

This is a copy of an email that Dr. Greg Richmond sent to all parents in the Archdiocese on February 8th, regarding the 5Essentials Survey.

This survey is given annually so we are able to compare the results each year to see where we have improved and what we need to continue to work on. Students and teachers complete the survey as well. Students will complete the survey in school over the next few weeks.

Beginning February 12, teachers and students in grades 4-12 across the archdiocese will have an opportunity to participate in our annual Climate, Culture and Catholic Identity Survey utilizing the University of Chicago Impact 5Essentials Survey (5Essentials) plus a customized, Catholic Identity survey. We also invite all parents to participate by sharing your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in the UChicago Impact's Parent Survey. The surveys will be administered online by UChicago Impact.

This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of your child's school. The reason we conduct the survey each year is because 5Essentials gathers data related to five indicators that can predict important student outcomes, including improved attendance and larger test score gains. Prior research has shown that schools strong on at least three of these "5Essential" indicators were 10 times more likely to improve student learning gains in math and reading. In fact, we value the data this survey provides our school leaders with so much that one of our system-wide goals for each school is based on the survey.

The five indicators that affect and predict school success are:

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

Please read below for more information and action items regarding:

- Parent Notification/Consent for student survey
- Parent Survey Information

Thank you in advance for your participation. Your input allows us to best support schools and school leaders in delivering on the mission of Catholic education.

Peace,
Greg Richmond
Superintendent of Schools

PARENT NOTIFICATION/CONSENT

The survey will be administered to all students in grades 4-12 at your child's school sometime between February 12 - March 15. This survey, developed by the University of Chicago Consortium on School Research, asks students about their experiences in school. Having direct information from students is critical for developing plans to continuously improve our schools. 5Essentials Reports will be generated for schools if their teachers and/or students meet the response rate threshold of 50 percent. These reports will be sent to schools and districts in late April.

Students' identities will be completely confidential. Teachers or administrators will never see individual responses to survey questions, only summary level responses.

Please be aware that under the Protection of Pupil Rights Act. 20 U.S.C. Section 1232(c) (1) (A), you have the right to review a copy of the questions asked of your student(s). Survey questions are available for your review through [this link](#).

If you DO NOT want your child to participate in the survey, fill out the attached form and ask your child to return the completed and signed form to his or her teacher no later than February 12.

PARENT SURVEY INFORMATION

We have chosen to provide UChicago Impact's Parent Survey to all parents because we value your input and believe it is critical for continued improvement of our schools. A parent survey report will only be generated if at least 20 percent of your school's parents complete this survey. However, our goals are much higher! To gain maximum benefits from the parent survey, our goal is to receive a response from at least 50 percent of our school parents. Thank you in advance for helping us meet our goal!

We encourage your participation in the parent survey, as it will help us understand the conditions at your child's school and guide future school improvements. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child.

The Parent Survey will also be conducted February 12 - March 15 and will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. To take the survey, please click on the button below on or after February 12 and select "parent survey".

[5Essentials Parent Survey](#)