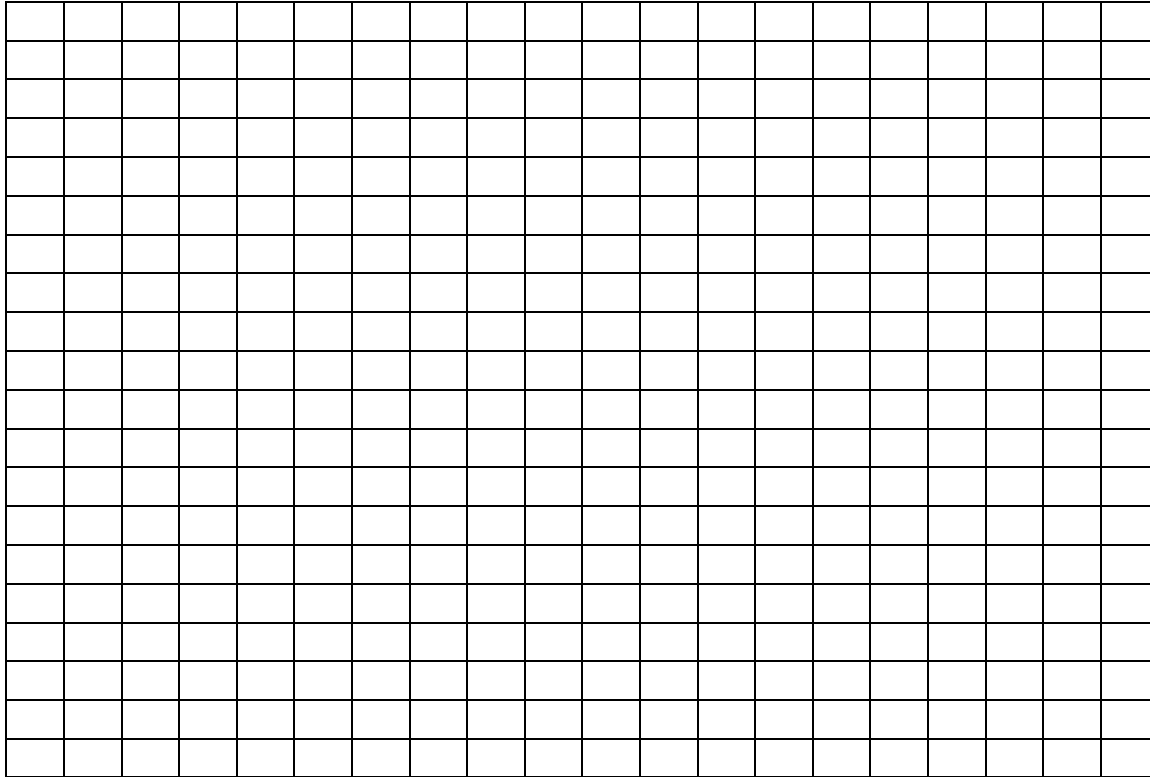

### Project Ideas

This open frame is a starting point for any survey. To use it, first choose the topic. Then make a list of questions on another page. When you are sure of the questions, write them on the survey. Make copies, take the survey, and report your findings.



## OPEN BAR GRAPH

Use this frame to make a graph showing the results of your survey.



Write about your graph.  
Tell what it shows about the survey results.