

# Illinois "5Essentials" Survey

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Beginning February 3, 2021, students, parents, and teachers across Illinois will have an opportunity to participate in the annual statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. As a parent this will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about your child's school.

On behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education, the Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be administered online. This survey gathers data related to five indicators that can predict important school outcomes, including improved attendance and larger test score gains.

These five indicators that affect and predict school success are:

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative Teachers
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environments
- Ambitious Instruction

Prior research in more than 400 schools has shown that schools that were strong on at least three of these "5Essential" indicators were 10 times more likely to improve student learning gains in math and reading than those that were weak on three or more essentials.

All CESD Staff and Students in 1st - 8th grades will be given the opportunity to take this survey. 5Essentials reports will be generated for schools if their students and/or teachers meet the response rate threshold of 50 percent. These reports will be sent to schools around June 2021 and will be included in the state school report card.

Additionally, our district has chosen to provide the 5Essentials Parent Survey. If at least 20% of our CESD parents complete this survey, a parent supplement will also be generated. The parent data will not be reported on the state school report card.

Your participation in the parent portion of the survey will help us understand the conditions at your child's school and guide improvement. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child.

The Illinois 5Essentials will be conducted through February 3, 2021 through April 2, 2021. A link to the survey will be provided in the near future. Please be on the lookout.

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