

SPRING 2026 SCHOOL EXPERIENCE SURVEY: SCHOOL FAQ'S

1. **“How do I make copies of the parent survey?”** To make copies of the parent survey, please refer to the [job aid](#). Survey coordinators will receive an email from the SES team with [survey instruction materials](#), including a printable version of the Parent SES in both English and Spanish.
2. **“How do I check my school’s SES participation rates?”** To check your school’s participation rate, please refer to the [job aid](#). Preliminary response rates will be updated weekly every Monday starting February 9. During the last two weeks of administration, the file will be updated three times per week starting March 16.
3. **“What do I do with the paper surveys I receive from parents?”** Please refer to the [job aid](#). After collecting paper surveys from parents, please return them to the School Experience Survey team via school mail. Be sure to include the school’s name and the number of surveys in your shipment.
4. **“How do staff and parents access the online survey?”** Both staff and parents access the survey by going to <https://ses.lausd.org/TakeTheSES>. We recommend emailing staff the [job aid](#) with information on how to access their survey and sending [flyers](#) home (available in multiple languages on the [SES resources page](#)) with the QR code for parents to access the survey. Please refer to this parent [job aid](#) for more details. Principals can also use “[Finalsite Connect](#)” (formerly Blackboard Connect) to send out the [link](#) to parents to access the ONLINE Parent Survey and tell them to click on the appropriate “**Parent Survey**” button (e.g. choose their preferred language), choose their child’s school type (e.g., elementary, middle, high), school name, and current grade level, and then begin taking the survey. For a step-by-step guide, please have parents review this job aid, available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).
5. **“How many surveys should parents complete if they have more than one child at a school?”** Only **ONE** survey per household per school is expected to be completed by parents of Preschool to Grade 12 students. If parents have more than one child at a school, they only respond one time to the survey (based on the oldest child at the school). If parents have children at more than one LAUSD school, they should respond once for each school where they have a child enrolled.
6. **“If a parent enrolls a child after the Winter break, will they take the survey?”** If a parent enrolls a child after 1/20/2026, neither the parent nor the child will participate in the survey this year.
7. **“Who takes the School Experience Survey?”** The School Experience Survey is taken by the following individuals:
 - Students in grades 4 through 12.
 - School staff who are assigned at least 50% to a school site, including teachers (all grades), principals, administrators, counselors, and other staff.
 - Parents or legal guardians of students in all grades (TK-12) enrolled in a Los Angeles Unified school.
8. **“When are School Experience Surveys due?”** The last day for students, staff, teachers, and parents taking the ONLINE survey to submit their survey is **Friday, March 27th, 2026**. The last day for parents to return their completed PAPER survey to their Child’s school for processing is also Friday, March 27th, 2026.
9. **How can parents and staff provide proof that they took the survey?** If verification is needed that the online survey was completed, parents and staff can provide their email address on the last question of their survey to receive a confirmation email. They may also print the last page of the survey that appears after clicking “submit” or they can create a screenshot of the last page and email or text the screenshot to whomever requires proof of completion. Please see job aid on [ways to provide proof of completion](#).
10. **A parent wants to take the survey in another language. Are there other options?** The survey is also available in Armenian, Chinese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Tagalog. To change languages, there is a drop-down menu in the top-right corner that allows you to select a different language.